



22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium  
of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

# Diagnostics Driving One Health: *Innovations from Africa to the World*

**08-11 December 2027**

Cape Town International Convention Centre  
(CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa



# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT





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# SAVE THE DATE

On behalf of the South African Association of Veterinary Technologists (SAAVT), the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, and the global veterinary laboratory diagnosticians, we are delighted to invite you to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (ISWAVLD 2027) in 2027 that will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 8 to 11 December 2027. The award-winning Cape Town International Convention Centre will host local and international delegates at the backdrop of the iconic Table mountain.

For more than five decades, this prestigious symposium has brought together global leaders in veterinary diagnostics. This marks a historic first: the ISWAVLD 2027 symposium will be hosted on African soil- a milestone long overdue. The time has come for Africa to claim its place on the world stage, and for ISWAVLD 2027 to be welcomed to a continent it has never visited before.

The ISWAVLD 2027 is being convened under the theme of:

## **Diagnostics Driving One Health: Innovations from Africa to the World**

**FIND OUT MORE**

It is time that you plan to be in Cape Town, the Mother City, to experience extraordinary, meet with friends and colleagues, and where we will celebrate the veterinary profession, expand our knowledge, and enjoy the magic of the wonders of Cape Town.

The organizing committee of ISWAVLD 2027 promises to deliver an event to remember, and we cordially invite you to attend - you will not regret it.

We look forward to receiving your contributions and welcome you to ISWAVLD 2027!

May this be a very successful and enjoyable symposium and may your time with us be enthralled with **the magic of our Rainbow Nation!**

**Dr Itumeleng Matle & Mr Francois Dreyer**  
ISWAVLD 2027 Local Organising Committee Chairpersons





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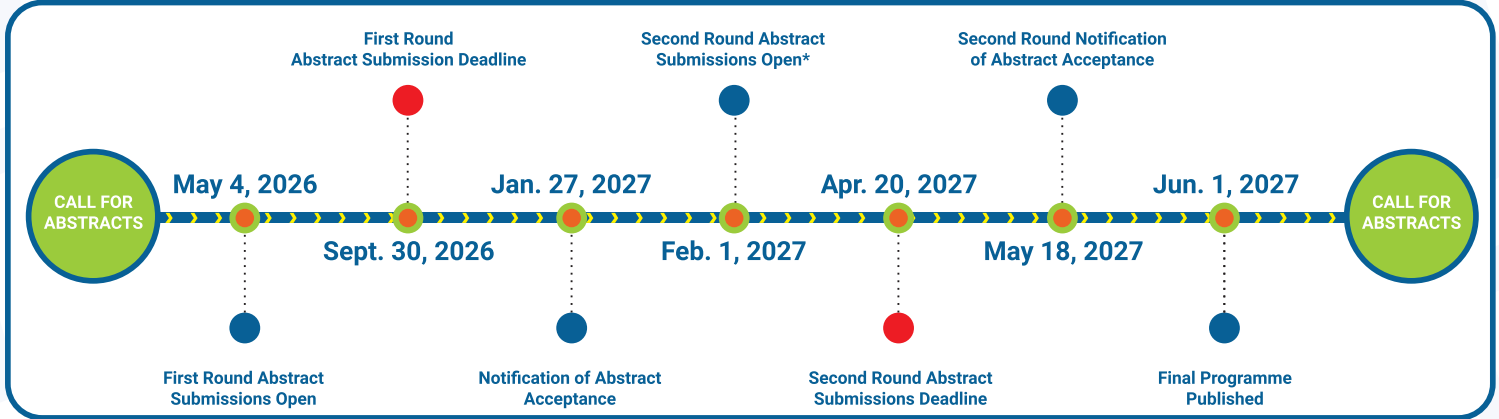
### IMPORTANT LINKS

- [ISWAVLD 2027 Website](#)
- [Abstract Submission Information](#)
- [Registration Information](#)
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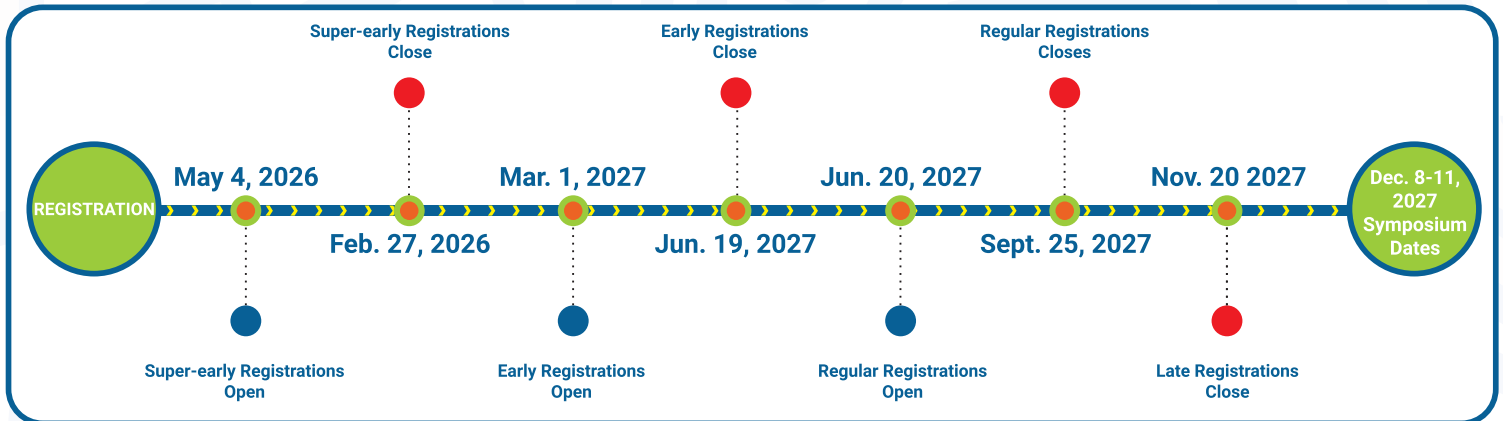
### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Important dates and deadlines for ISWAVLD 2027 Abstract Submissions



\*Second Round Abstract Submission may only be accepted for Poster Presentation. This will be confirmed at time of publishing the Call for Abstracts.

#### Important dates and deadlines for ISWAVLD 2027 Registrations



**JOIN US AS WE SHOWCASE AFRICA TO THE WORLD'S VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS AND CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AFRICA THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE AND VISION OF OUR OWN DIAGNOSTICIANS!**

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You are welcome to share this announcement with all interested parties.

**We are excited to welcome you to Cape Town!**



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## CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



### Prof. Folorunso Fasina

*Specialist (AU-IBAR Epidemiologist), One Health Intelligence and early warning expert at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*



Thursday, 9 December | 09:45-10:30



**African veterinary diagnostics at the frontline of transboundary and emerging diseases**



### Prof. Armanda Bastos

*University of Pretoria, Dept. Veterinary Tropical Diseases & Manager of the OneHealth platform at Hans Hoheisen Wildlife Research Station in the Kruger National Park*



Friday, 10 December | 09:15-10:00



**One Health**



### Dr David Williams

*Leader of the Diagnostics and Mammalian Infectious Disease Research, Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness*



Saturday, 11 December | 11:30-12:15



**The future of Veterinary Diagnostics**



### Dr Juergen A. Richt

*Regents and University Distinguished Professor; Member of the National Academy of Medicine; Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology; College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS*



Saturday, 11 December | 12:15-13:00



**Topic to be finalised**

## PROPOSED PROGRAMME

The Symposium programme will be structured as follows:

### WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2027

#### Workshop 1 Global Veterinary Laboratory Leadership (GLLP)

07:30 Registration for  
Workshops 1 Opens  
08:30- Workshop  
Commences  
12:00- Workshop 1 Ends  
12:00- Lunch

#### Workshop 2 Point-of-Care Diagnostics

12:30- Registration for  
Workshops 2 Opens  
13:00- Workshop  
Commences  
15:00- Workshop 2 Ends  
15:00- Registration for  
Symposium Opens

### THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2027

#### Theme: Transboundary Threats & Innovations

07:30- Registration Opens  
09:00- Opening Plenary  
11:15- Parallel Sessions  
14:15- WOA Meeting  
15:45- Poster Session 1  
16:45- Close of Day 2  
17:00- Welcome Reception

### FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2027

#### Theme: One Health, Food Safety & Wildlife Health

07:30- Registration Opens  
09:00- Plenary Session  
10:45- Parallel Sessions  
15:35- Poster Session 2  
18:30- Gala Dinner\*  
*\*limited space available -  
RSVP essential*

### SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER 2027

#### Theme: Disease Emergence

07:30- Registration Opens  
09:00- Parallel Sessions  
11:30- Closing Plenary  
14:30- Close of Symposium



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