



Rhodes Policy Summit 2023

CREATING A POSITIVE LEGACY FROM THE PANDEMIC

**Breaking the cycle of panic to neglect
with an 'Always On' approach**

While the COVID-19 pandemic led to immense suffering and loss of life, there are other pathogens that have the potential to cause even greater destruction. It remains a question of 'when' not 'if' the next pandemic will strike.

At this Summit we will set out an 'Always On' approach to preparing for the next pandemic: how can we develop global health architecture that can be used for routine healthcare delivery and respond to the next pandemic.

This requires developing capacities for digital infrastructure, surveillance, vaccination, and manufacturing technologies.

It is aligned to three core principles:

1. Utility in peacetime and pandemics;
2. Economic viability and sustainability; and
3. Ensuring equity and access

For this reason, we are convening experts from across disciplines in global health, and political leaders to:

- Refine what an 'Always On' approach could offer; and
- Outline clear 'Always On' missions, identify key stakeholders and levers for action.

PROGRAMME

Friday 14 April 2023	
09.00	Refreshments, Check in & Mingle
10.00	Welcome and Introduction to the 'Always On' agenda for the Summit Professor Sir John Bell Alberta & Magdalen 1975 Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford & Chair of the Rhodes Trustees
10.15	Geopolitics and the COVID-19 pandemic response: How do we keep political attention and drive action on the Pandemic Prevention agenda? Tony Blair Executive Chairman, the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and Former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
10.30	Pandemic Reflections: Perspectives on the early days of COVID-19 Dr Jessica Davis Associate Research Scientist, Northeastern University Professor George Fu Gao Former Head of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention Dr Ahmed Ouma Acting Director, Africa CDC Professor Ngaire Woods New Zealand & Balliol 1987 Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford Moderator: Dr Helene-Mari van der Westhuizen Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch & Green Templeton 2018 Global Health Fellow, The Rhodes Trust & GHSC
11.30	Comfort Break
11.45	Pandemic forecasting modelling: How would the world fare with a new pandemic today? Rasmus Bech Hansen CEO, Airfinity

12.15	Developing solutions: What does an 'Always On' approach look like? Dr David Agus Founding Director and CEO, The Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine Professor Prabhat Jha Prairies & Magdalen 1987 Professor of Global Health, University of Toronto Dr Lynda Stuart Vice President of Infectious Diseases, BioNTech Moderator: Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak Regius Chair of Medicine, University of Glasgow & Chief Scientist (Health), Scottish Government		
13.00	Lunch		
14.00	Parallel breakout room discussions:		
	BREAKOUT 1	BREAKOUT 2	BREAKOUT 3
	Strengthening global clinical research infrastructure for use during peacetime and pandemics Dr Tariro Makadzange Zimbabwe & Balliol 1999 Founder and CEO, CRMG & Mutala Trust Dr Trevor Mundel South Africa-at-Large & Balliol 1984 President of Global Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Dr Amadou Sall Director of Institute Pasteur, Senegal Moderator: Tamsin Berry Co-Founder and Partner, Population Health Partners	Supporting public trust in science and pandemic policy delivery Sarah Hess Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organisation Mia Malan Editor-in-Chief, Bhekisisa Health Journalism Centre Dr Tanvi Rai Senior Researcher, University of Oxford Eloise Todd Director, Pandemic Action Network Moderator: Emily Stanger Sfeile Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, Tony Blair Institute	Market shaping to support access to essential pandemic tools Hala Audi CEO, Unizima Dr Sergio Carmona Chief Medical Officer, FIND Dr Richard Hatchett CEO, CEPI Dr Zhi Yang Chairman, BVCF Investment Fund Moderator: Dr Gabriel Seidman Director of Policy, Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine

15.30 Break for refreshments

16.00 **Closing Plenary**

Outlining key 'Always On' missions and an agenda for further action

Professor Glenda Gray

President & CEO, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

Dr Hannah Kettler

Director (Acting) for COVAX Design & Operationalisation, Gavi

Professor Sir Andrew Pollard

Professor of Paediatric Infection & Immunity, University of Oxford

Moderator: Hannah Kuchler

Global Pharmaceutical Correspondent, The Financial Times

17.00 End of conferencing