



The guest Speaker at the Gala Dinner is Professor Salim Karim (MRC President)

Salim S. Abdool Karim is the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Director of CAPRISA - Centre for the AIDS Program of Research in South Africa. His clinical research on TB-HIV treatment has impacted on and continues to shape the international guidelines on the clinical management of co-infected patients.

He is the recipient of among others- “TWAS Prize in Medical Sciences” from The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, the Drug Information Association’s “President's Award for Outstanding Achievement in World Health”, and the Gold Medal Award from the Academy of Science in South Africa and the Outstanding Senior African Scientist Award in 2011. He is a Member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV.