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a business breakfast entitled

# Decoding the South African Indian Genome for Health Risk

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Salim Abdool Karim



**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Time:** 07h30 for 08h00

**Venue:** Coastlands Musgrave,  
Peter Mokaba Road (Ridge Road), Musgrave

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**D**IABETES and Ischaemic Heart disease occur at least a decade younger in Indians than in other populations in South Africa. Both these diseases are the leading cause of death within the Indian population. Apart from poor diet and exercise there is a genetic component that leads to increased disease risk.

Diabetes and Heart Disease pose a significant economic burden. About 76% of diabetes deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa occur in people younger than 60 years old, the most economically active demographic segment of the population. In addition to Diabetes and Heart Disease, we will also highlight how genomics is being used to unlock the African genome in relationship to HIV, TB and other infection diseases. More info on <http://www.genomics.africa>



**P**ROF KARIM is a clinical infectious diseases epidemiologist who is widely recognised as one of the most imminent scientists in South Africa. He is Director of CAPRISA, a Professor of Global Health at Columbia University, USA and a fellow of the Royal Society in the UK.

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