

Guest Speaker – Dr Patrice Matchaba



Dr Patrice Matchaba is the President, Novartis US Foundation and Novartis US Head for Corporate Responsibility. He has held the role of President of the Novartis US Foundation since Feb 2021, and has been working for Novartis Global for 22 years. Prior to that he was the Novartis Group Head of Global Health and Corporate Responsibility (GH&CR) from 2017-2021. Other previous roles in Novartis included Global Head of Cardiometabolic Drug Development Unit, Transplantation, Immunology, Dermatology and Global Head of Drug Safety and Epidemiology. Prior to joining Novartis, Patrice ran a practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology in South Africa and worked at the Medical Research Council in Cape Town; teaching systematic reviews and meta-analysis methodologies. Patrice was born in Zimbabwe and is a citizen of South Africa and American citizen, a Resident of Barcelona lives in New Jersey, USA with his family. His current interests and responsibility at Novartis are the sustainable Integration of ESG – Material issues into the Core Business through innovation and technology. Examples while he was Group Head of Health and CR are:

- Rolling out the "Medicines Access Principles" throughout the R&D Process to deliver innovative medicines in Low- and Middle-income countries within a year of them being available in the US/EU – resulting in Novartis being ranked from 7th to 2nd by the Access to Medicines Index
- Building innovative sustainable "Ecosystem-Partnerships" to treat sickle cell disease in Africa, Chaga's Disease in South America
- Launching the first Sustainability Bond linked to innovative medicines access in LMIC

In his current role in the US – he has formed a first of its kind partnership called the "Beacon of Hope" with several groups -including 27 Historically Black Colleges /Medical Schools and other partners to tackle Health Inequity in populations of color made worse by the COVID PANDEMIC in the US: by integrating D&I throughout the R&D Pharma Ecosystem. Patrice is a Board Member of the Natural Capitals Coalition and Last Mile Health.