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**SPEAKER:**  
**MR VISHAL BRIJLAL**  
Senior Director at the Clinton  
Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

## Understanding the Concerns and Challenges Against the NHI Act

Facilitated by Dr Juliet Nyasulu  
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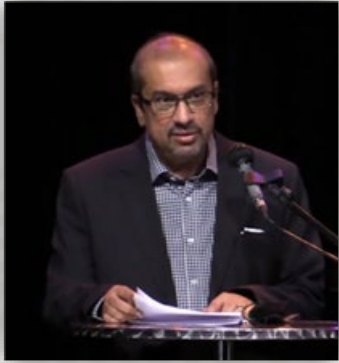
**Thursday, 22 August 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 SAST**  
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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Vishal Brijlal is an Economist who specialises in health policy, health financing and economics, public-private partnerships and health insurance, with over 25 years of experience advising national governments across 11 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and India. Vishal is currently a Senior Director at the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

In 2012, Vishal was seconded as the Advisor to the Minister of Health on Health Care Financing and from 2016 was the National Health Insurance (NHI) Coordinator. He previously held positions at the Centre for Health Policy (Wits) as a Research, He served as the Director of Health Financing and Economics at the National Department of Health. He was the Executive for Research and Development at the Board of Healthcare Funders. At CHAI, Vishal has served as the Country Director for India, Regional Director for Southern Africa and Country Director for South Africa. During his time in India, he was instrumental in the introduction and implementation of Paediatric ART Programme in Partnership with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). The CHAI Paediatric Programme was implemented in 18 States across India between December 2006 and January 2008. Vishal was also instrumental in the introduction of Second-line ART in India.

Vishal has served on various ministerial committees, including:

- The Ministerial Appeal Committees on Pharmacy licences;
- Ministerial Task Team District Financing
- Ministerial Task Team on Public Private Partnerships;
- Joint Health Finance Task team Charged with examining treatment options to supplement comprehensive care for HIV and AIDS
- Ministerial Task team on Developing an Operational Plan for HIV and AIDS treatment care and support