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Conference: Exploring Unique Research Pathways to End the Neglect

Swiss Residence, Embassy of Switzerland

Friday, 24 May 2024

Programme

- 18:00** **Arrival of guests**
- 18:30** **Dr. Ralf Heckner, Ambassador of Switzerland to India and Bhutan**
Opening remarks: Indo-Swiss Collaboration
- 18:35** **Dr. Kavita Singh, South Asia Director DNDi**
DNDi's partnership model
- 18:40** **Film Screening**
Out of the Shadows: The DNDi story
- 19:00** **Signature of Memorandum of Understanding**
DNDi and the Indo-Swiss Innovation Platform
- 19:10** **Panel discussion: Innovative partnership models for NTD health research**
Mr. Jonas Brunschwig, CEO, Swissnex in India and Consul General of Switzerland
Insights on power of innovation and partnerships
Dr. Rishi Jain, Head, Medical Affairs, India, Novartis
Cross sector collaboration for research of NTDs: The Novartis journey
Dr. Radha Rangarajan, Director, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
Cross sectoral collaboration: case of funding of health research
Dr. Taruna Madan, Head, Division of Development Research, Indian Council of Medical Research (tbc)
Opportunities and challenges in health research
- 20:00** **Networking Dinner**