MTAA RegConnect Summit 2026 Draft Agenda

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Day 1: Thursday, 24 September 2026

Time		Session
8.30am	Registration opens | Coffee Cart opens	
9.00 - 9.15am	15 min	Introduction Welcome to Country
9.15 - 9.30am	15 min	Welcome and Official Opening
9.30 - 9.50am	20 min	**Beyond the Paperwork: A Patient's Story** Behind every regulatory submission, clinical trial, and compliance decision is a patient whose life depends on getting it right. This opening keynote brings that reality into the room through a powerful personal story, reminding attendees across industry, government, and the clinical sector why the work of medical technology regulation is not just a professional obligation, but a profound human one.
9.55 - 10.40am	45 min	**IMDRF Priorities: Setting the Global Agenda** This session offers an insider view of IMDRF's current work programme and ongoing consultations, with international regulators presenting on the priorities and concerns shaping the global harmonisation agenda.
10.50 - 11.20am	30 min	Morning Tea
11.20am- 12.20pm	60 min	**EU MDR: State of Play** The EU medical device regulatory landscape has shifted significantly in the past twelve months. This session delivers a presentation on the key developments.
12.25 - 12.55pm	30 min	**EU MDR Meets Australia: Managing Two Systems** This session translates the latest EU reforms into practical implications for Australian sponsors and manufacturers. Featuring perspectives from European and Australian regulatory experts on managing the two systems in parallel.
1.00 - 1.45pm	45 min	Lunch

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1.30 - 2.30pm	60 min	**Signals & Systems: Post-Market Surveillance in Practice** This session examines how hospitals and health systems experience PMS in practice, how regulators across jurisdictions approach signal detection and market actions, and how emerging tools (including AI) are changing the way the sector monitors device performance in the real world.
2.35 - 3.05pm	30 min	**Sustainability by Design: ESG Meets MedTech** This session examines emerging regulatory obligations and industry expectations across key ESG themes, including chemical restrictions such as PFAS, battery and e-waste regulation, and how organisations can build compliant, future-ready approaches to sustainability in medtech.
3.10 - 3.30pm	20 min	Afternoon Tea
3.30 - 4.10pm	40 min	**The Art of Regulatory Dialogue** Effective communication between industry and regulators, and within organisations navigating complex regulatory environments, is a professional skill that can be learned and refined. Drawing on case studies and interactive roleplay this professional development session builds practical capabilities for clearer, more impactful regulatory dialogue.
4.15 - 5.00pm	45 min	**The Fine Print: Advertising Compliance in Focus** This session walks through the upcoming changes to the advertising framework and brings them to life through real-world case studies, with practical implications for sponsors and their compliance programs.
5.00 - 5.15pm	15 min	Break
5.15 - 6.15pm	Welcome Reception	

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Day 2: Friday, 25 September 2026

Time		Session
8.30am		Registration Opens
9.00 - 9.15am	15 min	Welcome to Day 2
9.15 - 10.00am	45 min	**Inside TGA Reform** Australia's regulatory landscape is undergoing significant reform, with TGA implementing changes across pre-market, post-market, and conformity assessment pathways. This session brings together TGA representatives to take stock of what has changed, what is still in progress, and how sponsors and manufacturers should be adapting their regulatory strategies - with a dedicated segment on UDI implementation, comparing where Australia stands against international approaches and exploring both regulator and industry perspectives on the path ahead.
10.05 - 10.45am	40 min	**Innovation's Front Door: Priority Pathways** This session maps the priority and expedited access pathways available across key jurisdictions, and examines what qualifies a product for these designations, helping attendees understand where opportunity exists and how to build a compelling case.
10.50 - 11.20am	30 min	Morning Tea
11.20am- 12.40pm	80 min	**Lessons Learnt from Around the Globe: The World's Best Ideas** A high-level international regulatory update from attending regulators, each sharing examples of successful regulatory initiatives from their jurisdiction over the past year.
12.45 - 1.30pm	45 min	Lunch
1.30 - 2.30pm	60 min	**Certifying at the Speed of Software** As software and AI increasingly define the medical device landscape, certifying these products demands a fundamentally different approach to conformity assessment. This session explores what it takes to certify SaMD and AI as a Medical Device, the regulatory and clinical evidence considerations unique to iterative, continuously-updating AI models, and how a certification process built specifically for software differs from traditional device pathways.

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2.35 - 3.05pm	30 min	**AI at Work: Reshaping the Regulatory Lifecycle** As AI tools increasingly support regulatory processes, from submission preparation to evidence generation via digital twins and virtual patient models, this session offers a high-level look at how these tools are being applied across the regulatory lifecycle.
3.10 - 3.30pm	20 min	Afternoon Tea
3.30 - 4.15pm	45 min	**MDSAP: State of the Union** This session brings regulators and industry together to take stock of where MDSAP stands, what the Industry Group means, and how the program is maturing across participating jurisdictions.
4.20 - 4.50pm	30 min	**Session details to be announced**
4.50 - 5.00pm	10 min	Break
5.00 - 6.00pm	Closing Reception	

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