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7:00 AM–6:00 PM	Registration Open
7:30–8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast
8:30–8:40 AM	Opening Remarks
8:40–9:10 AM	Keynote: Evidence-Based Supplementation in Women: Measuring Clinical Efficacy Dr. Heather Woolery-Lloyd, Chief Medical Advisor, Nutrafol
9:10–9:40 AM	Evidence-Based Phytoestrogens to Manage Menopausal Symptoms and Support Neurological Health Roberta Brinton, Regents Professor and Director, Center for Innovation in Brain Science, University of Arizona
9:40–10:10 AM	Communicating Science-Driven Innovations for Menopause Support Kate Jamieson, VP of Marketing and Ecommerce, Bonafide Health, LLC
10:10–10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30–11:00 AM	Metabolically Dynamic: Translating Women’s Physiology into Creative Nutrition Strategy Dr. Madison Kackley, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University
11:00–11:30 AM	Advancing Women in Sports Through Strategic Partnerships Kathryn Armstrong, Chief Scientific Officer, USANA Health Sciences, Inc.
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	Networking Lunch
12:30–1:00 PM	Advancing Maternal Nutrition Education: Engaging Healthcare Practitioners, Brand Ambassadors, and Moms-to-Be Ryan Woodbury, Co-founder and Co-CEO, Needed
1:00–1:30 PM	Nutrition for Maternal Health During Pregnancy and Beyond Danielle Christifano, Associate Professor, Dietetics and Nutrition, University of Kansas Medical Center
1:30–2:00 PM	Moderated Discussion with All Speakers
2:00–2:05 PM	Closing Remarks
2:05–2:30 PM	Networking Break

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2:30–2:40 PM	Welcome Remarks
2:40–3:05 PM	Unlocking Higher-Dose Microalgal DHA for Maternal Health Phillip Chea and Sonia Hartunian-Sowa, dsm-firmenich
3:05–3:30 PM	Beyond Bacteria: Advancing Fungal Probiotics with Pichia kluyveri PK88™ John Deaton and Diane Alexander, Biohm Technologies
3:30–3:55 PM	Reprogramming Sugar Metabolism: A GLP-1 Companion for Metabolic Health Ankit Rath, Director of Science, Specialty Enzymes & Probiotics
3:55–4:20 PM	LP299V®: Clinically Validated Probiotic Support for Athletic Performance, Iron Absorption, and Exercise-Related Gut Protection Dr. Brandy Webb and Bryan Gray, Probi
4:20–4:35 PM	Networking Break
4:35–5:00 PM	Dose, Delivery, and Design: What Peer-Reviewed Pharmacokinetics Reveals About Clinical Evidence Standards for Botanical and Nutraceutical Ingredients Dr. Shefali Thanawala and Vishal Shah, Nutriventia Private Limited
5:00–5:25 PM	Reframing Menopause: A Precision Probiotic Approach Targeting the Estrobolome Jordi Riera, Chief Business Officer, Kaneka Probiotics
5:25–5:50 PM	OptiMSM & Performance in Female Athletes: Supporting Joint and Muscle Health During the Menstrual Cycle Jessica Arnaly and Eric Ciappio, Balchem
5:50–5:55 PM	Closing Remarks
7:00–9:00 PM	“Welcome to the Hotel California” Reception

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6:30–7:30 AM	Morning Yoga
7:00 AM–6:00 PM	Registration Open
7:30–8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast
8:30–8:45 AM	Welcome & Introductions Karen Todd, Vice President, Kyowa Hakko U.S.A., Inc.
8:45–9:45 AM	Supplement Priorities at FDA—A Fireside Chat with the Acting FDA Commissioner
9:45–10:00 AM	CRN Chair’s Address Bruce Brown, CEO, ReCellience15
10:00–10:15 AM	Topline Results for CRN’s Latest Consumer Research Jeff Ventura, Vice President, Communications, Council for Responsible Nutrition
10:15–10:45 AM	Networking Break
10:45–11:45 AM	The Impacts of Private Equity and CPG Buyouts on the Supplement Marketplace
11:45 AM–12:10 PM	CRN President’s Address Steve Mister, President & CEO, Council for Responsible Nutrition
12:10–1:15 PM	Networking Lunch
1:15–2:00 PM	Persistent & Increasing Threats: The Rise of State Efforts to Regulate Dietary Supplements
2:00–2:30 PM	Networking Break
2:30–3:15 PM	View From the Corner Office Steve Mister, Council for Responsible Nutrition; Ryan Woodbury, Needed
3:15–4:15 PM	AI and the Productivity Paradox: Are We Really Getting Ahead? Kelly Monahan, Future of Work Expert; former research executive at Meta, Upwork, Accenture and Deloitte
4:15–4:30 PM	Announcements & Adjourn for the Day
6:30–9:00 PM	“Surf City USA” Reception

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6:15–7:30 AM	Fun Run/Walk
7:15–10:30 AM	Registration Open
7:30–8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast
8:30–8:40 AM	Welcome Back & Announcements
8:40–9:40 AM	Understanding the Political Climate We Operate In Jonathan Martin, Politics Bureau Chief and Senior Political Columnist, POLITICO
9:40–10:15 AM	NIH's Make America Healthy Again Strategy
10:15 AM	Conference Adjourns
11:00 AM–2:00 PM	Golf Tournament

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