

11TH SA AIDS CONFERENCE IN DURBAN

Date: 20-23 June 2023

Venue: Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal province.

Theme: “*Act, Connect and End the Epidemic*”, and it brings together the policy makers, scientists, researchers, social activists and most importantly, people living with HIV to review and reflect on progress made towards HIV/AIDS and TB epidemic control in the midst of pandemics and other global health threats.

the conference will also provide a platform for taking stock of the post pandemic South African HIV/AIDS, TB and STIs response and to deliberate on emerging priorities as the country forges ahead with efforts and strategies to eliminate HIV as a public health threat.

Conference Chairs

Dr Gloria Maimela: Conference Chair & Director of Climate and Health at Wits RHI.
Dr Thato Chidarikire: Co – Chair & Acting Chief Director for HIV/AIDS, NDoH

Key leaders to attend

1. Hon Paul Mashatile - Deputy President, Republic of South Africa
2. Hon Dr Joe Phaahla - Minister of Health, National Department of Health
3. Cllr Hon Mxolisi Kaunda - Executive Mayor of eThekweni Metropolitan Council
4. Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube - Premier of KZN
5. Hon Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu - Deputy Minister of Social Development
6. Hon Dr M R Mhaule - Deputy Minister of Basic Education
7. Ms Nomagugu Simelani-Zulu - MEC for Health- KZN
8. Ms Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko – Gauteng Health MEC & other Health MECs
9. Dr Sandile Buthelezi – Director General for Health, National Health Department
10. Mr Ramphelane Morewane - Acting Deputy Director General for Health Programmes, National Health Department
11. Mr John Jeffery- The Deputy Minister of Justice, and Constitutional Development
12. Mr Nelson Muffuh - UN Resident Coordinator in South Africa
13. Dr Owen Kaluwa -WHO Representative South Africa
14. Dr Eva Kiwango – UNAIDS Country Director
15. Dr Thembisile Xulu – CEO, SANAC
16. Ms Steve Letsike – Chairperson , SANAC
17. Prof Olive Shisana – Chairman of the Dira Sengwe Board (Host)
18. Dr Gustaaf Wolvaardt – Dira Sengwe Board
19. Dr Nono Simelela - Dira Sengwe Board
20. Dr Ashraf Grimwood - Dira Sengwe Board
21. Dr Francois Venter- Dira Sengwe Board
22. Prof Koleka Mlisana - Dira Sengwe Board
23. Prof Relebohile Moletsane - Dira Sengwe Board
24. Prof Refilwe Phaswana-Mafuya - Dira Sengwe Board
25. Ms Alet Bosman - Dira Sengwe Board
26. Mr Ntokozo Maphisa – Chief Director: KZN Health
27. Ms Noluthando Nkosi – Head of Ministry, KZN Health
28. Mr Lesiba Malotana - Acting Head of Department, Gauteng Department of Health

Conference Objectives:

- **Objective 1:** To bring the HIV community together under the same roof to review and reflect on progress made towards HIV/AIDS and TB epidemic control in the midst of pandemics and other global health threats.
- **Objective 2:** To identify and address barriers towards epidemic control by 2030.
- **Objective 3:** To unpack the latest tools and technologies that are available in the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- **Objective 4:** To provide a platform for community advocacy that ensures no one is left behind.
- **Objective 5:** To provide a voice for Youth affected by HIV/AIDS as they take on a leadership role in tackling the epidemic.

Track Themes:

- Track 1: Epidemiology and Pandemics
- Track 2: Basic and Clinical Sciences
- Track 3: Social Behavioral Science
- Track 4: Implementation Science
- Track 5: Community Leadership and Advocacy
- Track 6: Policy, Finance and Ethics
- Track 7: Youth and HIV

The speakers will discuss a variety of topics including the following:

- Is SA on track to reach 95-95-95?
- Modeling the SA epidemic, latest updates.
- Addressing HIV Incidence in AGYW, are the current tools sufficient?
- Are we closing gaps in global and SA Key Populations HIV Incidence?
- Investments in Men and HIV, are we seeing returns in investments?
- Unpacking HIV prevention technologies, latest updates.

Facts about HIV/AIDS in SA (Using)

- People living with HIV in SA: **7 975 94**
- People on antiretroviral therapy (ART): **5 784 456**
- The province with the largest HIV/AIDS burden: KwaZulu-Natal (**1981840**)
- New infections recorded in 2021 (**175645**) and 2022 (**164228**)