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 eThekwini 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**)