



14th South African Child Health Priorities Association Conference

Virtual Conference 5–6 December 2023

Theme: Just past the halfway mark, is South Africa on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goals?

Day 1: Tuesday, 5 December 2023	
9h00 – 11h00	Session 1: Maternal & Child Mortality in South Africa: Where to by 2030?
	Conference opening: Ute Feucht (5 min)
	UNICEF’s perspective to achieve SDG goals related to maternal, newborn, child and adolescent in South Africa (Sufang Guo) (15 min) Facilitator: Haroon Saloojee
	Is South Africa on track to meet the maternal and child-related SDGs? Facilitator: Ute Feucht <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (2 min) • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maternal mortality - Sue Fawcus (10 min) ○ Perinatal/Neonatal mortality– Haroon Saloojee (10 min) ○ Under 5 mortality – Neil McKerrow (10 min) ○ Modifiable factors (ChildPIP)– Mandy Wessels (10 min) ○ Child morbidity - Tony Westwood (10 min) • Audience Q&A (15 min) • Panel discussion: What needs to be done to change the trajectory? (20 min) • Conclusion (3 min)
14h00 – 16h00	Session 2: Emerging challenges in Child Health and threats to SDG achievements:
	Underage drinking, vaping and fast food – How do we step up and address the commercial determinants of health? Facilitator: Mark Heywood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Understanding the commercial determinants of child health - shifting the blame from the individual to industry - Sue Goldstein • Panel discussion: Sue Goldstein; Aadielah Maker (Southern African Alcohol Policy Alliance); Aneesa Vanker (UCT), Gilbert Tshitauzi (UNICEF)
	Putting child health at the centre of our response to climate change & El Nino Facilitator: Lori Lake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: What are the impacts of climate change and El Nino on child health and potential solutions? (Andrea Rother, UCT) (20 min) • Panel discussion How can we respond as a child health community? Andrea Rother, Yola Mgogwana (young climate activist, Khayelitsha), Ashraf Coovadia (Paediatrician)

Day 2: Wednesday, 6 December 2023	
9h00 – 11h00	<p>Session 3 - Child Development (IDPA collaboration) Facilitators: Ute Feucht, Wiedaad Slemming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's new – Hot off the press from the International Developmental Pediatrics Association Conference (Kirsty Donald) (15 min) ○ HIV exposure and child development – where are we now? (Catherine Wedderburn) (15 min) ○ Q&A (5 min) • Innovations on the ground: Mobility for children with developmental disabilities in the African setting (Erica Conibear) (15 min) & Q&A (5 min)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion topic: Screening for developmental delay in children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Screening at scale – approaches to screening for developmental delay at primary health care level (Wiedaad Slemming) (15 min) ○ Guide for Monitoring Child Development (GMCD) (Mphele Mulaudzi) (10 min) ○ WHO Global Scales of early development (GSED) (Melissa Gladstone/ Vanessa Cavallera) (10 min) ○ Empowering Children to Play and Thrive by Providing Early Disability Screening and Access to Assistive Technology (Tucker Bbosa, CHAI) (10 min) ○ Panel discussion, with session speakers (20 min)
13h00-14h00	Annual General Meeting of SA Child Health Priorities Association -
14h00 - 15h00	<p>Session 4: Child-pertinent SDGs in the context of South Africa (water and sanitation, clean energy) Facilitators: Dave le Roux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic: What has been the progress on provision of clean water / sanitation and sustainable electricity in South Africa over the last 10 years, and what does the future holds for universal coverage in the next 10 years?" • Hartmut Winkler (University Johannesburg); Amber Abrams (Future Water Institute, UCT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated panel discussion: Jenny Nash (DCST, E Cape), Khumbuzile Zuma (UNICEF), Amber Abrams, Hartmut Winkler
15h00 – 16h00	<p>Session 5: Research Abstracts Facilitators: Denise Evans; Nozipho Musakwa</p> <p>Track 1: Child morbidity and mortality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kimesh Naidoo: Impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on admissions and mortality in children admitted to four referral hospitals in Durban, South Africa. 2. Baljit Cheema: Paediatric Resuscitation and Emergency Medicine in Low- and Middle-Income Countries - empowering junior doctors in the battle to save children's lives. 3. Lynelle Bowes: Children admitted to Paediatric Intensive Care at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital with Non-Accidental injuries (2012-2020): a retrospective descriptive study 4. Prinetha Moodley: Paediatric Emergency Medication Book, South Africa 5. Catherine Wedderburn: Risk and rates of hospitalisation in young children: a prospective study of a South African birth cohort

	<p>Track 2: Neonates and care</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thandi de Wit: A descriptive study of the community-based follow-up and outcomes of very low birth weight babies discharged from a regional hospital 2. Caris Jones: A Systematic Scoping Review of the Use of Surfactant Replacement Therapy for Respiratory Distress Syndrome in Preterm Neonates in Resource-Limited Settings 3. Tshiamo Mogajane: Incidence of Critical Congenital Heart Disease at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital 4. Anna-Marie Houghton: Exclusive breastfeeding up to six months in very low birth weight infants and determinants of breastfeeding practices in Frere Hospital, Eastern Cape province 5. Yolanda Nkanuka-Makangala: Breastfeeding experience and Practice during the Covid-19 Pandemic – A Qualitative Study <p>Track 3: Health care services and the use of data systems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duduzile Magugu: Knowledge and attitudes in the prevention of vertical transmission of HIV in specialist units 2. Mark Richards: How far? Travel burdens for children admitted to hospitals in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. 3. Patience Legoale: The recording and plotting of the anthropometric measurements on the Road to Health Booklets at Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality clinics, Free State Province 4. Ahmad Haeri Mazanderani: Using a Results-for-Action Dashboard to Support the Paediatric HIV Programme – Early Infant Diagnosis Linkage-to-Care and Viral Load Suppression Baseline Data from Tshwane District, South Africa 5. Theuns Jacobs: Health service utilisation prior to out-of-hospital natural deaths among children under five in Metro West, Cape Town in 2018: a retrospective analysis of data from the Child Death Review <p>Discussions/ Q&A</p>
16h00	Conference closure