



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

<b>Day 2: Wednesday, 6 December 2023</b>	
<b>9h00 – 11h00</b>	<p><b>Session 3 - Child Development (IDPA collaboration)</b> Facilitators: Ute Feucht, Wiedaad Slemming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What's new – Hot off the press from the International Developmental Pediatrics Association Conference (Kirsty Donald) (15 min)</li> <li>○ HIV exposure and child development – where are we now? (Catherine Wedderburn) (15 min)</li> <li>○ Q&amp;A (5 min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Innovations on the ground:</b> Mobility for children with developmental disabilities in the African setting (Erica Conibear) (15 min) &amp; Q&amp;A (5 min)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion topic: Screening for developmental delay in children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Screening at scale – approaches to screening for developmental delay at primary health care level (Wiedaad Slemming) (15 min)</li> <li>○ Guide for Monitoring Child Development (GMCD) (Mphele Mulaudzi) (10 min)</li> <li>○ WHO Global Scales of early development (GSED) (Vanessa Cavallera) (10 min)</li> <li>○ Empowering Children to Play and Thrive by Providing Early Disability Screening and Access to Assistive Technology (Tucker Bbosa, CHAI) (10 min)</li> <li>○ Panel discussion, with session speakers (20 min)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>13h00-14h00</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting of SA Child Health Priorities Association - please attend</b>
<b>14h00 - 15h00</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Child-pertinent SDGs in the context of South Africa (water and sanitation, clean energy)</b> Facilitators: Dave le Roux</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topic:</b> 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?"</li> <li>• Hartmut Winkler (University Johannesburg); Amber Abrams (Future Water Institute, UCT)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderated panel discussion:</b> Jenny Nash (DCST, E Cape), Khumbuzile Zuma (UNICEF), Amber Abrams, Hartmut Winkler</li> </ul>
<b>15h00 - 15h05</b>	<p><b>Conference closure and thanks</b> Ute Feucht</p>
<b>15h05 – 16h05</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Research abstract presentations</b> Facilitators: Denise Evans; Nozipho Musakwa</p> <p><b>Track 1: Child morbidity and mortality</b> (Nozipho Musakwa / Mandy Wessels)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Kimesh Naidoo:</b> Impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on admissions and mortality in children admitted to four referral hospitals in Durban, South Africa.</li> <li>2. <b>Baljit Cheema:</b> Paediatric Resuscitation and Emergency Medicine in Low- and Middle-Income Countries - empowering junior doctors in the battle to save children's lives.</li> <li>3. <b>Lynelle Bowes:</b> Children admitted to Paediatric Intensive Care at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital with Non-Accidental injuries (2012-2020): a retrospective descriptive study</li> <li>4. <b>Prinetha Moodley:</b> Paediatric Emergency Medication Book, South Africa</li> <li>5. <b>Catherine Wedderburn:</b> Risk and rates of hospitalisation in young children: a prospective study of a South African birth cohort</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Track 2: Neonates and care</b> (Tanya Doherty / Lezanie Coetzee)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Thandi de Wit:</b> A descriptive study of the community-based follow-up and outcomes of very low birth weight babies discharged from a regional hospital</li> <li>2. <b>Caris Jones:</b> A Systematic Scoping Review of the Use of Surfactant Replacement Therapy for Respiratory Distress Syndrome in Preterm Neonates in Resource-Limited Settings</li> <li>3. <b>Tshiamo Mogajane:</b> Incidence of Critical Congenital Heart Disease at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital</li> <li>4. <b>Anna-Marie Houghton:</b> Exclusive breastfeeding up to six months in very low birth weight infants and determinants of breastfeeding practices in Frere Hospital, Eastern Cape province</li> <li>5. <b>Yolanda Nkanuka-Makangala:</b> Breastfeeding experience and Practice during the Covid-19 Pandemic – A Qualitative Study</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Track 3: Health care services and the use of data systems</b> (Denise Evans / Sithabile Mngadi)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Duduzile Magugu:</b> Knowledge and attitudes in the prevention of vertical transmission of HIV in specialist units</li> <li>2. <b>Mark Richards:</b> How far? Travel burdens for children admitted to hospitals in the Western Cape Province of South Africa.</li> <li>3. <b>Patience Legoale:</b> The recording and plotting of the anthropometric measurements on the Road to Health Booklets at Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality clinics, Free State Province</li> <li>4. <b>Ahmad Haeri Mazanderani:</b> 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</li> <li>5. <b>Theuns Jacobs:</b> 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</li> </ol>
16h05	<b>Closure of breakout rooms</b>