



AFRICA DAY 2021

Deepening Networks and Collaboration for Vaccine Equity in Africa

PROGRAMME

25 MAY 2021, 10h00 – 12h00

Hosted by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU)

Virtual Event via MS Teams. Click [here](#) for link.

Accredited for 2 General CPD points

10h00 – 10h10	10 min	Welcome and Opening	Prof Nico Gey van Pittius - Vice Dean: Research and Internationalisation and Professor in Molecular Biology, FMHS, SU
Panel - Chair: Prof Susan Van Schalkwyk - Director, Centre for Health Professions Education, FMHS, SU			
10h10 – 11h30	1h 20min	<p>Panel Introduction & Overview</p> <p>Discussion points, session goals and objectives - Presenters will speak on topics related to the programme theme, which acknowledges the current moment and highlights the ongoing efforts and impact of an equitable vaccine rollout by governments, institutions, and communities.</p> <p>Dr Pierre Viviers - Senior Director, Campus Health Service, FMHS, SU <i>Impact of the vaccine rollout in the Higher Education sector.</i></p> <p>Prof Hassan Mahomed - Public Health Specialist, Western Cape Department of Health <i>Vaccine rollout and associated challenges: A focus on South Africa and the Western Cape Provincial Strategy</i></p> <p>Prof Mark Tomlinson - Co-Director, Institute for Life Course Health Research, Department of Global Health, FMHS, SU <i>Strengthening community networks to counter vaccine hesitancy</i></p> <p>Ms Mia Malan - Founding Editor-in-Chief, Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism <i>Is there a role for the news media in vaccine rollouts?</i></p>	
Keynote Address			
11h30 – 11h50	20 min	Vaccine access and acceptance in Africa: Inequity and ethics.	Prof Keymanthri Moodley - Distinguished Professor, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law Department of Medicine, Department of Medicine, FMHS, SU
Africa Day Video Message			
11h50-11h55	5 min	Message from the Department of Global Health and FMHS Student Voices	Prof Taryn Young, Executive Head, Department of Global Health, FMHS, SU Ms. Lelethu Mpapama, Intern, TIO, FMHS, SU
Closing and Vote of Thanks			
11h55-12h00	5 min	Summary and Vote of Thanks	Dr Nyambura Mwagiru - Head, Tygerberg International Office (TIO), FMHS, SU

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Africa Day 2021 Speaker and Presenter Synoptic Biographies



Professor Nicolaas Claudius (Nico) Gey van Pittius VI, BSc (PU), BSc Hons (PU), MSc (PU), PhD (Stell), LLB (UNISA), LLM (Stell), MBA (Stell), MPhil (Stell); M.ASSAf, M.Akad.SA is currently Vice Dean of Research and Internationalisation in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Professor Gey Van Pittius leads an extensive portfolio which includes all aspects of research, postgraduate research studies (MSc and PhD degrees), internationalisation, and innovation (including intellectual property and technology transfer). He is also a full Professor of Molecular Biology in the Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Stellenbosch University, and a core member of both the Department of Science and Technology (DST)/National Research Foundation (NRF) Centre of Excellence in Biomedical Tuberculosis Research (CBTBR) and the Medical Research Council Centre for Tuberculosis Research (CTR), both hosted by Stellenbosch University. He is a South African National Research Foundation (NRF) B-rated (*internationally acclaimed*) researcher and was elected to membership of both the 'Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns' (South African Academy for Science and Arts, in 2006 at the young age of 33 years) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) (in 2010, at the age of 37 years). He is the Chair of the Provincial Health Research Committee (PHRC) of the Western Cape, a member of the National Health Research Committee (NHRC), and is also a member of several other national and international scientific societies and committees, such as the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD).



To view a list of his publications, please scan:



Professor Susan van Schalkwyk, M Phil, PhD., is Professor in Health Professions Education and Director of the Centre for Health Professions Education in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Research interests cover a range of topics related to learning and teaching in the health professions, with a specific focus on strengthening postgraduate studies and academic writing. Much of her work is informed by the principles of transformative learning theory, with current projects intentionally looking to adopt a social justice agenda. Susan is an SU Teaching Fellow and a Fellow of the international Association of Medical Educationalists (AMEE). She has authored or co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.



Distinguished Professor Taryn Young is the Executive Head of the Department of Global Health, Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care and Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). She has a driving passion to engage with and enhance the capacity of students, researchers as well as key decision-makers to break the barriers to the successful application of research evidence findings to healthcare. She collaborates with institutions in the African region to promote evidence-informed practice and policy, taking into account the unique attributes of the region and the relevance of proposed activities. She serves on various steering and advisory committees and values excellence, integrity, collaboration and teamwork.



Professor Keymanthri Moodley is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Medicine and Director of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). In 2017, she was appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Social Medicine, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA. Keymanthri is a specialist family physician, bioethicist and has served as a Principal Investigator on clinical trials.

She is an NRF rated researcher and has served on the SAMRC Board, the NHREC and in international organisations: WHO, International AIDS Society (IAS), NIH DSMBs and the WHO SAGE Ebola Working Group. The Centre was re-designated as a Collaborating Centre in Bioethics in 2019 by the WHO, one of twelve in the world and the first on the African continent.

Keymanthri is a member of the Academy of Science in South Africa (ASSAf) and completed an Executive MBA in 2015. To date, she has been awarded research and capacity development grants to the approximate value of R40 million. The Centre has trained 40 mid-career professionals from 10 African countries in bioethics and is currently co-presenting an NIH funded Leadership program in Bioethics with 7 PhD trainees. Keymanthri serves on the Scientific Advisory Committee of EDCTP, Netherlands and the Science and Research Working Group of the International Paralympic Committee, Bonn, Germany.



Dr Pierre Viviers is Senior Director – Campus Health Service at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU), and holds an academic appointment at the Institute of Sport and Exercise Medicine (ISEM), Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS). He obtained the degrees BMedSc, BMedSc (Hons), MMedSc and MBChB from Free State University, a MSc Sport Medicine from University of Pretoria and is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). Dr Viviers also completed a post graduate diploma in Leadership and Management in Higher Education at Wits Business School. He publishes widely in international peer reviewed journals and presents at international conferences in the field of Sport and Exercise Medicine. His academic interest lies in the field of head

injuries in sport (especially concussion) and prevention of illness and injuries in athletes. Currently he and colleagues are involved in the studying of various aspects in athletes and physical active individuals following SARS-2-Covid 19 infection. He is a member of the General Management of Stellenbosch University (SU) and executive management team of

the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel. Dr Viviers participates in various institutional task teams and is the current Vice-Chairperson for the SU Institutional Committee for Staff Health and Wellbeing. He also serves in the National Executive Forum of Higher Health for Campus Health Heads. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, he liaises closely with internal and external stakeholders in an effort to align efforts to ensure the health and safety of SU students and staff, as well as members of communities close to SU.



Professor Hassan Mahomed currently works as a Public Health Medicine specialist at the Western Cape Government Department of Health and Division of Health Systems and Public Health in the Department of Global Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). In the Department of Health, he provides technical support for planning, monitoring and evaluation, health systems reform, health information systems development and outbreak response. He has played a key role in coordinating the province's response to the COVID-19 epidemic including the vaccine rollout. At Stellenbosch University, he teaches public health and runs a clinical trials module. He supervises both masters and PhD students. Qualifications: MBChB, MMed (Community Health), PhD (Public Health).



Professor Mark Tomlinson is Co-Director of the Institute for Life Course Health Research in the Department of Global Health at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). He is a Clinical Psychologist by training and his scholarly work has involved a diverse range of topics that share a common interest in factors contributing to compromised maternal health, understanding child and adolescent development in contexts of high adversity, understanding the impact of maternal depression on child health and development, and how to develop community based interventions to improve health and development across the life course. He has been a consultant for the World Health Organization, UNICEF, USAID, World Bank, Sexual Violence Research Institute, and Conrad N Hilton Foundation. He was elected as a member of the Academy of Science in South Africa in 2017, and received the Chancellor's Award for Research at Stellenbosch University in 2015. He has published over 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals, edited two books and published numerous chapters.



Ms. Mia Malan, is founding editor-in-chief of Bhekisisa. She has 25 years of journalism, fundraising and institution-building experience in legacy media and digital native publications, working in newsrooms and at media development organisations in Johannesburg, South Africa, Nairobi, Kenya and Washington, DC, USA. Ms Malan has grown Bhekisisa from a specialist desk at a legacy outlet (the Mail & Guardian) to an independent non-profit over the past seven years. A respected long-form writer and broadcaster, Mia has worked with journalists, media trainers and news executives from countries including South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Botswana, Uganda, Ethiopia, India, Thailand, Iran and the Czech Republic. She's a former Knight International Journalism fellow of the International Centre for Journalists and a Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism fellow at Oxford University. Mia has won 26 local and international awards for her radio, print and television work and serves on the council of the South African National Editors' Forum.

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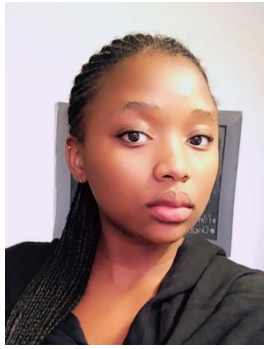
Dr. Nyambura Mwangi is currently Head of the Tygerberg International Office (TIO), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU), South Africa. Nyambura is a trained mediator, and also Research Associate at the SU Institute for Futures Research (IFR), and the UCT Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA). She is currently Acting Residence Head of Hippokrates Male and Female Residence at Tygerberg Medical Campus, Division of Student Affairs (DSA), SU. Nyambura's professional and research activities include a focus on international higher education (IHE) learning and innovation, strategic leadership engagement, institutional governance, partnership development and management. Previously, Dr Mwangi served as International Affairs Coordinator, University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB); Coordinator, Governance, Leadership and Strategic Engagement, Department of Student Affairs (DSA), Student Housing and Residence Life (SH&RL), University of Cape Town (UCT); Programme Officer with the International Education for Peace Institute (EFP-International), Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH); and co-founder, Public Officer and Communications, of Scezons cc, a research and multisector consultancy. Nyambura holds a BA (Hons) in Political Science and Conflict Resolution, an MA in International Relations, Professional Masters (LL.M) in Tax Law, and PhD in Business Administration.



Dr Dilshad Tung, MA (Counseling Psychology), Ph.D. (International Psychology), is currently managing Programme Development and Facilitation at Tygerberg International Office (TIO) at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). She endeavors to expand the international reach of FMHS and SU through growing existing partnerships and fostering new collaborative programmes and initiatives with academic and professional institutions worldwide. Her professional background includes clinical counseling and research in International Psychology, specifically studying patterns of successful mentoring relationships among adolescent girls in South Africa. She has also contributed to research on social skills training for children and young adults on the autism spectrum, as well as interventions related to suicide prevention.



Dr Chanelle Windvogel, MBCHB, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Chanelle is current coordinator, Programmes and Partnerships, Tygerberg International Office (TIO); Coordinator, Department of Global Health and the Doctoral Office, at FMHS. Chanelle provides a coordination and support function for TIO institutional partnership engagement and management activities, and supports the TIO International Programme Secretariat. She also provides coordination and administrative governance support to the FMHS Internationalisation committee (FMHS-IC), the Internationalisation Strategy Working Group and FMHS – Partnership Management Working Group (PMWG). She is a coordinator for Department of Global Health Short Programmes and she facilitates Doctoral candidate applications to FMHS, including facilitation of international post-graduate credential evaluation.



Ms Lelethu Mpapama, is 2021 Work Study Programme Intern at the Tygerberg International Office (TIO), and 3rd year Bsc Physiotherapy student, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Ms Mpapama creates and maintains the content of the TIO facebook page and produces multimedia contributions capturing SU student and stakeholder voices for the TIO. Lelethu also provides ongoing support to the TIO through desktop research, review and analysis of FMHS Institutional partnership and collaboration data, including regular update of the TIO online knowledge management repository. Lelethu also serves as an Undergraduate Mentor and BSc Physiotherapy (II) Tutor, and is the current servicing officer for the 2021 Hippokrates House

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