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DATE: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 | **TIME:** 14h00 – 15h30

THEME

Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice

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FACILITATOR

Professor Busisiwe Ncama

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Health Sciences

Professor Ncama is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Health Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). She previously held the position of Dean and Head of School: Nursing and Public Health, UKZN. She holds a PhD in Health Sciences, and a Master's in Business Administration and Masters in Nursing, all from UKZN and a BCur degree from UNISA.

Ncama spent a year as a Fogarty Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at CAPRISA (2005-2006). She worked with the group on the study of "HIV/ AIDS Sero-incidence among STI attendees" and during that period received a grant from National Research Foundation for a Project titled "Evaluation of HIV Testing Models Utilized in The Prince Cyril Zulu STI Clinic". She is an NRF C3-rated researcher. She has published over 85 peer reviewed journal papers, 3 book chapters and 3 research reports. Her research interests are on systems of care at a community level; with a view towards health systems strengthening.

Ncama received a UKZN Distinguished Teacher award in 2007. She has taught in other countries such as United Arab Emirates and Seychelles and developed HIV/ AIDS Nursing Curricula for use in East Africa. She has supervised to completion 15 PhD students, 1 Full Research Masters, 8 Coursework Masters and 3 Honours students.

Ncama is currently a member of the Sustainable and Healthy Food Systems (SHEFS) programme, an interdisciplinary research partnership driven by nine international partners supported by the Wellcome Trust. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society for Nurses and UCSF International HIV/Aids Network to name a few. She is the previous Director of UKZN's World Health Collaborating Centre (WHO) for Community Problem Solving in Nursing and Midwifery in Africa.



PANELLISTS



Professor Refilwe Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya
Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health
Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Johannesburg

Topic: Radical Action to end the HIV Epidemic by the 2030 deadline

Professor Refilwe Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya (MASW, MSc (Epi), PhD – UL and LSHTM); is a Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology, Master of Public Health Programme, Faculty Health Sciences, University of Johannesburg. She is an MSc reproductive biology; and health guest epidemiology lecturer at Pan African University of Life and Earth Sciences based at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Preceding this, she was an acting Executive Director, Research Director and Chief Research Manager at the HIV/AIDS/STI/TB Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) for nearly 13 years and as well as serve Editor-in-Chief and Executive Editor of an internationally accredited African Journal (SAHARA J).

She is an SAMRC Mid-Career Scientist Research Programme holder aimed at building the next generation of current and future pandemic fighters (independent scientists) in South Africa. She chaired the second largest medical meeting in the world, i.e. the 9th SA AIDS Conference in June 2019 and delivered the Declaration of Commitment to end the HIV pandemic by 2030 in Cabinet. She is a member of the Dira Sengwe Conferences, Higher Health Board, ASSAF Council, NRF Board, International Expert Panel on Infectiology, representing the African Continent, African Academy of Sciences (AAS) Fellow, and Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OSWD) Fellow. She is an ASSAF and NRF merited scientist. She has been doing large scale, multi-country, multi-disciplinary HIV studies for the last two decades. She was awarded the NSTF TW Nkambule Award in 2017 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to science, technology and mathematics - 15 years after obtaining her PhD. She is the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation at the North-West University (NWU) and author of the Vision Never Dies Book, 2021. Her vision is to change, transform and impact lives.



Ms Felicitas Hikuam
Director : AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)

Topic: The last mile: Addressing Inequality to End AIDS as a Public Health Threat

Ms Felicitas Hikuam is the Director of the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), a regional partnership of civil society organisations working together across 18 countries in southern and east Africa to promote the rights to bodily autonomy and integrity for gender equality and the realisation of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Hikuam is a passionate human rights activist with a keen interest in addressing structural and other challenges that prevent women, girls and other marginalised people from realising their rights and full potential.

Hikuam has 19 years of experience at national, regional and international levels in health and development advocacy and communication as well as influencing health policy, with a specific focus on HIV and other sexual and reproductive health and rights. Amongst others she coordinated a global anti-stigma campaign for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, Switzerland as part of the UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Stigma Reduction (together with the Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS). As Global Programmes Manager for the World AIDS Campaign, she facilitated the successful set-up of the Africa regional Programme to support advocacy campaigners in the global South and spear-headed the implementation of an advocacy campaigning programme in three African countries and the sub-regions of east, west and southern Africa. From 2010 to 2011, she served as the African NGO delegate on the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS Coordinating Board.

Hikuam holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts (Integrated Marketing Communications and Electronic Media) from Wartburg College in the United States of America and a Postgraduate Diploma in Management Practise from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town. She currently serves on the boards of the SRHR Africa Trust and Sonke Gender Justice and is a Member of the Civil Society Advisory Group for the Community, Rights and Gender Department of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.



Mr Anele Mkila
UKZN Graduate

Topic: Campus Tools in Graduating Alive

Mr Mkila has an Honours Degree in BSc Agriculture from UKZN. He also graduated with the YALI Program in Entrepreneurship and Leadership. As a former Peer Educator, he also served as Deputy Chairperson in the Peer Education Programme and Mentor. He is a firm believer in Ubuntu.

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