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**AFRICA VACCINATION WEEK
COMMEMORATION: 24 TO 30 APRIL 2025**

Date: 29 April 2025

Time: 10h00 – 12h00



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Agenda: Topic & Presenters



Chairperson: Mr F Mohale

1. Welcome remarks by Program Director: Mr Foster Mohale
2. Global updates on vaccination uptake: Dr Simangele Mthethwa (WHO)
3. National updates on vaccination uptake and VPD outbreaks: Ms Elizabeth Maseti (NDOH)
4. NDOH – Strategies and Opportunities for Improving Vaccination Coverage: Bamford (NDOH)
5. WHO message of support- PMO: Dr Kevin Makadzange
6. UNICEF message of support: Dr Sufang Guo
7. SAVIC Message of support: Dr Ramokone Kgadi Maphoto
8. Closing remarks by NDOH



Mr Foster Mohale currently is the Acting Chief Director Communication in the National Department of Health. He is leading the Risk Communication Community Engagement (RCCE) forum that cultivate partnerships, advocacy and enhancing both public and private sector involvement.



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Dr Simangele Mthethwa is a Medical Doctor and epidemiologist working for the World Health Organization (WHO), as the Vaccine Preventable Disease National Professional Officer (VPD-NPO). She has been in public health since 2013 holding various technical lead positions mainly focusing on policy, programme planning and implementation, capacity building, research and monitoring and evaluation.



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Ms. Elizabeth Maseti has been working with the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) since 1995 and participated in various projects within the District Health System Development. She is currently responsible for the overall management and coordination of EPI and Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) Surveillance at the National Department of Health.



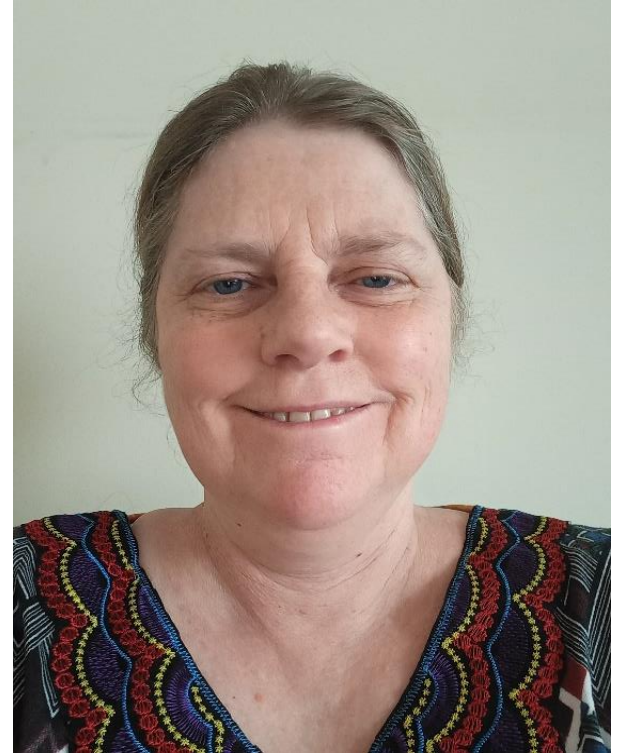
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Dr Lesley Bamford is currently responsible for Maternal, Child and Women's Health programmes in the National Department of Health. She has extensive experience in knowledge management, policy and guideline development, programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national health programmes.



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Dr. Kevin Makadzange currently works for the WHO in South Africa as a Programme Management Officer, overseeing South Africa and Eswatini. Previously, he served at WHO Eswatini from 2012 to 2023 as a Public Health Officer, covering Health Promotion, Non-communicable Diseases, Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases, and Health Emergencies.



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Dr Sufang Guo is the Chief of Health and Nutrition Program in UNICEF South Africa Country Office managing health, nutrition, HIV and water sanitation and hygiene programmes. She had served as Chief of Health, and Health Specialist at UNICEF Uzbekistan, Regional Office for South Asia and China Office.



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Dr Ramokone Maphoto is a Clinical Virologist with 15 years' experience in infectious diseases, vaccines and diagnostic services. She worked as EPI specialist in National Department of Health and currently serving as a Scientific Advisor: Clinical management, prevention and control for South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre based in Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University. She is a practicing Senior Pathologist in the Department of Virology at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University.



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