



Course Launch

Improving Cause of Death Reporting

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Dr Luvuyo Bayeni

Is a senior health systems executive currently serving as Chief Director for Human Resources for Health at the National Department of Health. He provides strategic leadership on national workforce policy, health system performance, and large-scale reform, and has extensive executive experience across hospital governance, district health management, and policy advisory at provincial and national level.



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Agenda Item	Responsible/ Facilitator	Time Allocation
Welcome and Introductions	Dr L Bayeni	11h00 – 10h10
Purpose and Objectives of the Meeting	Mr M Khumalo	11h10 – 10h20
Improving Cause of Death Reporting	Dr Natasha Kallis	11h20 – 11h35
	Dr Pamela Groenewald	11h35 – 11h50
Q&A	ALL	11h50 – 12h00
Closing remarks	Dr L Bayeni / Mr M Khumalo	12h00



Mr Mbhekiseni Khumalo

Is an Epidemiologist who currently is the Director for Epidemiology and Surveillance at National Department of Health. Mr Khumalo leads Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) Project within the department and mortality surveillance is one of the projects he coordinates under IDSR.



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Dr Natasha Kallis

Currently works as a clinician researcher with BODRU, is involved in the dissemination of the MCCOD training course, and the WHO-International Classifications Collaborating Centre hosted by the MRC.



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Dr Pamela Groenewald

Is a medical doctor at the University of Stellenbosch and completed her MPhil (Public Health) at University of Western Cape. She joined the Burden of Disease Research Unit of the SAMRC in 2000 where she was involved in estimating the underreporting of AIDS deaths in South Africa for the first South African Burden of Disease Study.



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