



Webinar

World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August) Commemoration 2026

Date: 06 August 2026

Time: 10h00 – 12h00



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10:00-10:10	Opening remarks	Deputy Director-General: HIV/AIDS, TB and MCWH: Dr N Ndlovu
10:10-10:15	Objectives for World Breastfeeding Week 2026	Deputy Director: Child Nutrition: Ms Zandile Kubeka
Panel discussion: From Evidence to Action: Strengthening Breastfeeding Support in South Africa		
10:15-10:30	Panel 1: Overcoming Barriers to Exclusive Breastfeeding in South Africa	Dr Dlamini. WHO Ms Tobie Muller, Laleche league, SA
10:30-10:45	Panel 2: Breastfeeding and the Triple Burden of Malnutrition	Dr C Witten, Ilifa labantwana Dr G Ngubane, CHAI Dr Shuaib Kauchali, WITS
10:45-11:00	Panel 3: Creating Enabling Environments: Health System, Community, and Workplace	Dr K Pereira-Kotze, SAMRC Dr C Phiri, Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council Ms Lori Lake, Children's Institute, UCT
11:00-11:15	Panel 4: Community Voices and Lived Experiences	Dr Katlego Selekane (Breastfeeding Influencer) Ms Tobie Muller, La leche league, SA
11:15-11:30	Panel 5: Innovations and Digital Solutions for Breastfeeding promotion and support	Ms Buhle Mabaso, Sidebyside Ms Jane Sebidi, MomConnect
Messages of support		
11:30-11:40	UNICEF Country representative	Mr Johanes Wedening
11:40-11:50	WHO- Health systems team Lead	Dr F Magombo
11:50-12:00	Closing Remarks	Dr N Ndlovu



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Opening and closing remarks



Dr Nonhlanhla Ignatia Ndlovu

Currently serves as the Deputy Director-General for HIV, AIDS, TB, and MCWH in South Africa and is an accomplished public health leader and strategist with over 20 years of expertise in HIV, TB, and STIs.



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Objectives for World Breastfeeding week 2026



Ms Zandile Kubeka

Is a Deputy Director: Dietetics at the National Department of Health responsible for policy development, guideline development, coordination, monitoring and support to activities around Child nutrition within the broader context of Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and PMTCT.



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Moderator: Panel discussion



Prof Tanya Doherty

Is a chief specialist scientist at the South African medical Research Council with a research focus on health system requirements for the optimal delivery of priority maternal, newborn and child health services at community and primary care.



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Panel 1 discussion: Overcoming barriers to exclusive breastfeeding in SA



Panellists:

- Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketo, WHO
- Ms Tobie Muller, Laleche League SA



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Panel 2 discussion: Breastfeeding and the triple burden of malnutrition



Panellists:

- Dr C Witten, Ifalabantwana
- Dr G Ngubane, CHAI
- Dr Shuaib Kauchali, WITS



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Panel 3 discussion: Creating enabling environments: Health Systems, Community and Workplace



Panellists:

- Dr K Pereira-Kotze, SAMRC
- Dr C Phiri, PSCBC
- Ms Lori Lake, Children's Institute UCT



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Panel 4 discussion: Community voices and lived experiences



Panellists:

- Dr K Selekana, (Breastfeeding Influencer)
- Ms Tobie Muller, Laleche League SA



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Panel 5 discussion: Innovations and digital solutions for breastfeeding promotion and



Panellists

- Ms Buhle Mabaso, SidebySide
- Ms Jane Sebidi, MomConnect



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Messages of support



Presenters

- Mr Johanes Wedening, UNICEF
- Dr Magombo, WHO



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