





# Webinar

**‘World Prematurity Day’**

**Theme : Small babies , big potential. Invest in follow up care to Protect their future**

**Date: 19 November 2026**
**Time: 10h00 – 12h00**

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# Dr Lesley Bamford

Is a paediatrician who holds post-graduate qualifications in the social sciences and public health. She has worked in the National Department of Health since 2006 and is currently responsible for Maternal, Child and Women's Health programmes.

# Programme Overview



| Time | Topic | Presenter |
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| 10H00-10H05 | Opening, housekeeping and Knowledge hub webinar etiquette | Knowledge Hub team |
| 10H05-10H15 | Welcome and purpose of the webinar on World Prematurity Day | DR Lesley Bamford (Acting chief director: MCWH |
| 10H15-10H35 | Preventing Preterm births and improving survival: NDOH priorities, strengthening integration between neonatal, PHC and community-based services. | Ms. Joyce Mahuntsi<br>Deputy Director Maternal and Neonatal Health NDoH |
| 10H35-11H00 | Survival rate, Improvement measures | Dr Megan Dempster |
| 11H00-11H25 | WHO Guidelines for preterm labour management and call to action | Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketho |
| 11H25-11h50 | Follow up care after discharge: Protecting growth, development and long-term outcomes | Mrs. Tasmin Johnson |
| 11H50-12H00 | Closing remarks | Ms. Mahuntsi |

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# Ms Joyce Mahuntsi

Is an Advanced Midwife with many years of clinical midwifery experience and currently serves as Deputy Director for Maternal and Neonatal Health at the National Department of Health.





# Dr Megan Dempster

Is a medical doctor and Senior Project Manager at Wits Vaccines and Infectious Diseases Analytics (Wits VIDA), University of the Witwatersrand.





# Dr Sthembile Dlamini-Nqeketo

Is a public health professional with over 16 years of experience in RMNCAH, HIV/PMTCT, TB, viral hepatitis and STIs. She has expertise in policy and programme development, implementation, capacity building, research, and monitoring and evaluation.






# Mrs Tasmin Bota

Is the Founder and Executive Director of Preemie Connect, a South African non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting families of premature babies through peer support, advocacy, education, and community engagement.



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