

POPULATION SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES

This monthly science focused forum is aimed at sharing and collaborating amongst the nodes and beyond. The topics are primarily Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (HDSS) and Population Science focused. All interested are welcome to attend.

DATE

**Wednesday,
23 October 2024**

TIME

15:00 – 16:00

VENUE

**Virtual on Microsoft Teams
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Facilitator: Dr André Rose

Dr Rose is Deputy Director at the South African Population Science Research Infrastructure Network (SAPRIN). He is a medical doctor with a PhD in Public Health. Dr Rose is a multidisciplinary researcher with significant experience in international development and leadership. He holds a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Cancer Institute and has participated in global health initiatives, including the Institute for Global Health research exchange and the Salzburg Global Seminar. He is currently a Kofi Annan Fellowship recipient, aimed at developing senior health leaders in Africa.



SPEAKER 1:

Given Mashaba

Researcher, DIMAMO Population Health Research Centre, University of Limpopo

Topic: The Association Between Renal Dysfunction and Lipid/Lipid Ratios Amongst the Rural Black Population of South Africa

Given Mashaba is a public health professional whose contributions are centered around research projects on chronic disease management, community health, and public health interventions. He has contributed to multiple studies, including work on non-communicable diseases, maternal health, and community engagement in genomics research. He has provided support on key research projects including the ongoing MADIVA project and the Africa Wits INDEPTH Partnership for Genomic Research (AWI-Gen). These projects focus on understanding complex health issues such as multimorbidity and the relationship between lifestyle factors and lung function.



SPEAKER 2:

Professor André J van Rensburg

Associate Professor of Health Systems Research, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Topic: A Learning Health System as a mechanism for reform: Lessons from the S-MhINT programme in KwaZulu-Natal

André J van Rensburg is Associate Professor of Health Systems Research in the Centre for Rural Health, College of Health Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. His research interests primarily lie in health system strengthening in low-resource contexts, and the promotion of integrated and coordinated systems of care for vulnerable populations. At present, he is co-principal investigator of a NIH-funded programme aiming to co-develop effective systems of psychosocial support for people living with psychosis in KwaZulu-Natal, and is also co-investigator of the NIHR-funded ENHANCE project, which aims to improve the clinical management of multiple long-term conditions on primary healthcare level.