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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society announcement

Dear colleagues,

We are excited to introduce the new President of the Southern African HIV Clinicians Society (SAHCS), Dr Ndiviwe Mphothulo.

Dr Mphothulo is a HIV Clinician with over 20 years' experience. He obtained his undergraduate medical degree from the Medical University of South Africa in 2001 (now Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University) followed by a master's in public health in 2009. He then went on to do a Diploma in HIV Management in 2012, and a master's in business leadership in 2014. Ndiviwe's unwavering thirst for academic excellence led him to register for a PhD through the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Public Health, where he is currently in his third year of study. The focus of his PhD is, unsurprisingly, centred on the grave challenges faced by people living with drug resistant tuberculosis. To his credit, all of this achieved while establishing and managing a busy rural clinical practice.

Dr Mphothulo has held senior leadership positions within the South African health care system at local, provincial, and national levels, and is also credited with transforming Taung District Hospital's TB ward into a regional centre of excellence, and managing a MDR-TB unit that served the entire district with over 60 facilities. He is the recipient of multiple accolades in recognition of his activism and leadership in rural health advocacy. Despite his busy schedule Ndiviwe has been an active member of SAHCS since 2012 and became a member of the Board of Directors in 2016. He also recently chaired the highly successful 6th SAHCS conference held in Cape Town in November 2023.

We wish Dr Mphothulo every success in his new role and assure him of the full support from our secretariat and membership.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our outgoing President - Professor Yunus Moosa. Professor Moosa very aptly fulfilled the role of President having steered SAHCS through multiple challenges over the years. We are pleased to announce that he will remain a member of the Board of Directors and continue to provide sage guidance going forward.

Finally, a great big thank you to all our esteemed Board of Directors who generously give of their valuable time and provide continued guidance and leadership.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Storie
CEO, Southern African HIV Clinicians Society