

AFRICA HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE
2023 CORE RENEWAL



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SITE VISIT AGENDA

DAY 1, MONDAY 16 JANUARY

Committee and Wellcome staff arrive

19:30 **Dinner**
An opportunity to convene at hotel restaurant (optional)

DAY 2, TUESDAY 17 JANUARY

08:00 **Closed session**
(Durban) Chair and SVC plus Wellcome

08:30 **Welcome & introductions**
Willem Hanekom, plus key staff

08:40 **Overview of programme**
Willem Hanekom, Executive director

08:45 **Goals for the site visit**
SVC Chair

08:50 **Overview of AHRI**
Overview of the AHRI environment and the core grant application
Willem Hanekom, Executive director
SVC leads: Manoj Mohanan / all

09:45 **Abstract presentation: HIV-1 clade C reservoir characteristics in early and chronic treated infection**
Kavidha Reddy, Research associate

09:55 **Aim 1: Understand and intervene in intractable and intersecting diseases that impact well-being and mortality of under-resourced populations Objective 1:** Address key questions in **HIV** through discovery and interventional research
Thumbi Ndung'u, Director, Basic & translational science
Maryam Shahmanesh, Director, Clinical science
SVC leads: Neil French / Peiling Yap

10:20 **Refreshment break**



- 10:40** **Abstract presentation:** *A high-resolution 3D atlas of the spectrum of tuberculous and Covid-19 lung lesions*
Gordon Wells, Research associate
- 10:50** **Aim 1:** (see above) **Objective 2:** Address key questions in **TB** through discovery and interventional research
Alison Grant, Faculty member, Clinical science
Limakatso Lebina, Faculty member, Clinical science & Clinical trials unit lead
Adrie Steyn, Faculty member, Basic & translational science
SVC leads: Neil French / Guéladio Cissé
- 11:15** **Abstract presentation:** *Creating the tools to study emerging viral infections*
Sandile Cele, Lab supervisor
- 11:25** **Aim 1:** (see above) **Objective 3:** Address key questions in **emerging and neglected infections** through discovery and interventional research
Ingrid Bassett, Faculty member, Clinical science
Alex Sigal, Faculty member, Basic & translational science
SVC leads: Evelyn Gitau / Peiling Yap
- 11:50** **Tour of AHRI-Durban**
Pinkie Mekgwe, Chief operating officer
Jackson Marakalala, Faculty member, Basic & translational science
SVC leads: All
- 12:20** **Lunch**
Time to interact with all faculty members and exco
- 13:20** **Aim 1:** (see above) **Objective 4:** Reduce impact of **adolescent common mental health disorders** through discovery and interventional research
Nothando Ngwenya, Director, Social science
Maryam Shahmanesh, Director, Clinical science
Alan Stein, Faculty member, Clinical science
SVC leads: David Ndetei / Elizabeth Kimani-Murage
- 13:45** **Aim 2: Innovate in research approaches to deliver on the science**
Objective 1: Innovate in **population science** (Health and demographic surveillance system)
Kobus Herbst, Director, Population science
SVC leads: Peiling Yap / David Ndetei
- 14:10** **Aim 2:** (see above) **Objective 2:** Innovations in **clinical trials**, implementation trials and clinical core
Limakatso Lebina, Faculty member, Clinical science, and Clinical trials unit lead
Maryam Shahmanesh, Director, Clinical science
SVC leads: Manoj Mohanan / Neil French
- 14:35** **Aim 2, Objective 3, Data**
Kobus Herbst, Director, Population science
Kathy Baisley, Data science unit lead
SVC leads: Peiling Yap / Rhona Mijumbi
- 15:00** Innovations in basic and translational science including core
Thumbi Ndung'u, Director, Basic & translational science
SVC Leads: Neil French / Evelyn Gitau
- 15:25** **Transfer: Durban to Ilala**

- 18:00 (Ilala)** **Closed session:** Wrap-up and summary of day
Chair and SVC plus Wellcome
- 18:45 – 21:00** **Dinner - Director's House (Ilala)**
Time to interact with all AHRI faculty members and exco

DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY

- 08:00** **Transfer: Ilala to AHRI-Somkhele**
- 08:30 (Somkhele)** Innovations in social science, including social science core
Nothando Ngwenya, Director, Social science
SVC leads: Guéladio Cissé / Rhona Mijumbi
- 08:55** **Aim 3:** Foster a research culture delivering collaborative science and training the next generation of African scientists **Objective 1:** Enhance **research culture for well-being and scientific success** (Research culture and overview of human resources)
Nhlanhla Qwabe, Chief human resources officer
SVC leads: Evelyn Gitau / Guéladio Cissé
- 09:20** **Aim 3:** (see above) **Objective 2: Train the next generation of African scientists** (Education and training programme)
Thumbi Ndung'u, Director, Basic & translational science and Director, Education and training programme
SVC leads: Evelyn Gitau / David Ndetei
- 09:45** **Aim 4:** Strengthen partnerships to deliver on the science and ensure impact of findings **Objective 1:** Optimise **public engagement for research enrichment and for translating research findings into policy and practice**
Munya Rabambi, Chief advancement officer
SVC leads: Rhona Mijumbi / Elizabeth Kimani-Murage
- 10:30** **Refreshment break**
- 10:50** **Aim 4:** (see above) **Objective 2:** Nurture **academic partnerships for innovation and impact**
Willem Hanekom, Executive director
Emma Morris, Director, Division of Infection & Immunity, UCL
SVC leads: David Ndetei / Rhona Mijumbi
- 11:15** **Governance, legal and operations**
Pinkie Mekgwe, Chief operating officer
SVC leads: Guéladio Cissé / Manoj Mohanan
- 11:40** **Tour of AHRI-Somkhele**
Natsayi Chimbindi, faculty member, Social science
Thobeka Mngomezulu, Coordinator, Population science
- 12:10** **Abstract presentation:** *Harnessing the social capital of rural communities for adolescent and youth biosocial HIV prevention: Exploring young people's experiences and perceptions of a peer navigator*
Thembelihle Zuma, Research associate
- 12:20** **Abstract presentation:** *From Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy to vaccine opposition in uMkhanyakude district*
Lusanda Mazibuko, Statistician
- 12:30** **Abstract presentation:** *IMPACT-BP: Implementation of a Combination*

Intervention for Sustainable Blood Pressure Control in Rural KwaZulu-Natal
Thabang Manyapelolo, Postdoctoral fellow

12:40 **Abstract presentation:** *Delivery of school-based interventions to promoting adolescent health and well-being: Lessons from a multilevel HIV-prevention intervention through DREAMS in rural KwaZulu-Natal*
Natsayi Chimbindi, Faculty member

12:50 **Lunch**
Time to interact with MSc and PhD students, postdocs, research associates, clinical fellows and statisticians/data specialists primarily based at AHRI-Somkhele

13:50 **Tour of uMkhanyakude**
Siphephelo Dlamini, Research nursing manager
Noma Majozi, Head of public engagement
SVC leads: Elizabeth Kimani-Murage / Peiling Yap

17:00 **Closed session**
Chair and SVC plus Wellcome

18:45 **Dinner and first poster session**
Poster presentations and time to interact with MSc and PhD students, postdocs, research associates, clinical fellows and statisticians/data specialists primarily based at AHRI-Somkhele

20:15 **Transfer: AHRI-Somkhele to Ilala**

DAY 4, THURSDAY 19 JANUARY

07:00 **Transfer: Ilala to AHRI-Durban**

09:30 **Tour of Durban**
Thandeka Khoza, Head of clinical research department
Henrik Kløverpris, Faculty member
SVC leads: Manoj Mohanan / All

12:30 **Lunch and second poster session**
(Durban) Poster presentations and time to interact with MSc and PhD students, postdocs, research associates, clinical fellows and statisticians/data specialists primarily based at AHRI-Durban.
SVC leads: All

15:00 Parking space: reserved for follow-up discussion on topics raised during the visit

15:30 **Wrap-up**
AHRI executive committee and listed investigators.
SVC Leads: Manoj Mohanan / All

16:30 **Transfer: AHRI-Durban to hotel**

18:30 **Closed session**
Chair and SVC plus Wellcome

20:00 **Dinner** (closed session)
Chair and SVC plus Wellcome

DAY 5, FRIDAY 20 JANUARY

09:30 **Closed session: final wrap-up**
(Durban) Committee chair and Wellcome representatives