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SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

NAME	TITLE	PRESENTATION TYPE	TIME	MEETING ROOM
*Chancy S Chimatiro, Dr Martina Lembani	Effects of climate change on health system, policy response, and factors hindering policy formulation in Malawi: A qualitative study	Oral presentation	08h00 - 09h00	2.44
Dr F. Robards, Prof A. Steel, Prof Debra Jackson^ , Prof Z. Lassi, Dr O. Omowumi, Dr F. Morebise, Prof K. Ouaijan, Dr A. Berionni	Public Health Association advocacy for Women, Children, and Youth	Organised session	09h00 - 10h00	1.61 & 1.62
Dr Solange Mianda, Dr Joy J Leaner, Prof Caradee Y Wright, Prof Debra Jackson^, Dr Martina Lembani	Strengthening South Africa's frontline capacity for sustainable and resilient health systems: evidence from a pilot climate and health short course	Oral presentation	10h00 - 11h00	2.64
*Merelobogile Pooe, Dr Verona Mathews	Determining the prevalence, predictors and patterns of transfusion transmissible infections among blood donors in Lesotho - a retrospective cross-sectional study between 2013-2023	Oral presentation	10h00 - 11h00	1.53
*Ulla Walmisley, Prof Olagoke Akintola, Dr Anam Nyembezi, Bronwyn Damon, Colleen Wagner, Nicholas Schaay, Dr Tanya Jacobs, Prof Asha George	"Building the plane while flying it": Co-designing gender integration in an established sexual and reproductive health program in South Africa	Oral presentation	11h00 - 12h00	1.51
*Chancy S. Chimatiro, Dr Solange Mianda, Precious Hajison, Dr Martina Lembani	The Health System Strategies and Responses to the Effects of Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review	Poster	11h00 - 12h00	HALL B - Station 2
Dr Woldekidan Amde, Dr Kéfilath Bello, Dr Tanya Jacobs, Dr TK Sundari Ravindran, Prof Asha S. George	Strengthening capacity for integration of gender transformative approaches in SRHR research and intervention in Africa: lessons from a multi-country collaborative initiative	Oral presentation	12h00 - 13h00	2.63
*Rachel Coley, *Bonheur Parfaite Nfurrayase, Prof Hanani Tabana, Prof Asha George	Collaborative conversations for impact: How can public health stakeholders support CHW occupational mental health and well-being initiatives across diverse contexts	Organised session	12h00 - 13h00	2.42
Prof Hanani Tabana, *Dr Takunda Satumba, Prof Diane Cooper, Dr Martina Lembani	"... I tried to commit suicide...": Understanding the intersections between mental health, HIV and teenage pregnancy	Oral presentation	12h00 - 13h00	1.55
Karessa Govender, *Dr Phoebe Oware	When Healers Hurt: Uncovering the failures of a South African health professions regulatory body to respond to sexual misconduct allegations - advocacy by a volunteer-led working group	Poster	13h00 - 14h00	HALL B - Station 2
Dr Jennifer N. Githaiga, Prof Lucia Knight^ , Lara Court, Dr Tsidiso Tolla	Disrupting structural inequity in community-engaged research	Organised session	13h00 - 14h00	2.61 & 2.62
Prof Wanga Zembe^	Plenary: Inequity and Health	Plenary	15h00 - 16h15	AUDITORIUM 1

MONDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

NAME	TITLE	PRESENTATION TYPE	TIME	MEETING ROOM
Prof Asha George , Eszter Kismodi, *Dr Phoebe Oware , H Ndong	Queering health policy and systems: Dialogues for integrating sex characteristics, sexual orientation, gender diverse and non-conforming, sexual dissident lived experiences into health policy and systems for universal inclusivity and justice in public health	Organised session	12h00 - 13h00	2.42
Dr Martina Lombani	Health Care Access, Seeking Practices and Behaviours Among Migrant Parents And/or Caregivers with Under-Five Children: A Scoping Review Protocol	Poster	12h00 - 13h00	HALL B - Station 1
*Bonheur Parfaite Nfuryase , Vuyolwethu Mjijelwa , Nolusindiso Dyantyi, Thabisa Mpagwa, Yonela Mentese, James Kruger and Prof Asha George	Multi-sectoral Partnerships to Address Gendered Workplace Violence Against Health Workers in Cape Town: Lessons for Health System Strengthening	Organised session	13h00 - 14h00	2.41
Prof Zandile Mchiza ^A , Tshephang Mashiane, Sihle Mabhidia, Derrick Sekgala, Jillian Hill, Bevan Esterhuizen, Hlohisiso Nonkenezwa, *Annalie Wentzel , Nicole Holliday, Carmen Klinger, Elochukwu Okanmelu, Peter von Philipsborn, Peter Delobelle, Eva Rehfuess, Olufunke Alaba, Estelle Lambert	The influence of informal food businesses on food choices and economic dynamics in South African townships	Organised session	13h00 - 14h00	2.42
Prof Rina Swart , Dr Tamryn Frank , Prof Lillian Kaale, Dr Tonderayi Matsungu, Dr Agnes Erzse	Retail Food Environments in Southern Africa – An epidemic without borders	Organised session	14h00 - 15h00	2.42
*Dr Nandi Joubert	Bone Health, Obesity, and Multimorbidity Risk Among Teachers in Under-Resourced South African Public Primary Schools: Results from a Cross-Sectional Dual-Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry Study	Poster	14h00 - 15h00	HALL B - Station 2
Capucine Callery, *Shehnaz Munshi , *Lorraine Mathias , Prof Asha George	Addressing Gendered Workplace Violence Experienced by the Primary Healthcare Workforce: A Qualitative Policy Analysis across Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and South Africa	Organised session	16h00 - 17h00	2.42
Rachel Coley , Dr Linda Shuro , Prof Renier Coetzee , Prof Hanani Tabana	Mapping common job demands and job resources for large-scale community health worker programs in Southern Africa	Poster	16h00 - 17h00	Hall B - Station 3
Karessa Govender , Tamara Sam, Prof Hanani Tabana , Vuyolwethu Mjijelwa , *Bonheur Nfuryase , *Shehnaz Munshi , Prof Asha George , *Dr Phoebe Oware	Beyond the ethics checkbox: Operationalizing trauma-informed research ethics (TIRE) within research ecosystems to support researcher and participant wellbeing across the research lifecycle through decolonial and feminist principles.	Organised session	17h00 - 18h00	2.45 & 2.46
Dr Martina Lombani	Using Group Model Building to Identify the Drivers and Levers of the Double Burden of Malnutrition in Cape Town, South Africa	Oral presentation	17h00 - 18h00	2.64
SA Learning Alliance for District Health systems (SALAD) : Dr Tumelo Assegaai, Dr Beth Engelbrecht, Prof Lucy Gilson, Dr Krish Vallabhjee, K Segwaii, Dr Reno Morar	Lessons in organizing and scaling up mentorship as workplace -based support in health systems.	Organised session	17h00 - 18h00	2.43

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

NAME	TITLE	PRESENTATION TYPE	TIME	MEETING ROOM
*Ulla Walmisley, Prof Olagoke Akintola, Dr Anam Nyembezi , Brighton Khumalo, Colleen Wagner, Nichola Schaay, Dr Tanya Jacobs, Prof Asha George	Actors' perspectives on navigating context when co-designing gender integration in an established adolescent sexual and reproductive health program in South Africa	Oral presentation	08h00 - 09h00	2.64
Dr Hazel Bradley , Dr Nicolas Praet, *Dr Ebenezer Wiafe, Prof Renier Coetzee , Prof Michelle Viljoen, Prof Star Khoza, Carine Dochez, Albert Figueras, Prof Raffaella Ravinetto	Centre of Excellence for Pharmacovigilance in Southern Africa (CEPSA): early achievements and future plans	Poster	08h00 - 09h00	HALL B - Station 1
C. Pereira-Kotze, L. Grummer-Strawn, S. Dlamini-Nqeketo, Z. Kubeka, G. Tshitauzi, R. Boyle, Prof Tanya Doherty [^] , et al	Cutting through the conflict: Reducing conflicts of interest in maternal, infant and young child nutrition policy and practice	Organised session	08h00 - 09h00	1.43 & 1.44
Dr Mary V. Kinney, Prof Tanya Doherty [^] , Prof Mark Tomlinson, Dr Solange Mianda , Sarah Dalglish, Prof Asha George	Are children at the center of policies and what data supports their needs in multi-sectoral programming: exploratory analysis of the Western Cape, South Africa	Poster	08h00 - 09h00	Ballroom East, Station 1
Dr Peter Delobelle, Nicole Holliday, Carmen Klinger, Prof Zandile Mchiza [^] , Prof Olufunke Alaba, Dr Stefanie Vandevijvere, Prof Peter von Philipsborn, Dr Karin Geffert	Addressing the double burden of malnutrition in South Africa: Expert assessment of public policy using the expanded Healthy Food Environment Policy Index (Food-EPI)	Organised session	08h00 - 09h00	1.63 & 1.64
Dr Laura Magaña, Dr Ashish Joshi, Dr Thomas LaVeist, Dr Woldekidan Amde	Advancing Global Public Health Diplomacy Through Academic Partnerships	Organised session	09h00 - 10h00	2.43
*Chancy S. Chimatiro, Dr Martina Lembani	The Experience of the District Health Management Team Members with Cyclone Freddy 2023, in Two Districts of Malawi	Poster	09h00 - 10h00	HALL B - Station 1
Alice Scaria Khan , Dr Michelle Brear, Prof Makoma Bopape, Bontle Mamabolo, Prof Susan Goldstein, Matjie Rapetsoa, Choney Mothapo, Dr Tamryn Frank, Prof Rina Swart	Complex, mixed-method research for investigating food environments- examples from a multi-campus study in South Africa	Organised session	11h00 - 12h00	2.41
Rachel Coley, Prof Hanani Tabana , Riyadh Manesen, Tamlin Petersen, Dr Charné Petinger, Dr Yolanda Mayman, Prof Brian van Wyk , James Kruger	Health and Harmony: An intersectoral partnership to promote knowledge translation, information equity and collaboration in the Khayelitsha and Eastern Substructure in South Africa	Oral Presentation	16h00 - 17h00	1.55
Prof Sean Patrick, Prof Virginia Zweigenthal, Prof Laetitia Rispel, Prof Mathildah Mokgatle, Nichola Schaay , Prof Sogo Matlala, Prof Takalani Tshitangano, Dr Thembelihle Dlungwane, Prof Nicola Christofides, Dr Abraham Opare, Prof Maylene Shung King	Strengthening the public health workforce: Insights from South Africa's MPH graduate career trajectories and leadership pathways	Organised session	17h00 - 18h00	1.41 & 1.42
Dr Martina Lembani , Dr Joy J Leaner, Prof Caradee Y Wright, Prof Debra Jackson [^] , and Dr Solange Mianda	From policy to practice, equipping South Africa's health workforce for climate action through multisectoral collaboration	Poster	17h00 - 18h00	HALL B - Station 2
Dr Catherine Pereira-Kotze	Maternity Protection in the Global South – Where are the shortfalls? Evidence on Workplace Breastfeeding Support Across Low and Middle Income Countries	Oral Presentation	17h00 - 18h00	1.53
S. Storey, Prof Lucia Knight [^]	Developing and Evaluating Chatbots for Health: To Bot or Not to Bot?	Organised session	17h00 - 18h00	2.43

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

NAME	TITLE	PRESENTATION TYPE	TIME	MEETING ROOM
PHASA Health Promotion Special Interest Group Dr Anam Nyembezi, Prof Rina Swart, Dr Patrick Ngassa Piotie, Nzama Mbalati, Aadielah Maker, Rebhone Ntsie	The South African Health Promotion Levy: Navigating Public Health Gains, Economic Realities, and Future Directions	Organised session	08h00 - 09h00	2.42
Prof H. Schneider, Prof A.J. van Rensburg, Prof H. Mahomed, K. Govender, Prof I. Petersen, Prof Z. Luvuno, Dr B. Engelbrecht, M. Smuts, Dr K. Vallabhjee, Dr E. Whyte, C. Goliath, Dr R. Morar, S. Gede, O. Motshweneng, Prof S. Cleary, Dr T. Assegai, C. Wang, I. Govender, J. Mnidebele, Dr N. Nxumalo, Dr C. Nelson, Z. Kiti, H. Langa, Prof L. Gilson	Collaborative learning and knowledge co-creation as catalysts for health system strengthening: The South African Learning Alliance for District Health Systems	Organised session	11h00 - 12h00	2.65 & 2.66

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