

Early and Unintended Pregnancies (EUP) in Eastern and Southern Africa Conference
Unite Conference Centre (Gate 8) Howard College, University of KwaZulu-Natal.
KwaZulu-Natal, South
Africa, 28-29 November
2024

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024		
08h00 – 08h30	Arrival and Registration	
	Session 1 OPENING SESSION – Programme Director: Mr Sbusiso Nzimande	
08h30-08h45	Conference Opening	Host Institution Prof Busisiwe Ncama , Deputy-Vice Chancellor, College of Health Sciences, UKZN
08h45 - 09h00	Acknowledgement of Guests	Conference Conveners Dr Nolwazi Dlamini , Director, Population and Development, KZN DSD Prof Ernest Khalema , Dean & Head of School, SoBEDS, UKZN
09h00 - 09h20	Opening Remarks	MEC KZN Department of Social Development Ms Mbali Shinga
09h20 – 09h35	Messages of Support	South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Trust Dr Nkhensani Nkhwashu
09h35 – 09h45	Messages of Support	KZN Provincial Civil Society Mr Patrick Mdletshe
09h45- 10h00	Messages of Support	HEARD Prof Kaymarlin Govender
10h00 – 10h10	Messages of Support	CAPRISA Prof Ayesha Kharsany
10h10 – 10h20	Tea Break	

10h20 – 11h30	Plenary Session- Programme Director: Mr Ntokozo Tono, KZN Civil Society Forum Youth Sector Session 2 : YOUTH FRONTLINE WORKERS AT THE COALFACE OF ADDRESSING EUP Panel Facilitator: Ms Babhekile Phakathi, BPESA
Panel Focus	“Nothing about us without us” is the goal of this panel to set the tone for a youth-focused and inspired panel discussion; giving young professionals engaged in supporting other young people (especially the girl child) to share real-world experiences, challenges, and successes in addressing key issues related to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), including early and unintended pregnancy (EUP), HIV, and gender-based violence (GBV) a platform to engage and innovate. This panel will highlight the importance of integrated and youth- centric services, focusing on the experiences of young people working directly with their peers to address SRH challenges in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), South Africa.
Panelists:	• Ms Ntokozo Mkhize, DREAMS Ambassador/Peer Mentor • Ms Ntokozo Moloi, Learner Support Agent • Ms Samkelisiwe Ngcobo, Civil Society Youth Sector • Ms Sanelisiwe Ngcobo, AYP Champion • Ms Ayabulela Nyawose, Youth Advocate • Ms Thandeka Nsele, Young Social Worker
11h30 – 12h30	Panel Discussion- Programme Director: Dr Nolwazi Dlamini, Department of Social Development Session 3: POLICY AND LAW ENFORCEMENTS' ROLE IN ADDRESSING EUP Panel Facilitator: Prof Emem Anwana, Durban University of Technology
Panel Focus	The goal of this panel discussion is to bring together key stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies such as the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Justice, the Department of Social Development, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), and the Commission for Gender Equality, to discuss the role of law and policy in addressing early and unintended pregnancies (EUP). The discussion will focus on how these institutions, through legal frameworks and policies, can collaborate to prevent EUP and support vulnerable youth. It will also examine how law enforcement and policy-makers can work with other sectors to create safer environments that reduce the risk of unintended pregnancies.
Panelists:	• Ms Asiya Khan, Department of Justice (DOJ) • Adv Nonhlanhla Dlamini, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) • Colonel Pravesh Khelawanlall, Forensic Science Laboratory • Ms Buyisiwe Sophazi, Director for Children's Act, DSD • Adv. Omashani Naidoo, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) • Brig. Nsele, SAPS Family Violence, Child and Sexual Offenses Unit • Ms Zanele Ncwane, Commission for Gender Equality
12h30 -13h00	Keynote Address Mr Yu Yu, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative for South Africa, Country Director for Eswatini and Botswana
12h30 -13h30	Lunch

13h30 – 15h00	Concurrent Paper Sessions 1				
	Physical Rooms			Virtual Rooms	
	Room number 1 Main Auditorium	Room number 2	Room number 3	Virtual 4 Zoom CLICK HERE	Virtual 5 Zoom CLICK HERE
	Theme: The role of higher education institutions in addressing EUP	Theme: Cross sectoral Approaches to addressing EUP	Theme: Understanding Drivers of EUP	Theme: Age of Consent and Harmonization influencing EUP	Theme: Cultural and Religious Influences: Shaping Attitudes
	Chair: Dr Siphesihle Kunene	Chair: Prof Oliver Mtapuri	Chair: Prof Ayesha Kharsany	Chair: Dr Rosslyn Zulla	Chair: Dr Muzi Matse
15h15- 17h00	Concurrent Paper Sessions 2				
	Physical Rooms			Virtual Rooms	
	Room number 1 Main Auditorium	Room number 2	Room number 3	Virtual 4 Zoom CLICK HERE	Virtual 5 Zoom CLICK HERE
	Theme: Local and International practices at institutional and community levels	Theme: Adolescent friendly services: Multi sectoral approaches	Theme: Understanding Divers of EUP: Systemic and individual factors	Theme: Integrated Strategies in addressing EUP	Theme: Innovations in Analysis and Advocacy
	Chair: Dr Hlolisile Chiya	Chair: Dr Tamryn Cranshaw	Chair: Prof Zama Luvuno	Chair: Mr Sbusiso Nzimande	Chair: Dr Themba Mgwaba
17h00 –17h20	Session 4 - General Discussion and Close for Day 1				
	Rapporteur: Prof Yanga Zembe, UKZN				

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2024					
08h00-08h30	Arrival and Registration				
08h30-10h00	Plenary Session- <i>Programme Director: Ms Buyisiwe Khumalo, Office of KZN Premier</i>				
	Session 5: THE ROLE OF HEALTH SYSTEMS IN ADDRESSING AND RESPONDING TO EUP				
	Panel Facilitator: Dr Yousuf Alrawi, UNFPA				
Panel Focus	This panel will address the role of the health system in addressing and responding to early and unintended pregnancies within the eastern and southern region. Areas of discussion include and are not limited to access to modern contraception, access to safe abortion, youth-tailored emergency obstetric care and maternal health services, linkages of CSE to health services or the role of self-care in addressing early and unintended pregnancy, and comprehensive prevention within health facilities.				
Discussants	• Dr Nompilo Mjwara, PEPFAR • Ms Nthabiseng Mogowe, SANAC • Dr Phalanndwa Muthuphei, DoH • Ms Judy Gatei, Center for Disease Control • Ms Mandisa Mabika, USAID,				
10h00-11h30	Concurrent Paper Sessions 3				
	Physical Rooms			Virtual Rooms	
	Room number 1	Room number 2	Room number 3	Virtual 4	Virtual 5
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	Theme: The Role of Government in addressing EUP	Theme: School-based Inclusive Interventions	Theme: Cultural and Religious perspectives	Theme: Adolescent friendly Services	Theme: Basic and Higher Education Linkages
	Chair: Dr Nompu Mbele	Chair: Dr Kaymarlin Govender	Chair: Dr Muzi Matse	Chair: Dr Rosslyn Zulla	Chair: Dr Zimkitha Mahlangu
11h30-11h45	Afternoon Tea Break				
11h45-12h45	Panel Session 6- <i>Programme Director: Colisile Mathonsi, SANAC & Office of Premier</i>				
	Session 6 - Panel Discussion 4: COMMUNITY INTERVENTION				
	Panel Facilitator: Mr Levi Singh, SRHR Africa Trust (SAT)				

Panel Focus	Community Interventions Panel will focus on address the responses to the challenges and gaps in preventing early and unintended pregnancies (EUP) among adolescents. Local implementers from community-based organizations such as NACOSA, EDC, WITSRHI, and MaTCH will explore the key issues, including gaps in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) knowledge, misconceptions about contraception, and barriers to accessing services. The panel will also examine the role of schools, peer educators, and community leaders in supporting youth, and provide recommendations for improving outreach, support, and youth engagement to reduce EUP in KZN and the region.
Panelists:	• Mrs Jenny Mcloughlin, TBHIVCARE • Ms Ashika Pramlal, NACOSA • Ms Gugu Khawula, WITSRHI • Ms Nosipho Mtolo, MatCH • Ms Makhosi Zondo, Civil Society Children Sector • Mr Mondli Ngema, Enduduzweni Drop-in-Centre
12h45 – 13h45	Panel Session 7- Programme Director: Mr Patrick Mdletshe Session 7-RELIGIOUS AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS' ROLE IN PREVENTING EUP Panel Facilitator: Ms Phumzile Ndlovu, KwaZulu-Natal Council of Churches
Panel Focus	This panel will bring together religious and traditional leaders to explore how faith and cultural beliefs can shape attitudes towards sexual health, particularly early and unintended pregnancies (EUP). The discussion will focus on how these leaders can play a role in preventing EUP, using religious and cultural teachings, and fostering a supportive environment for young people.
Panelists:	• Inkosi MN Ngubane, Traditional Leadership • Inkosi FS Msibi, Traditional Leadership • Gogo Zamo Ngidi, Traditional Health Practitioner • Pastor Mbatha, Religious Leader • Bishop Ziningi Jali, Religious Leader • Rev Zondi, Religious Leader
13h45 -14h45 Director of Program: Prof Ernest Khalema (UKZN)	Session 11 – General Overall Discussions and way forward Rapporteur Closing Remarks: Prof Yanga Zembe
14h45-15h30	Networking Lunch and Departure