



Memorandum of Understanding: HSRC (SAHARA) & NMMU

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In this presentation

I will present:

- Overview of the HSRC (Fact Sheet)
- Overview of SAHA
- Overview of SAHARA (www.sahara.org.za)
- Two partnership activities between SAHARA/NMMU
 - SAHARA Journal
 - SAHARA Conference

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Overview of the HSRC

- HSRC, a nationally and internationally recognized statutory body within South Africa, established in terms of Human Sciences Research Act 23 of 1968
- The core business of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) is to conduct large-scale, policy-relevant, social-scientific projects for public-sector users, non-governmental organisations and international development agencies
- The HSRC has offices in Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth (Newton Park), Umthatha and Sweetwaters
- The HSRC has 6 Research Programmes and SAHA is one of them

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Overview of SAHA

- SAHA was established in 2001 by the then Executive Director, now current CEO, Dr Olive Shisana
- It is currently led by Prof Leickness Simbayi, Executive Director
- SAHA strives to undertake cutting-edge, scientifically sound and innovative research that contributes to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and mitigation of impact as well as policy formulation and programme development in order to improve service delivery.
- It is known for its pioneering work in HIV/AIDS prevalence/incidence surveys in South Africa: 2002, 2005, 2008
- SAHARA is one of the units within SAHA

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Dr Olive Shisana**

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HIV/AIDS and Health
Prof. Leickness
Simbayi

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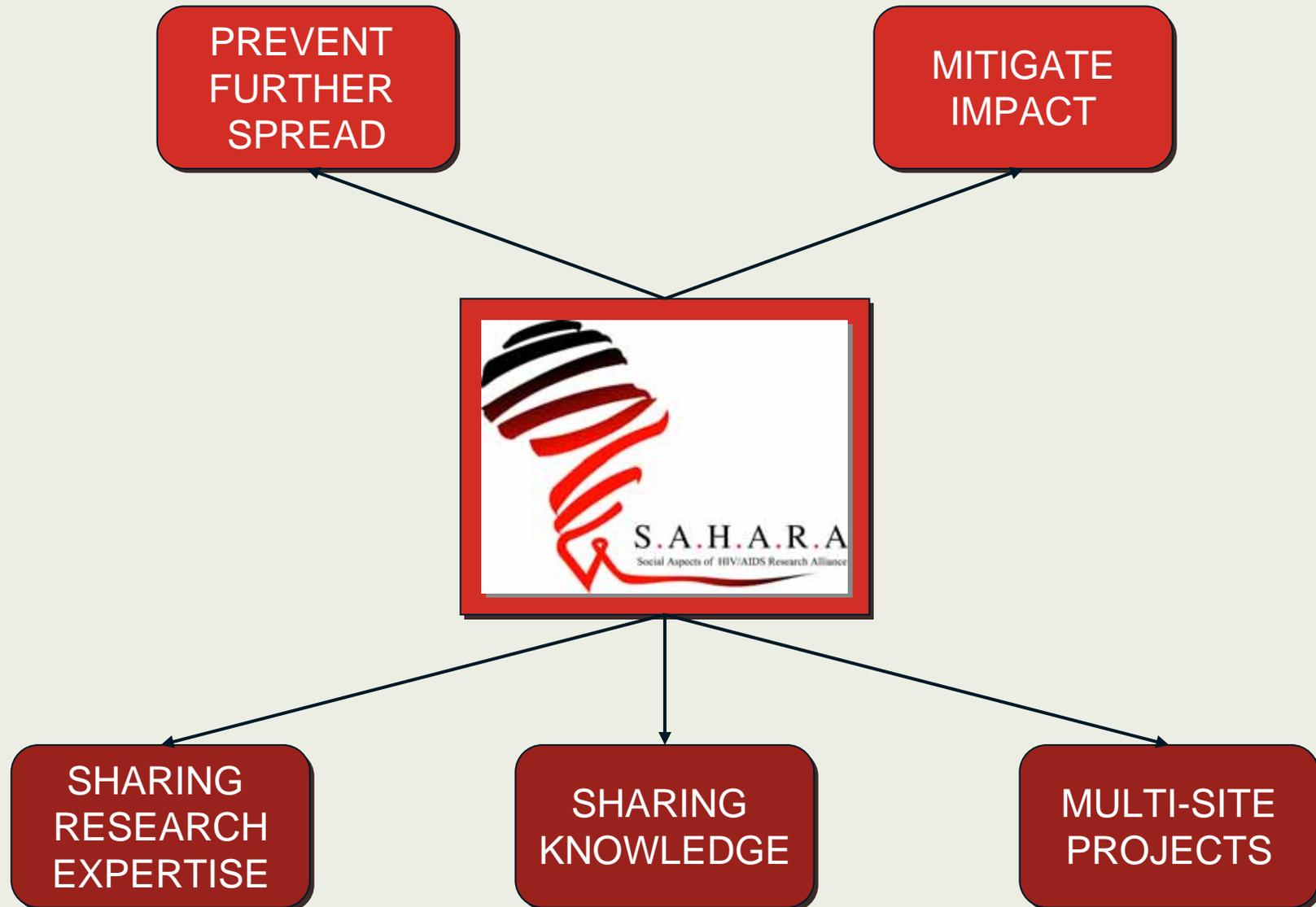
CENTRES

Centre for Poverty,
Employment and
Growth
Dr Miriam Altman

Centre for
Service Delivery
Dr Udesch Pillay

Centre for Education
Quality Improvement
Dr Anil Kanjee

Overview of SAHARA





Modus Operandi

- Operates in **Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **3 regional structures** responsible for defining own research priorities
 - East/Central Africa based in GLUK, Kenya led by Prof Dan Kaseje;
 - West Africa at *Université Cheik Anta DIOP*, Senegal led by Prof Cheick Niang
 - Southern Africa based in the HSRC, was led by Prof Geoffrey Setswe
- **Regional UN agencies** (e.g. WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNIFEM)
- **Regional economic communities** (e.g. EAC, ECOWAS, SADC)
- **Continental Structures** (e.g. AU, NEPAD, CODESRIA)
- **Government Departments** (e.g. Stats bureaus in Botswana, Swaziland)
- **National Universities** (e.g. Botswana, Lesotho, Swazi, Mozambique, Zim)
- **National Research Institutes** (e.g. Botswana/Harvard Partnership, National Institutes of Health Research in Zimbabwe and Mozambique)
- **Local and international donors** (e.g. UNAIDS, EU, DFID, CIDA, DGIS)
- **NGOs, CBOs, FBOs**
- **Guiding Principles:** Common goal, Mutual trust, Responsibility sharing, Transparency



About SAHARA J

- Initiated in 2004 - research expertise, knowledge, dissemination of new social science evidence for HIV prevention, care and impact mitigation in SSA – priority is given to African researchers
- Unique - Empirical peer reviewed papers in English and French from all fields of social aspects of HIV/AIDS (care, support, behaviour change, stigma, discrimination, prevention, adherence, policy, etc) relevant to Africa
- Four issues per year – one per quarter - Each issue consists of 5 articles and at least one book review (reviewed by 15 to 20 reviewers)
- 4000 free copies are distributed in SAHARA Regional offices (p/a), 1000 per quarter
- Some hardcopies are distributed at a fee to institutions, individuals, subscribers in the USA and UK.

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SAHARA J – the pride of the SSA Region

- International Bibliography for Social Sciences (IBSS)
- Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)
- Abstracted in PUBMED
- Sociological abstracts (Sociofile)
- African Journal Online (Full text)
- Online Directory of Open Access Journals
- African Index Medicus
- Full text from the SAHARA website

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Co-hosting of SAHARA J

SAHARA and NMMU will work together in the next 5 years to:

- Manage SAHARA J
 - New Editor-in-Chief - Prof. Thoko Mayekiso
 - Executive Editor - Prof. Refilwe Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya
 - Co-Executive Editor - Prof Velile Notshulwana
 - Managing Editor – Ms Mercy Banyini
 - 35 Editorial board reviewers
 - External expert reviewers
- Ensure continued publication of SAHARA J (printing, editing, translation, distribution)
- The publication cost amount to R150 000 per issue per quarter, totaling R600 000 for four issues per year
- Develop strategies to sustain journal – funding, communication and marketing, dissemination and exploit own organizational resources
- SAHARA J operational plan detailing all activities that will be undertaken by the two institutions will be signed today

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Rationale for the SAHARA Conference

- Largest HIV/AIDS Conference in SSA: interdisciplinary, multi-sector, multi-stakeholder
- It serves as a platform for researchers, policy makers, donors and international organizations, civil society, and communities (including PLWHA) from the continent:
 - To exchange ideas, knowledge, information, innovations, views, and experiences on recent advances in the field of social aspects of HIV/AIDS;
 - To discuss problems that need to be explored regarding the social and cultural aspects of HIV/AIDS;
 - To look for evidence based approaches to those problems including enabling policies for the scale-up of proven interventions;
 - For professional contacts and network;
 - To keep track of what -- and who -- is current in the field
 - To build research capacity through skills-building workshops during and after the conference;
 - To give the community an opportunity to voice their views in the community based seminars
 - To address deficiencies in the translation of research findings, and build bridges between research and practice.

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Previous SAHARA Conferences

Since 2002, SAHARA has successfully convened biennial conferences:

- **The 1st SAHARA Conference**, Pretoria, South Africa, 2-4 September 2002.
- **The 2nd SAHARA Conference**, Cape Town, South Africa, 9-12 May 2004, > 350 delegates from 33 countries. The theme of the conference was “Social Aspects of Access to Care and Treatment.
- **The 3rd SAHARA Conference**, Dakar, Senegal, 10-14 October 2005 on the theme of “Bridging the Gap between Policy, Research and Intervention”, >600 delegates from 30 countries
- **The 4th SAHARA Conference**, Kisumu, Kenya, 29 April to 2 May on the theme of “Innovations in Access to Prevention, Treatment, and Care in HIV/AIDS”, > 420 delegates from 20 countries.
- **The 5th SAHARA Conference**, Gallagher’s Estate, Midrand, South Africa, 30 November to 3 December 2009 on the theme “Drivers of the HIV epidemic”, >450 delegates from 30 countries.
- It has been supported by local and international organizations:
 - HSRC
 - United Nations Agencies (i.e. UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA.)
 - Commonwealth Secretariat
 - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Co-hosting SAHARA Conference

- SAHARA and NMMU will plan and implement the 2011, 2013, and 2015 Conferences
- 2011 Conference will be at the NMMU (Venue sponsored by NMMU): “Legal and human rights pertaining to HIV & AIDS. The sub-themes are:
 - Stigma.
 - Discrimination.
 - Violence.
 - Human and legal rights
 - Treatment access.
 - Role of stakeholders.
- Establish Committees to manage the conference
 - Conference Advisory Committee
 - Conference Organizing Committee
 - Conference Programme Committee
 - Conference Scientific Committee
 - Conference Fundraising Committee
 - Conference Secretariat Conference Coordinating Committee (coordination, management, and publicity)
- Conference operational plan detailing all activities that will be undertaken by the two institutions will be signed today

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2011 Conference Budget- Local Support Received

- **H.1** Conference Participant Support: To support the attendance of about 100 participants from African countries, who would ordinarily not be able to participate due to lack of funds. Amount Needed: R1,931,935 (R19,319.35 per participant) –
- **H.2a** Skills-building Workshops - 30 students/junior researchers: R579,580.50 (R289,790 ea)
- **H.2b** Skills-building workshop for health journalists R386,387
- **H.3** Community Demonstration Dialogues: R341,149.50 (R170,574.75 x 2)
- **H.4** Exhibition Space: R235,000.00 (R11,750 x 20)
- **H.5** Satellite Session: R117,500.00 (R23,500 x 5)
- **H.6** Plenary Session: R141,000.00 (R47,000 x 3) – Cadbury PE
- **H.7** Support a Speaker: R352,500.00 (R35,250 each x 10)
- **H.8** Lounge/Meals for PLWHA R41,125 – SACCI
- **H.9** Consumable Supplies R35,250 – Standard Bank
- **H.10** Cocktail with Cultural Events R58,750
- **H.11** Media Sponsorship Die Burger
- **H.12** Soft drinks and Water Coca-Cola South Africa

Grand Total R4,220,177.00

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