



**POLICY DIALOGUE ON:**

**PRIMARY ANIMAL HEALTHCARE IN THE CONTEXT OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND SCALING-UP FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMER COMMUNITIES: RESEARCH, POLICY AND DELIVERY**

Animal health issues are a central concern within rural development initiatives and livestock keeping communities in South Africa. The important issue is the fact that knowledge of animal diseases (causation, understandings of the differences between practices aimed at treatment of a disease and its prevention, etc.) and animal health practices are generally poorly understood and unevenly practiced. Policy-oriented dialogue needs to link animal health practices to barriers, such as cost and lack of knowledge, that prevent access to medication and vaccines, leading to the lack of uptake of so-called ‘modern’ medicines. This has implications for vaccine implementation strategies.

This dialogue examines primary animal healthcare and its challenges in the context of small-scale livestock farming in South Africa, with a view to bring about further research and policy interventions in bridging the gap between technological developments and implementation of disease prevention programmes. The dialogue also explores a range of questions related to broader policy issues including, rural development, empowerment of small-scale farmers, in particular women, and the development of the livestock sector in the context of small-scale farming, and the role of these in fostering economic development, sustainable livelihoods and ultimately food security.

**PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

- Chairs:** Prof Vasu Reddy, Executive Director, HSRC and /Dr Misheck Mulumba, Senior Manager, ARC
- Rapporteurs:** HSRC Research Team
- 09:00 - 09:40** Registration, tea & coffee (foyer of Pretoria Video conferencing facility)

09:40 – 11:00 **Session 1** *Introduction*

- 09:40 – 09:50 **Welcome**, Prof Vasu Reddy, HSRC & Dr Misheck Mulumba, ARC
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Overview of Research Project**, Dr David Wallace and Dr Arshad Mather (ARC)
- 10:00 – 10:10 **Address by Canadian High Commission Representative: Louise Holt**, Director: Kenya and South Africa Program (Development) and Head of Development Cooperation (South Africa)
- 10:10-10:25 **Knowledge, Innovations and Solutions for Large Scale Impact**, Dr Simon Carter, IDRCs Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa
- 10:25 – 10:35 **Overview of Policy Dialogues**, Professor Vasu Reddy & Dr Sarah Chiumbu, HSRC, Brief description of the focus of Policy Dialogues in context of study
- 10:25-10:45 Keynote: **Between traditional and biomedical knowledge on animal health: implications for policy and practice**, Professor William Beinart, University of Oxford, Centre for African Studies (through Skype)

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 2** *Context, problem and Case Study*

- 11:00 – 11:15 **Livestock and Small-scale Farmers: Policy Perspectives**, Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries, Dr Tembile Songabe, Director Veterinary Public Health
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Primary Animal Health Care: Issues and Challenges**, Dr Rebone Moerane, Chair Primary Animal Health Care
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Community perspectives on Primary Animal Health Care**, Dr Thethelani Mlilo, State Veterinarian & Mr David Mahlangu, Interim Chairperson of the Advisory Council for Kaonafatso ya Dikgomo Scheme
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Case study overview of a Baseline Study on Small-Scale Farmers in two communities**, Prof Vasu Reddy and Safiyya Goga (HSRC)

12:30 - 13h00 **Session 3** *Dialogue, debate and discussion*

- 12: 30 – 13:00 Facilitated Q & A

13:00 - 13:30 **Session 4** *Closure*

- 13:00 – 13:15 **Dialogue Summary**, Safiyya Goga, Prof Monde Makiwane, Dr Tracy Morison, & Dr Sarah Chiumbu
- 13:15 – 13:30 **Next steps**, Prof Vasu Reddy, Dr David Wallace & Dr Arshad Mather