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SUNDAY 1 December 2024

13:30-15:00 Room: Sanlam Auditorium S1

Plenary session – Opening, welcome speeches

- Moderator:** **Lekan Ayo-Yusuf**, Professor and Chairperson/Head:
School of Health Systems and Public Health, University of Pretoria
- Welcome:** **Prof C de Jager**, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria
- Speakers:** **Jane Marie Ogola Ongolo**, UNODC Regional Representative for Southern Africa
Integrating Public Health Approaches in Law Enforcement: Strategies for Addressing harm reduction substance use, among people who use drugs
- Jeanette R Hunter**, Deputy Director General Primary Health Care
Bridging Public Health and Law Enforcement for Healthier Communities in South Africa
- Kgalema Motlanthe**, Former President of South Africa,
The Commissioner of the Eastern and Southern Africa Commission on Drugs (ESACD),
and member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy

15:00-15:30 Afternoon Tea

15:30 -17:00 Room: SRC Chambers MS1

Policing and vulnerability around the world

- Moderator:** **Dr Edith Madela-Mntla**
- Speakers:** *Policing Poverty and Status in Public Spaces*
Dr Tarryn Bannister, Research and project officer,
African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF), South Africa
Ambika Satkunanathan, FreedomsCollectiveTrust, SriLanka
- Understanding Human Trafficking as a Business:
A Case Study Analysis of Financial Elements in Sexual Servitude*
Yacov Crawford, MPH, Detective, Special Victims Division -Mecklenburg Police Department, USA
- Multi-strategy of addressing structural barriers in accessing services among key population:
experience of engaging the Eswatini police.*
Khanyisile Nyembe, Key Population Program Officer National AIDS Program,
Ministry of Health, Eswatini

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Room: R1-56 Graduate Centre MS2

Systems Thinking

Workshop on the future of the GLEPHA Violence Prevention Special Interest Group

Moderator: **Professor Stan Gilmour**, Strategic Consultant in Systems Leadership for Community Health, Safety, and Wellbeing; Honorary Professor of Practice in Policing at Keel University

Speakers: **Gwen Dereymaeker**
Zara Quigg
Stan Gilmour

17:00-19:00

Atrium Graduate Centre

Welcoming Reception

Join us for cocktails and a hearty welcome from our hosts at the University of Pretoria

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MONDAY 2 December 2024

08:30 -10:30 Room: Sanlam Auditorium S2

Prevention of Violence

Moderator: **Eldred de Klerk**, Senior Associate, African Centre for Security and Intelligence Praxis

Speakers: *Neurodisability - and the urgent need for collaborative violence prevention*
Prof Stan Gilmour, Honorary Professor of Practice in Policing, Keele University, UK

The impact of psychosocial and cultural factors on violence against women and girls in developing areas.

Lt.Gen (Rtd) Dr Leah Shibambo, Discipline Leader, School of Policing and Law Enforcement: STADIO; 1st Vice President: International Association of Women Police

Early intervention crime reduction: understanding and enhancing the role of police and multi-agency partners in preventing harms that cross the public health and criminal justice landscape

Prof Zara Quigg, Professor in Behavioural Epidemiology;
Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Violence Prevention, Liverpool John Moores University, UK

10:30-11:00 Morning Tea

11:00 - 12:30 Room: SRC Chambers MS3

Public Health Policing

Moderator: **Melissa Jardine**, GLEPHA

Speakers: *Law Enforcement Officers' Integration in the Key Population Programming for HIV Prevention in Malawi*

Patrick Gwaza, Senior Technical Officer FHI360, Malawi

Calming the Chaos – Working with law enforcement to support mental health recovery
Ian Rummery, Mental Health Team Lead/Psychiatric Nurse Health and Social Care Portfolio, Saint Helena Island

Addressing Sex Worker Vulnerability through Specialist Police Officer Roles
Prof Kate Brown, Co-Director, Vulnerability and Policing Futures Research Centre, University of York, UK

POLICARE: an integrated responsiveness to victims of sexual violence in Kenya
Zipporah Kagure Nderitu, Senior Superintendent National Police Service, Kenya



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11:00 -12:30 Room: Conference 100 MS4

South-South perspectives on shifting the role of the police in public space governance

Moderator: **Nabeelah Mia**, Head of Penal Reform Programme, Lawyers for Human Rights

Speakers: *African regional perspective*

Dr. Tarryn Bannister, Project & Research Officer, African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum

South Asian regional perspective

Ambika Satkunanathan, Human Rights Lawyer, Freedoms Collective Trust

Caribbean regional perspective

Timothy Affonso, Director, Caribbean Centre for Human Rights

Latin American regional perspective

Prof Ignacio Cano, Laboratory for the Analysis of Violence, Rio de Janeiro State University

A policing perspective

Commissioner Noel Kayira, South West Region Commissioner, Malawi Police Service

12:30-13:30 Lunch - Adlers Restaurant

13:30 -14:15 Room: SRC Chambers PS1-1

Mol: Policing vulnerable groups partnership: South African Police Service (SAPS) Dignity, Diversity and Policing (DDP) programme

Presenters: **Munyaradzi Ignatius Katumba**, Project Manager Aidsfonds, & Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association munyakatumba@gmail.com, mkatumba@aidsfonds.nl
Brigadier Onicca Ofentse Tlhoale, SAPS Health and Wellness
Pamela Chakuvinga, Southern Africa Sex Workers Alliance
Sharon Cox, Triangle Project Tapiwa Mamhare, independent consultant
Zipporah Kagure Nderitu, Senior Superintendent National Police Service, Kenya

SW, PWUD & LGBTIQ+ people are experiencing less or reduced violence, increased access to justice and police officers changed their attitudes and practices positively. SAPS recognise its role in South Africa's public health approach and are championing health and human rights for all. SAPS are now acting more professionally when engaging vulnerable communities because they developed Standard Operating Procedures for the Policing of Sex Workers and LGBTIQ+ people which brings about better service delivery.

A panel of 5 DDP facilitators representing human rights, sex workers, PWUD, LGBTIQ+ and SAPS will share their experiences of facilitating, training police officers, lobbying and advocating for DDP within SAPS. Participants will be given a chance to interact and ask questions to the panelists, and selected interactive exercises on the DDP training will be conducted to give the participants a feel of the DDP training.

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MONDAY 2 December 2024

14:15 -15:00 Room: SRC Chamber PS1-2

Mol: Developing laws and policies to strengthen access to healthcare for vulnerable populations in Africa through Universal Health Coverage

Presenter: **Nasser Bangai Tizi**, Deputy Director, Prevention and Community Action, Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon

To materialise the financial health protection of vulnerable populations, there is a strong need for policy engagement in African countries through the implementation of judiciary instruments like laws and policies to favour universal health coverage.

This project seeks to show the importance of the legal framework in strengthening governmental universal health coverage plans across Africa for vulnerable populations. This initiative will create a basis for African countries to adopt a legal framework to protect vulnerable populations and ensure universal health coverage. We hope that by 2030, all African countries will consider and adopt legal frameworks to support their respective universal health coverage plans.

13:30-15:00 Room : Conference Room 100 PS2

Police Health and Wellness

Moderator: **Robert Basaza**, Professor of Public Health and Health Economics, Uganda Christian University.

Enhancing Public Health Policing: A Holistic Approach to mental health crises, substance abuse and self-harm amongst officers within the Royal Eswatini Police Service

Zanele Nxumalo, Director, Health & Wellness Department Royal Eswatini Police Service, Kingdom of Eswatini

Alcohol misuse among police officers

Andrew Malanga, Dr Clara Sambakusi, Medical doctor Malawi Police Service, Malawi

Promoting wellness and building resilience among police and first responders

Isaac Zimba, HIV & Wellness Focal Point Zambia Police Service

15:00 -15:30 Afternoon Tea





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Room: SRC Chamber PS3

Addressing Violence in Prisons and Other Closed Settings as a Human Rights and Public Health Strategy

Moderator: **Doreen Gaura**, Senior Programme Officer, Just Detention International – South Africa

Presenter: *Conditions in immigration detention*
Nabeelah Mia, Lawyers for Human Rights

Conditions in child and youth care detention
Dr. Heidi Sauls, Department of Social Development

Personal experience of sexual abuse in detention
Isak Sass

The role of independent oversight bodies in addressing violence in prisons and other closed settings
Sohela Surajpal, JICs

Addressing sexual violence in prisons and other closed settings
Sasha Gear, Just Detention International – South Africa

15:30 -17:00

Room: Conference 100 PS4

Miscellaneous policing and public health issues

Convener: **Professor Everjoyce Ndove**, HIV and AIDS Coordinator, Southern Africa Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organisation (SARPPCO)

Speakers: *Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh: Issues and Challenges of Police Investigation*
Mst. Shahala Pervin, Additional Deputy Inspector General Bangladesh Police

Understanding how traffic police work with public health authorities in management of road trauma in Uganda: A cross-sectional review.

Professor Robert K. Basaza, Department of Public Health, Uganda Christian University/
Centre for Community Evidence and Policy, Uganda

Counter terrorism; a balance between protection and human rights
Susanna Bellander, PhD-student and Police Officer, Umeå University and Swedish Police, Sweden

Exploring Knowledge of Neurodisabilities and Access to Education in Custody, at a Youth Correctional Centre in Cape Town, South Africa.

Winnie Nkoana, PhD Candidate University of Cape Town Lecturer, University of Witwatersrand

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Room: Conference 100 PS4 / Continued

Miscellaneous policing and public health issues

Awareness and Implementation of Smoke-Free Provisions of the the 2015 Tobacco control Act in outdoor and indoor recreational facilities in Abuja, Nigeria

Damian Chinedu Nzeh, Deputy Head, Health and Medical Services, Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) Headquarters, Abuja

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Networking event

Join your colleagues and the conference speakers for a drink and a chat – getting to know colleagues from other countries and other disciplines.





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TUESDAY 3 December 2024

08:30 -10:30 Room: Sanlam Auditorium S3

Preventing Gender- Based Violence

Moderator: **Dr Mabebe Mary Kgole**

Speakers: *Surviving and Thriving: Resiliency and Post-Traumatic Growth in Your Career*
Colonel Matt Langer (ret.) Global Policing Director
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

MALAWI

Mlowoka Noel F. Kayira, Commissioner of Police, And PhD Candidate,
Public Administration Management, University of Malawi

*Preventing gender-based violence: intersections of law enforcement and other
evidence-based measures*

Professor Rachel Jewkes, Executive Scientist, South African Medical Research Council

10:30 -11:00 Morning Tea

11:00 -12:30 Room: SRC Chambers MS5

Prevention of violence in different settings

Moderator: **Prof Zara Quigg**, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Violence Prevention

Speakers: *Public health policing in the Pacific Islands: Understanding place-based responses to
gender- based violence*
Melissa Jardine, PhD, Partner Investigator, University of the South Coast, Australia

Challenging spaces: engaging police in GBV response for Key populations

Buthelezi Mvula, HIV/AIDS SPECIALIST, Global Fund Grant, World Vision Malawi (WVM)

*Enhancing Safety in High-Crime Areas: Lessons Learned from Transversal Collaboration in the
Western Cape Government*

Gwen Dereymaeker, Director, Violence Prevention Unit Department of Health and Wellness,
Western Cape Government, South Africa

*The political and bureaucratic dimensions of policing and violence prevention in an African
context*

Dr Guy Lamb, Director, Conflict, Peacebuilding & Risk Unit Stellenbosch University,
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TUESDAY 3 December 2024

11:00 -12:30 Room: Sanlam Auditorium MS6

Collaborations across the globe – South Africa and the United States: a framework for learning

Moderator: **Brigadier Tlhoale Onicca**

Presenters: **Tara Moss**, CO-Executive Director PDA
Tiarra Bryant, Deputy Director PDA
Brenton Zachary, Director of Data and Quality PDA
Refilwe Legodi, Colonel(ret.) South African Police Services
Michael Wilson, Co-Director, Bellhaven Harm Reduction Centre, Durban SA
Monique Michal Marks, Co-Director, Bellhaven Harm Reduction Center, Durban, SA

In this key collaborative panel presentation audience members will hear from a diverse group of panelists who will discuss how a public health approach to public safety is growing internationally. They will share their expertise of how a relationship has grown to establish a network of partners in Seattle, Durban, and Tshwane and how lessons learned help influence decisions on implementation and operation of non-punitive efforts to engage with marginalized communities and provide much needed alternatives to criminal legal system actors.

11:00 -12:30 Room: Conference 100

How law enforcement can play a vital role in protecting key populations

Moderator: **Keikantse Phele**, Senior Programme Manager, Accountability International

Speakers: **Judge Zione Ntaba**, Judge of the High Court of Malawi;
Challenging Criminalisation Globally (CCG)
Dr Ndlovu Nonhlanhla Ignitia, Soc of AIDS in Africa
Sheriff Mothopeng, researcher and consultant on transgender rights and human rights

The panel will address challenging criminalization of marginalised communities which has consequences in lack of access to HIV and health related care and public health; they will speak to their work regarding the intersection of HIV, Health and criminalization. All panellists will also be asked to make recommendations of how law enforcement can play a vital role in protecting key populations as well as giving them dignity through their work.

12:30-13:30 Lunch - Adlers Restaurant

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Tuesday 3 December 2024

13:30 -14:15 Room: SRC Chamber PS5-1

Workshop: International Association of Chiefs of Police: health related resources

Presenters: **Colonel (ret) Matt Langer**, Global Policing Director, IACP
Aimee Cheung, MPH, MS, Senior Program Manager, IACP

This presentation addresses the vital role of health and well-being resources for police officers and their families, emphasizing the need for comprehensive health services and support systems within police agencies. Showcasing successful models and strategies implemented, we advocate for a proactive approach to officer wellness that not only benefits individuals but also enhances the effectiveness of police agencies and their communities.

14:15 -15:00 Room: SRC Chamber PS5-2

Mol: Championing vulnerabilities – Charity begins at home – A case of South African Police Service (SAPS) Dignity, Diversity and Policing (DDP) Ambassadors programme

Moderator: **Katumba Munyaadzi Ignatius**

Presenters: **Beukes Hanrika**, Warrant Officer, South African Police Service
Sibanyoni Roger, PAC Clerk, SAPS
Mtshali Sphiwe, Constable, SAPS
Ellis Cheryl, Captain, SAPS
Sedumedi Pk, Constable, SAPS

The DDP Ambassadors' programme is a partnership of SAPS Employee Health and Wellness (EHW), Triangle Project, Durban LGBTIQ+ Centre, Aidsfonds and COC Netherlands, providing resources, SOGIESC training, coaching and mentoring to SAPS LGBTIQ+ police officers to advocate for inclusive SAPS policies and provision of non-stigmatising and non-discriminatory policing services to South Africa.

This moderated session with a panel of 5 DDP Ambassadors representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, gender non-confirming and trans person will share their personal experiences and stories as police LGBTQ+ police officers who are lobbying and advocating for DDP within SAPS. Participants can interact, discuss, comment and ask questions to the panellists.



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13:30 -15:00 Room: Sanlam Auditorium PS5-3

UNODC session: High Level Panel on the Role of Law Enforcement in the HIV response

Moderator: **Gunasekaran Rengaswamy**, UNODC

Rapporteur: **Devon De Koker**

Speakers: **Fariba Soltani**, UNODC Global Coordinator for HIV
Melissa Jardine, PhD, GLEPHA
Dr Abel Basutu, African Union
Professor Everjoyce Ndove, Interpol, and HIV and AIDS Coordinator, Southern Africa
Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organisation (SARPCCO)

The objective of this session is to raise awareness among high-level law enforcement officials about their critical role in addressing the HIV epidemic, especially among key populations. It aims to promote the integration of public health perspectives into law enforcement practices, ensuring that policing strategies do not impede access to essential HIV services. The initiative seeks to foster dialogue on the importance of human rights-based approaches to policing in the context of HIV prevention, treatment, and care. Additionally, it highlights the need for senior law enforcement leadership in shaping policies and institutional practices that reduce stigma, discrimination, and barriers to healthcare for key populations.

13:30 -15:00 Room: Conference 100 PS6

Working with marginalised communities

Moderator: **Dr Chukwugozie Ujam**, Deputy Director, Gender and Human Rights, National Agency for the Control of AIDS, Nigeria

Speakers: *Community perceptions of South African Police service responses to illicit substance use and the impacts on health and well-being of community leaders and substance users in a peri-urban community in Cape Town*
Jodilee Erasmus, Scientist South African Medical Research Council: MASTRU

Are we Truly Headed in the Right Direction to Advance Human Rights and HIV Service Access for Eswatini's Marginalized Communities?

Bheki Sithole, Technical Advisor, EpiC, FHI 360, Eswatini

Fronting Law Enforcement Officers in Addressing Structural Barriers for HIV Prevention: Nyasa Rainbow Rights Experience from Selected Districts in Malawi

Juma Wasili, Administration Manager, Nyasa Rainbow Alliance, Malawi

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Room: Conference 100 PS6 - Continued

Working with marginalised communities.../Continued

Defying the War on Drugs: Narcofeminism as the Radical Solution to Public Health Policing and Substance Use Disorder

Yolande Jordaan, Founder "The Dope Doula"

Increasing access to sexual reproductive health services for LGBTIQ person's through Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) Training: A Case Study of Improved Community Relations and Health Outcomes.

Prince Mikel Juao, Executive Director, The Voice Organization

15:00 -15:30

Afternoon Tea

15:30 -16:15

Room: SRC Chambers PS7-2

Mol: Innovation in police led diversion: Evolution and Innovation in the LEAD initiative in Seattle, USA

Presenters: **Tiarra Bryant**, Deputy Director, Purpose, Dignity, Action (PDA)
Tara Moss, Co-Executive Director, PDA
Brenton Zachary, Director of Data and Quality, PDA

This Marketplace of Ideas presentation will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear from a panel of experts from Seattle, Washington who will present on the origins of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), the first pre-booking diversion initiative in the United States in 2011. Attendees will hear of the innovations that have occurred in housing and place-based strategies as stakeholders in Seattle used the LEAD framework to address public safety and disorder. Attendees will have an opportunity for an open discussion with the expert panellists who play various roles locally in Seattle, as well as Internationally helping other jurisdictions replicate their work.





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15:30 -17:00

Room: Conference 100 PS8

Law enforcement and Harm Reduction

Moderator: **Aimee Cheung**, IACP

Speakers : *Harm Reduction and Law Enforcement in Nigeria: An Assessment Police Role and Perception towards People Who Use Drugs*

Okiwu Henry Chukwuka, YouthRISE, Nigeria

Optimizing HIV program among Key Population: Collaborative Strategies between Law Enforcement and Public Health in Malawi

Barinaadaa Afirima, Senior Technical Advisor FHI360 and National AIDS Commission, Malawi

Exploring challenges to effective needle and syringe programme implementation in the city of Tshwane, South Africa

MF Mabusela, Community Oriented Substance Use Programme, Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria

Reducing harm through peacemaking with unlikely partners

Monique Michal Marks, Bellhaven Harm Reduction Centre

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08:30 -10:00 Room: Sanlam Auditorium S4

Policing and Public Health—Strategies for Collaboration

Moderator: **Dr Duncan Onyango Ochieng**, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Director National Disaster Management Unit, Kenya Police Service

Speakers: *Crisis on Trial: Exploring the Intersection of Public Health and Policing Through Judicial Lens*
Justice Zione Ntaba, High Court, Malawi

Joint decision-making, human security and our response to gender-based violence
Eldred de Klerk, Director/ Senior Associate of the African Centre for Security and Intelligence Praxis (ACSIP)

Public health policing in the UAE and Beyond; the future for public health and policing
Lt. Sultan Mohammad Al Dahbashi, Head, Permanent Alliances Development Branch, International Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Interior, United Arab Emirates

10:00 -10:30 Morning Tea

10:30 -12:00 Room: SRC Chambers MS7

Infectious diseases and crisis response

Moderator: **Munyaradzi Ignatius Katumba**, Aidsfonds and GLEPHA

Speakers: *Criminal justice, human rights and COVID-19: The response of five African countries - Lessons from the past and opportunities for the future*

Janelle Mangwanda, Researcher, Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Navigating the Pandemic: Effective Communication Strategies that Enhanced the COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns in Northern Nigeria

Hannatu Dimas, Deputy Commandant Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Africa Field Epidemiology Network

Communities taking the lead to mitigate against the Impact of Cyclone Freddy on HIV Service Delivery for Transgender and other sexual and gender minority groups in Malawi

Prince Mikel Juao, Executive Director, The Voice Organization, Malawi

Increasing Hepatitis C Virus self testing (HCVST) testing uptake to improve access to HCV services in Nigeria: Implications for the police and other first responders.

Uduak Daniel, Programme Director, Development Options Int'l Center for Women and You Advancement (DO), Nigeria

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10:30 -12:00

Room: Sanlam Auditorium MS8

SARPCCO Workshop:

Police Health and Wellness: The regional training programme which supports SARPCCO member states to promote health and wellness among police officers

Convener: **Professor Everjoyce Ndove**, HIV and AIDS Coordinator, Southern Africa Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organisation (SARPCCO)

The training programme supports police and community members to access effective treatment, prevention, care and support services. Through a focus on human rights, non-discrimination and respect, this training contributes to the elimination of stigma and discrimination of vulnerable groups. A moderated session consisting of a panel of 5 SARPCCO member states representing SARPCCO Medical Directors Working group will present on communicable and noncommunicable disease (mental health including suicide, cancers, substance use) pandemic preparedness, human rights and policing and diversity.

Q&A: Participants will be given a chance to interact, ask questions and comment.

10:30 -12:00

Room: Conference 100 PS-9

Secure Communities Forum training workshop

Facilitator and presenter:

Professor Stan Gilmour, Strategic Consultant in Systems Leadership for Community Health, Safety, and Wellbeing; Honorary Professor of Practice in Policing at Keel University

The Basics of Law Enforcement Care and Support for People with Disabilities is a specialized training course developed by the Secure Communities Forum (SCF) to equip front-line law enforcement officers with the essential knowledge and skills to interact effectively and respectfully with people with disabilities. Recognizing that people with disabilities may face unique challenges in police interactions, this course focuses on building empathy, awareness, and practical skills to improve these encounters. The program covers fundamental aspects of disability awareness, including understanding visible and non-visible disabilities, communication strategies, and practical accommodations that officers can implement on the scene and emphasizes respectful communication, advocating for the dignity of all individuals, and fostering an inclusive community. By enhancing officers' understanding of disabilities and their confidence in handling diverse needs, the course supports SCF's mission to create safer, more inclusive communities and foster trust between law enforcement and all members of society.

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12:00 -13:00

Room: Sanlam Auditorium S5

Plenary - Closing

14:00 -16:00

Room: Sanlam Auditorium

Launch of the African Regional Law Enforcement and Public Health Network (ALEPHN)



Launch of a network which brings together law enforcement and public health stakeholders, together with affected communities, to work effectively, efficiently and in collaboration, to make life safer and better for all. The Network will promote joint learning and joint action, strength through collaboration and partnership.

Keynote speakers:

Deputy Commissioner General of Police Dr Mind E Ngirande, Zimbabwe Republic Police

Munya Ignatius Katumba, Co-ordinator, African LEPH Network

Ms. Fariba Soltani, UNODC Global Coordinator for HIV [TBC]

Prof Nick Crofts, ED of the Global LEPH Association

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