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The SAMRC UHC/NHI Discussion Forum is an open meeting for those interested in developments, learning and collaboration related to the Universal Health Coverage and the National Health Insurance in South Africa, regionally and globally.

Standing discussion: Debbie Bradshaw & Pamela Groenewald

Burden of Diseases Research Unit

“Monthly report on data from excess deaths in South Africa”

Special Guest: Dr Thomas Nyirenda

European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)

**“EDCTP ethics and regulatory systems capacity
development in sub-Saharan Africa”**

Date: Thursday, 31 March 2022

Time: 13h00 – 14h00

Venue: [Click here to join the Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

All welcome, for any questions please contact:

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Biographies:

Debbie Bradshaw



Prof. Bradshaw trained as a biostatistician and completed her doctorate at Oxford University. During her career as a researcher, she has developed expertise in epidemiology and demography. She has published extensively and led the first national burden of disease study. She is committed to improving the use of data for decision making and has provided technical support to the National Department of Health and the World Health Organisation. Her main research interests are mortality profiles, health transition and inequalities in health. She co-heads the South African WHO-FIC and is an honorary Professor in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town.

Pam Groenewald



Dr Groenewald trained in medicine at Stellenbosch University and after a few years of practicing clinical medicine she worked in the pharmacology department at UCT for a few years where she became interested in the management of drug-resistant TB. In 1991, she joined the TB unit of SAMRC and worked in drug-resistant TB surveillance. She subsequently completed a MPhil (Public Health) at UWC. Since 2001 she has worked part-time in the Burden of Disease Research Unit setting up a local mortality surveillance system in the Western Cape as well as training doctors in medical certification of cause of death. She is also working on the National Burden of Disease and Comparative risk assessment studies with a focus on the smoking attributable burden.

Thomas Nyirenda



Dr Nyirenda is Strategic Partnerships and Capacity Development Manager of EU-Africa programme called European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). He is a public health physician and research scientist with over 26 years' experience of working in sub-Saharan Africa in control, prevention and clinical research for infectious diseases.

He trained in Medicine at University of St Andrews (Scotland), St Mary's Hospital (London) and College of Medicine of Malawi. He did his Public Health training at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Before joining EDCTP in 2004, he worked as a District Health Officer and Tuberculosis National Research Officer for the Ministry of Health in Malawi and later as a Medical Officer for the World Health Organisation (WHO) within the Stop TB Department in Geneva before moving to the WHO Country Office in Malawi. His contribution to TB control included participation in establishing an operational research programme with the Malawi National TB Control Programme for TB/HIV control in pre-ARV era and as WHO medical officer for DOTS research projects in African countries. In his early years at EDCTP he was a TB projects focal person for the organisation. He has published 1 book chapter and over 60 papers in peer reviewed journals. His role in teaching has included moderation of MSc studentship courses at University of Witwatersrand (South Africa), Honorary Lectureship of Public Health at College of Medicine of the University of Malawi, and he is currently Extraordinary Senior Lecture in the Department of Global Health of University of Stellenbosch (South Africa). Beside his current role at EDCTP, he is also chairperson for the Africa Academy of Sciences Advisory Board on Clinical Trials Capacity Data Base programme (CTC), and represents EDCTP (in both official and personal capacity) on several committees such as the NEPAD AMRH/AVAREF, African CDC Task Force on COVID-19, Global COVID-19 Coalition, and the Global Burden of Disease of Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

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