Community-Centered HIV Prevention and Treatment Agenda

Wits-RHI: South Africa

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Work plan objectives

Originally set out to . . .

- Advocate for HCW's sensitization about PreP implementation for discordant partners.
- To launch and scale up a U=U campaign led by Women Living with HIV.
- Support advocacy for HIV prevention and Covid 19 efforts.



Accomplishments

Successes and challenges

Meeting held with NDoH and SANAC in Jan 2021 to discuss the U=U campaign plans

Meeting held with CDC, UNAIDS (SA)- led to: UNAIDs and CDC country office endorsing U=U

Meeting held with Prevention Access Campaign (PAC) to discuss establishment of U=U Africa Forum which led to: Establishment of the Forum (under PAC) in partnership with Uganda and Botswana U=U advocates and a launch of U=U ambassadors from seven African countries

Consultations held with the Eastern Cape Aids Council and MEC of Health which led to:

- ✓ Eastern Cape Province endorsed U=U in Dec 2020
- ✓ E.C U=U Provincial launch (10th September) by the E.C premier, ECDoH, ECAC and partners (joined by SANAC and UNAIDs)
- ✓ U=U march joined by UNAIDs, ECAC, Municipal Manager, Deputy Mayor and PLWHIV sector



S.A Government/Political buy-in and progress to date cont'

Successfully collaborated with Gauteng and Eastern Cape RTC to conduct trainings for HCW's on latest PreP guidelines- led to: 60 HCW's trained as ToT

U=U scale up led to:

- √ 100 WLWHIV trained as U=U pioneers across Gauteng and 80 in the Eastern Cape
- ✓ U=U training for 55 (HAST Managers) across the E.C province
- √56 nurse clinicians trained on U=U

Collaborated with South African HIV Clinicians Society which led to

- ✓ Publishing of U=U article in HIV Nursing matters journal
- ✓ Presented U=U to more than 350 clinicians across Africa

The start of the U=U journey

from 17h30 to 19h30 (SAST) Topic: Viral load and U=U

Programme:

17h30 Introduction by Chair | **Prof. Francois Venter**

17h35 Viral load | **Prof. Annemarie Wensing**

18h20 Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) | Ms Mandisa Dukashe

19h05 Q&A

19h30 End

Registration:

If you haven't registered yet please do so via https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yk8lgP6KQh2k_Szb-qboWw

CPD accreditation:

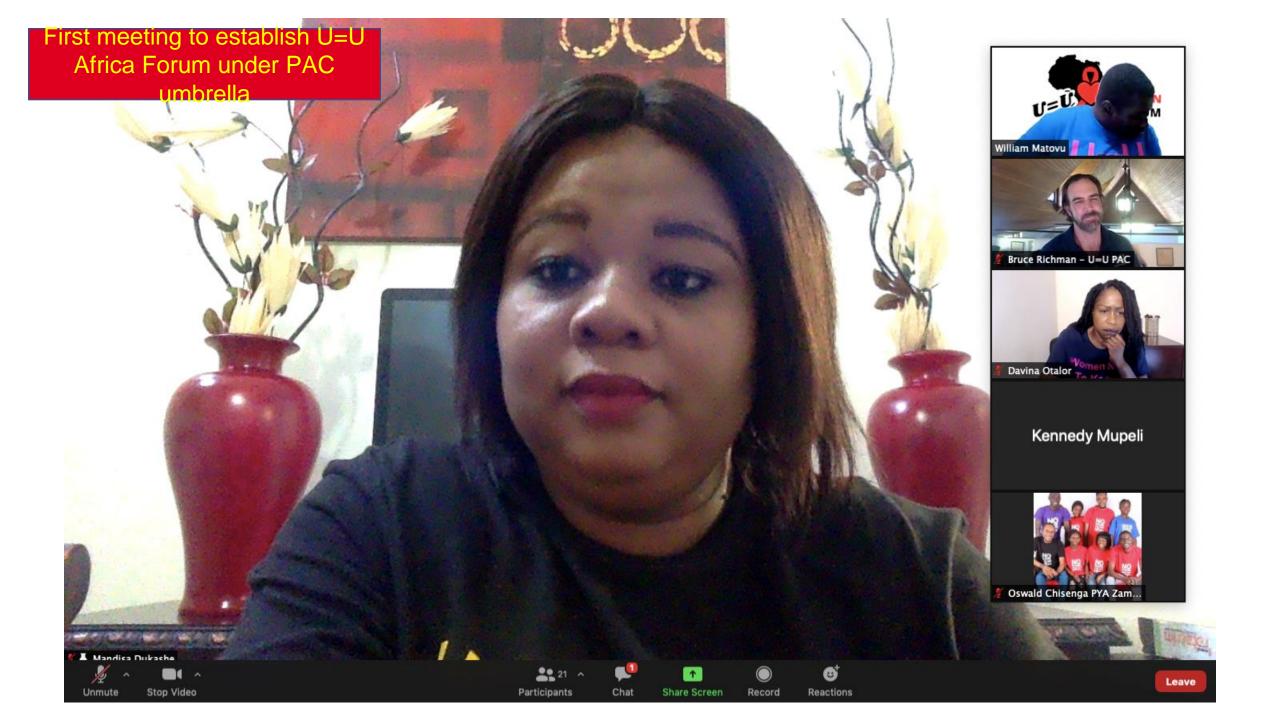
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For information on membership or email mirriam@sahivcs.org

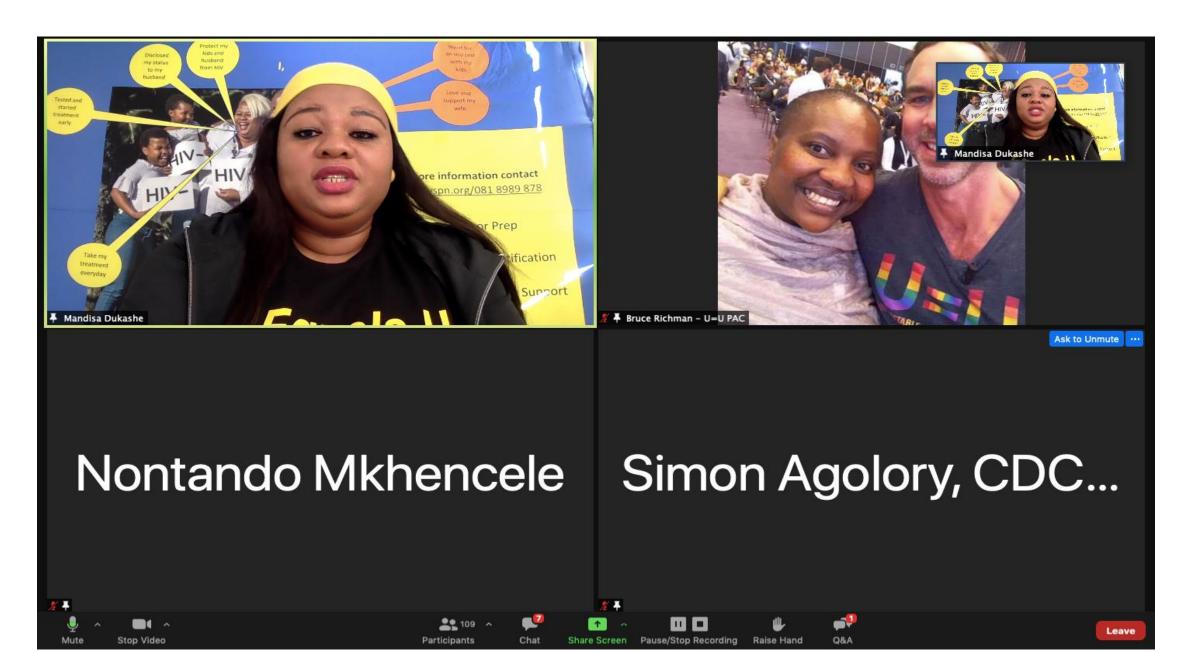
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with NGO's, CSO's, PLWHIV
groups and Aids Council
Secretariats







NEWS

EC Aids Council in drive to increase ARV treatment for people living with HIV

By Amanda Nano - 30 September 2021



It ends with me. That is the message the Eastern Cape Aids Council (ECAC) wants to drive home with its new Undetectable equals Untransmittable (U=U) campaign.



U=U workshops for **E.C** HAST Managers and Nurses





Sustainability

Moving forward: advocacy and myself

- Possibility to collaborate with SAHCS to scale up U=U workshops for HCW's country wide- 2022
- Consultation held with the Tshwane Senior management in Oct 21- buy-in obtained to scale up U=U (through Wits-RHI)
- Advocating for integration of U=U in guidelines and policies
- Through the U=U Africa Forum, will work with U=U ambassadors across Africa to advocate for scale up of U=U regionally.



Thank you



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