



**MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) SPECIAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 06 OCTOBER 2021 AT MAYVILLE IN DURBAN AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
CHAIRPERSON: MR S ZIKALALA, PREMIER OF KWAZULU NATAL
CO- CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson Mr S Zikalala, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal declared the meeting open at 13h30 and welcomed those present physically and on teams. In his opening remarks, he stated that this special PCA meeting was convened to discuss two items- (1) the 21 st International Conference on AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) and (2) Traditional Men's Parliament.	
1.2 APOLOGIES	<p>The Deputy Director General Mr SW Kubheka tendered the following apologies for the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr S Hlomuka- MEC for COGTA• Dr T Xulu-CEO of SANAC• Dr S Tshabalala-HOD for Health• Cllr GP Moodley-Mayor of uMkhanyakude• Cllr V Madlala-Mayor of Alfred Duma	

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1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda of the Special PCA meeting was adopted with proposed amendments i.e. to discuss two items namely item 2.1-the 21 st International Conference on AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) and item 2.2-Traditional Men's Parliament. Mr J Sibiya MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison moved for adoption. Ms B Sithole-Moloi the MEC for Department of Agriculture and Rural Development seconded the adoption of the agenda.	
SECTION 2: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
2.1 21ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS & SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN AFRICA (ICASA).	<p>Dr NI Ndlovu ICASA Local Organising Committee Deputy Co- Chairperson presented on ICASA. The following are highlights:</p> <p>Purpose of presentation: To inform and update members of Provincial Council on AIDS on preparations for the hosting of the 21st International Conference on AIDS and Sexuality Transmitted Infections in Africa 2021 in South Africa. The conference is to take place from the 6th to 11th of December 2021 at the Durban International Conference Centre in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN).</p> <p>Background: ICASA is a major bilingual International Conference on AIDS for takes place in Africa and brings together thousands of scientists, government leaders, policy makers, activists, and people living with HIV as they reaffirm their commitment into achieving an AIDS free Africa.</p> <p>Theme: The conference theme for the 2021 is "Africa's AIDS response. The race to 2030-Evidence.Scale up. Accelerate."</p>	

SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS		
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2.1 21 ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS & SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN AFRICA (ICASA).	<p>Mandate: The province received the mandate from Republic of South Africa Cabinet to host a hybrid ICASA Conference with 250 delegates on site. The KZN Provincial government Executive Council approved hosting ICASA in the province on 11 April 2021.</p> <p>The Health Minister will serve as Co-Chair, Vice President of ICASA 2021</p> <p>Milestones: The following milestones have been achieved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICASA delegates breakfast meeting with the Premier-31 August 2021 • ICASA marathon meetings 13-14 September 2021 • Establishment of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) where Dr T. Xulu is the Chairperson and Dr F Ndlovu the Deputy Chairperson. • Established workstreams tasked with putting together different aspects of ICASA. <p>Local Organising Committee (LOC): The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) have been identified by DG-NDOH namely: Dr T. Xulu (Chairperson) and Dr F. Ndlovu (Deputy Chairperson) while other members are being appointed.</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities: Dr Ndlovu highlighted on the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders- LOC, ICASA Secretariat, NDOH/SANAC and KZN.</p> <p>KZN PCA Tasks: The following were the asks to the KZN PCA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate scholarship payments • Support ICASA build up events one of which is BCC to be held in all 11 districts • Participate in key ICASA committees • Support community village programme <p>Dr Ndlovu concluded by recommending that members of the PCA note that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Republic of South Africa, the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and Durban is hosting International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa (2) the PCA supports all the programmes for hosting ICASA. 	

COMMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr S Xaba, Civil Society Chairperson for uThukela District and PLHIV executive member, welcomed the presentation and said that as PLHIV sector they are committed to supporting the ICASA 2021. Ms N. Khoza, the MEC for Department of Social Development suggested that people with disability and living with HIV be included in the conference preparations and participation Mr P Mdletshe, KZN Civil Society Chairperson said the ICASA is an opportunity for the province to showcase the good work being done .He proposed that the Council Chambers as one of the places that could be used for communities to host satellite ICASA proceedings. He stated that as Civil Society they are ready with programmes in the build up to the conference. Ms N Simelane-Zulu, MEC for Health suggested the physical participation in the conference be extended to accommodate at least 750 people. 		
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2.2 TRADITIONAL MEN'S PARLIAMENT	<p>Dr Matome Kganagka National Deputy Chairperson of the SANAC Men Sector presented. The following were the highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He mentioned that the highest rate of men has mental health issues, highest burden of HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs. The Men sector is looking at how it can contribute positive to all pandemics including Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). The slogan used in the Men sector is "Takuwani Rimme" which means let's work together and discouraging people to work in silos. He further informed the meeting that the Men sector has developed a Men Charter having borrowed from the Women charter <p>The objectives of the Men Sector are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutionalise Men's Organisations working in the field of health and social development Advance the South African Men's Charter Promote the Men's Health campaigns and 365 days of activism programme of action Support awards of men who are renowned social developer and investors 	

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2.2 TRADITIONAL MEN'S PARLIAMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Men's Parliament sits every two years. The first was held in 2018. • Eight districts in KwaZulu-Natal have launched Men Sectors successfully. • The Traditional Men Sector will be launched in 2021. This sector is regarded as important. • It is the mandate of the Men Sector to establish Traditional Men's parliament in all 882 Traditional Councils. The National House of Traditional leaders is committed to assist. • The proposed date for the launch in KwaZulu-Natal is 20 October 2021. • The Men sector proposes that the venue for the launch be the Legislature or any of the Council Chambers in the districts. • In conclusion Dr Kganakga recommended that the Premier and the Speakers Office supports the launch of the Traditional Men Sector in KwaZulu-Natal and the inclusion of the key departments such as COGTA and DSD. 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of uMgungundlovu Cllr T Maphumulo pledged her support for the Men Sector. She mentioned that one of the Local Municipalities has a Men Forum and that the district will work hard to ensure the functionality of Men's forums. • Chairperson of the Men's Forum, Bishop Mchunu requested that the KZN Men Sector be launched in the Legislature and requested the presence of the Premier in the launch. • Honey Allee commended the presentation on the launch of the Men's Sector and asked if the legal issue is incorporated in this whole issue • Chairperson of the Civil Society Mr P Mdletshe said they are in support of the Men sector. He mentioned that Premier is the custodian of Amadoda and all other critical stakeholders. • He appealed to all district leadership to support Amadoda to attend the conference. 		

CLOSURE

Closing Remarks by the Chairperson: Premier S Zikalala

The Chairperson welcomed the presentation on ICASA as well as the launch of the Traditional Men Sector in KZN. He said the Men Sector should work with the office of the speaker of legislature to ensure the participation of all stakeholders.

The Chairperson thanked the PCA Co-Chairperson Mr P Mdletshe, MECs, the Director General, Heads of Department, Mayors, PCA members and all other stakeholders for attending the Special PCA meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 14:00.

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the special PCA meeting held on 6 October 2021.

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PCA Chairperson, Premier Mr S. Zikalala

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