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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MENTIONS

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GROWING KWAZULU-NATAL TOGETHER

PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION

The purpose of the presentation is to share the mentions with the members of the PCA

WORLD AIDS DAY 2022

- KwaZulu-Natal Provincial World AIDS Day (WAD) 2022 will be held on Thursday, 01 December 2022 in 10 Districts and 1 Metro
- The 2022 WAD takes place three years after the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. During this period, the Country has employed various means in responding to COVID-19 in efforts to curb its devastating effects. This year's 2022 WAD commemoration will take into consideration Government response to COVID-19, HIV and TB integration as well as support provided to the PLHIV that were affected by the floods.
- 2022 is also a milestone year in the Country's HIV, TB and STIs response as it marks the end of the 5-year plan NSP/PIP plan implementation period of 2017-2022. The Country and the province will be taking stock of the achievements, progress made, gaps and what needs to be done as the country moves towards the target of eliminating HIV as a public health threat in 2030.
- The global theme for World AIDS Day 2022 is: Equalize! This theme is a call to the global community to act to address the inequalities, which drive the AIDS pandemic.
- The National theme has not been pronounced, upon pronouncement of the theme KZN will then adapt and formulate KZN Theme.
- All Districts are requested to send the build up activities as per the template circulated.

7TH SA TB CONFERENCE

- 7th SA TB Conference was organized by Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) which then became the secretariat of the conference and responsible for registering all the delegates attending this conference.
- The 7th SA TB took place from 13 -16 September 2022 at Durban ICC
- The Theme of the TB SA Conference was “Working together to get TB control back on track”.
- This was the 1st conference after the disturbance of COVID
- Office of the Premier coordinated the partners to fund the registration and accommodation the Civil Society members.
- One of SANAC sessions dealt with the launching of TB caucuses in the Provinces. Only four provinces have launched TB Caucuses namely Northwest, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Gauteng.
- The Chairperson of KZN Civil Society Mr P Mdletshe presented on TB Monitoring at community level, citing eThekweni which has the highest rate of TB prevalence
- The Secretary of KZN Civil Society participated in the panellist’s discussion and encouraged the Conference to start vigorous responses in the fight against TB. He TB to the analogue of Family meetings and not responding to TB only during the World TB Day.

11TH SA AIDS CONFERENCE – 20-23 JUNE 2023

- The 11th SA AIDS Conference 2023, under the Theme: Act, Connect and End the Epidemic will be at the Durban ICC on the 20th - 23rd June 2023.
- As we move away from COVID-19 restrictions, the time has come to get together, triple our efforts and harness a social compact that will accelerate progress towards 2030 UNAIDS targets.
- The soon to be launched 5th generation National Strategic Plan: 2023 - 2028 (NSP) will further give impetus to our response and emphasise our renewed commitment to achieve the agenda 2030.
- As we accelerate our efforts towards achieving the 95-95-95 targets we need to ACT with urgency, to ensure equitable and sustainable access to care for all with emphasis on key and priority populations to END THE EPIDEMIC.
- All stakeholders are encouraged to take early registration which opens on **17 October 2022** and closes **31 January 2023**.
- All stakeholders are encouraged to submit abstracts – submission of abstracts open on **17 October 2022** closes **17 February 2023**.

UNDETECTABLE = UNTRANSMITTABLE (U=U) CAMPAIGN

- SANAC conducted a U=U Provincial Dialogue in August 2022 to bring all key stakeholders to support the development of a roadmap for the implementation and rollout of the national treatment literacy program/U=U.
- The objective of the session was to understand and unpack the science on Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) as a tool to drive treatment adherence and increase responsibility for health seeking behaviour.
- It was recommended that patient empowerment needed to be enhanced; implementation of treatment literacy/patient education initiatives among other things to be prioritised.
- The role of different stakeholders in treatment literacy initiatives, build synergies, enhance advocacy, reduce duplication, enhance efficiencies was discussed
- U=U Program and Treatment Literacy was adopted and aligned to the existing PCA Technical Working Groups.
- This Campaign will be rolled out in all 11 Districts

THANK YOU

