

# AWACC 2026

## (TENTATIVE) PROGRAMME

WED 28/10			
<b>14:00-16:00</b> 5 CPD POINTS	<b>SESSION 1: Advanced HIV Disease (AHD) -Expanding the Reach</b>	<b>S. Gasa</b>	<b>KZN HAST</b>
	1. Overview of concepts and mentorship	<b>H. Sunpath</b>	<i>MEDICATE-AIDS</i>
	2. Challenges at the PHC /CHC to identify and manage AHD clients	<b>S. K. Nzimande</b>	<i>AHF</i>
	3. Using community engagement to strengthen HIV care continuum in SA	<b>C. Ordonez</b>	<i>Emory (USA)</i>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>		
<b>16:30-19:30</b>	<b>SESSION 2: AHD (Part 2) - Case Conference</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
	4. Maternal mortality - focus on non pregnancy related conditions	<b>N. Moran</b>	<i>KZN DOH</i>
	5. Paediatric up referral pathway and the hospitalised patient	<b>N. Padayachee</b>	<i>UKZN</i>
	6. The hospitalised adult patient and down referral	<b>TBC</b>	<i>DOH/UKZN</i>
	7. Palliative end of life care - PLWH	<b>TBC</b>	<i>Hospice</i>
<b>19:30</b>	<i>Dinner</i>		
<b>THU 29/10</b>	<b>SESSION 3: KZN Mental Health and Substance Abuse Symposium</b>	<b>K. Ruthanam</b>	<b>KZN DOH</b>
<b>8:00-11:00</b>	8. KZN policy of inclusion of mental health with care for PLWH	<b>N. Hongo</b>	<i>KZN DOH</i>
	9. Integration of mental health at PHC-level and referral pathways	<b>Z. P. Luvuno</b>	<i>CRH -UKZN</i>
	10. Management of common clinical presentations	<b>TBC</b>	<i>DOH</i>
	11. Model for providing specialist mental health outreach to district level health facilities - The northern KZN experience	<b>J. Brooker</b>	<i>UKZN</i>
	12. Substance abuse – KZN strategy	<b>M. Charles</b>	<i>KZN DOH</i>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>		
<b>11:30-13:30</b>	<b>SESSION 4: ART Updates</b>		
	13. Surveillance of KZN ARV resistance	<b>L. Gounder</b>	<i>Virology - KZN</i>
	14. Management of TLD2 failure / complex cases	<b>TBC</b>	<i>UKZN</i>
	15. ART Regimen Choices – 2026 CROI update	<b>V.C. Marconi</b>	<i>Emory</i>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<i>Lunch</i>		
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<b>SESSION 5: HIV Prevention Update</b>		
	16. Reducing vertical transmission to children	<b>M. Sthandwa</b>	<i>UKZN</i>
	17. PrEP regimens – update; LENCAP roll-out	<b>P. Zama</b>	<i>KZN HAST</i>
	18. The LEVI Syndrome and considerations for HIV screening in people on LA injectable PrEP	<b>M. Siedner</b>	<i>Harvard (USA)</i>
	19. U=U campaign	<b>TBC</b>	<i>Aurobindo</i>

<b>16:45-17:15</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>		
<b>17:15-18:30</b>	<b>SESSION 6: AHD Working Groups - District HAST managers and QA teams</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>KZN HAST</b>
	20. Pilot AHD guidelines in eThekwini	<b>TBC</b>	<i>DOH</i>
	21. Identify mentors and SOP development	<b>S. Gasa</b>	<i>DOH</i>
<b>8 CPD POINTS</b>	22. Tools available for AHD management and role of CHWs	<b>H. Sunpath</b>	<i>MEDICATE-AIDS</i>
<b>FRIDAY 30/10</b>	<b>SESSION 6: HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING</b>		
<b>8:00-10:00</b>	23. Impact of external funding cuts in SA	<b>W.D.F. Venter</b>	<i>EZINTSHA</i>
	24. Improving linkage and retention in care – Second 95	<b>R. Lessells</b>	<i>KRISP /UKZN</i>
	25. NCD / AI in m-Health Platforms	<b>TBC</b>	<i>TBC</i>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<i>Tea Break</i>		
<b>10:30-13:30</b>	<b>SESSION 7</b>		
	26. CA CX prevention and treatment	<b>T. Sebitloane</b>	<i>UKZN</i>
	27. TB UPDATE	<b>TBC</b>	<i>CAPRISA</i>
	28. TB DIAGNOSTICS	<b>N. Dlamini</b>	<i>Microbiology</i>
	29. DR TB	<b>TBC</b>	<i>TBC</i>
	30. HBV Reactivation in Tenofovir-sparing regimens	<b>TBC</b>	<i>TBC</i>
	Closing Remarks		<i>AWACC team</i>
<b>5 CPD POINTS</b>	<i>Lunch</i>		