

Professor Glenda E. Gray has accepted a second term as CEO & President of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) effective 1 April 2019. Professor Gray has, over the past five years, led the organisation to great strengths in scientific achievements, strong organisational governance and capacity development to build the next generation of scientists in Africa.

GLEND A GRAY & THE SAMRC - a five year success story



Demonstrated excellence in scientific output through increase in NRF-rated scientists, from 9 to 30 between 2014 and 2017



Partnered the SAMRC with HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) to conduct vaccine trials in sub Saharan Africa



Funded the procurement of the national licence for Cochrane Library, making South Africa the first country on the continent to procure one that has allowed 60 000 people to access these publications



Developed key collaborations leading to the first Genomics institute in Africa, Cochrane African Network and the BRICS TB Research Network



Strengthened the SAMRC's transformation agenda and invested in increasing the number of masters and doctoral students supported through SAMRC programmes



Adhered to strict corporate governance strategies in administering scientific research and received five consecutive clean audits

A JOURNEY AHEAD - the next five years



Establish whether it is possible to find an efficacious HIV vaccine



Discover collaborative scientific strategies to curb the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Africa



Increase the medical scientific knowledge economy of South Africa to inspire and develop African medical scientists

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It is an honour and privilege to be part of the SAMRC. Together we have built a programme that the country can be proud of. It has also been immensely gratifying to see our young scientists flourish. I look forward to my next term as we continue to build a science environment that will be durable.

- Professor Glenda Gray