

POPULATION SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES

This monthly science focused forum is aimed at sharing and collaborating amongst the nodes and beyond. The topics are primarily Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (HDSS) and Population Science focused. All interested are welcome to attend.

DATE

Wednesday,
26 March 2025

TIME

15:00 – 16:00

VENUE

Virtual on Microsoft Teams
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FACILITATOR:

Dr André Rose, Deputy Director, SAPRIN

Dr Rose is Deputy Director at the South African Population Research Infrastructure Network (SAPRIN). He is a medical doctor with a PhD in Public Health. Dr Rose is a multidisciplinary researcher with significant experience in international development and leadership. He holds a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Cancer Institute USA and has participated in global health initiatives, including the Institute for Global Health research exchange and the Salzburg Global Seminar. He is currently a Kofi Annan Fellowship recipient, aimed at developing senior health leaders in Africa.



SPEAKER:

Rizwana Mia

Senior Programme Manager: Precision Medicine,
South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

Topic: The South African 110K Human Genome Programme

Rizwana is a leader in health innovation with 16 years of experience, combining scientific expertise and strategic thinking with her educational background including Genetics and Business Administration. She directs and develops programmatic research and innovation in Precision Medicine. She is also the Vice Chair of the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (ICPerMed). Her work focuses on the inclusive development of research and innovation in Personalised/Precision Medicine. Her achievements include: developing the South African Precision Medicine Programme as well as designing and establishing The SAMRC Genomics Centre. Currently, she is coordinating the South African 110,000 Human Genome Programme. She is pivotal as the South African lead in the CSA- EU-Africa PerMed consortium, fostering collaboration in personalised medicine research and innovation for Africa. She is actively engaged in developing funding partnerships for the SAMRC - such as the SAMRC- Innovate UK Newton Fund partnership in precision medicine, the ERA-PerMed JTC 2022 and recently the EP PerMed Joint Transnational Call 2025.