

HLB-SIMPLe Annual Meeting

The Program, Topics, Speakers – Version 12.5– 21 May 2024

Gaborone, Botswana – Hotel 430
May 28-30, 2024 (2-½ days)

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Title

2024 HLB-SIMPLe Annual Conference, Gaborone, Botswana May 28-30

Theme

Integrating HIV and NCD Programs for Scale-Up and Sustainability: Leveraging Community Engagement

Objectives and Deliverables

The integration of hypertension and HIV services in Africa represents a crucial step towards fulfilling the Alma Ata Declaration's vision and achieving Universal Health Coverage. It is a pathway to ensuring the long-term sustainability of HIV programming. The current landscape presents a timely opportunity for integration science, emphasizing the need for a focused meeting on this topic. This moment is ripe for leveraging the strengths of our HLB-SIMPLe network, and NIH/-NHLBI/-CTRIS/FIC investment, which unites leading researchers from across the continent, spanning six countries. This network possesses the unique breadth and depth of expertise and experience required to make a significant contribution to this field. By bringing together diverse insights and research, and through meaningful community engagement, the network is ideally positioned to inform and guide the effective integration of hypertension and HIV services. Such an integration not only promises to enhance health outcomes but also paves the way for more resilient and comprehensive health systems in Africa.

The objectives of our upcoming meeting are threefold, each aiming to harness and amplify the collaborative power of our network.

- First, we aim to continue fostering scientific connectivity within the network, providing a platform for exchanging emerging insights about the progress of ongoing studies. This will facilitate a dynamic and informed dialogue among researchers, enhancing the collective understanding of our work.
- Second, the meeting will focus on identifying collective and shared opportunities for exploring the broader implications and insights derived from our individual and joint efforts, including integration of community engagement principles to promote and support sustainability and scale-up of interventions.
- Third, we will dedicate time to pinpointing opportunities for shared scientific methods and insights. By harmonizing our approaches and learning from each other's methodologies, we can strengthen the quality and effectiveness of our research, driving forward our collective mission with greater precision and impact.

These objectives are designed not only to advance our current projects but also to lay a solid foundation for future collaborative endeavors.

Annual Meeting Program

HLB-SIMPLe Annual Meeting – Pre-meeting

Day 0: Monday, May 27, 2024	Time	Activity	Notes/Location
Evening Networking and Early Registration	1800-2000	Pre-Meeting	~2 hours
	1800-2000	Early Registration Poster Presenters to send E-posters	Foyer of Conference Area at Hotel 430
	1800-2000	Hors d'oeuvres Dinner/Buffer	Organized by Botswana Team Location: Botswana Craft



The camera icon denotes the session is being recorded and can be viewed later (asynchronous viewing)









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Note: If the icons are both present, then the session will be live streamed and recorded





HLB-SIMPLe Annual Meeting – Day 1

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Time	Activity and Speaker	Moderators and Location
0600-0800	Breakfast provided at your resident hotel	<i>Hotel 430 or Protea</i>
0700-0800	Working Breakfasts for (1) Principal Investigators and (2) Program Managers/Coordinators of the Six Study Sites	<i>5th Floor Poolside Room in Hotel 4.30 building</i>
0800-0815	<p>Welcome from Local Hosts and NIH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Norris – Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana • Keith Mintzer – Program Scientist, NHLBI, NIH • Minister Honorable Edwin Dikoloti – Minister of Health and Wellness, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Botswana <i>(Pre-recording)</i> 	<p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
0815-0900	<p>Opening Keynote Discussion: (15 minutes each) <i>Integration of HIV and NCD Programs for Scale-Up – Global Landscape, Opportunities, Pitfalls</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mukta Sharma – Cross-Cutting Lead HIV, WHO HQ • Bonaparte Nkomo – Botswana Ministry of Health and Wellness Public Health Specialist and Head of HIV Programmes, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Botswana <p>Moderated Discussion (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Moderator: Francois Venter – PI, South Africa iHEART-SA</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
0900-1000	<p>Keynote Panel: (7 minutes each) <i>Key Issues in the Integration of Hypertension and HIV Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Kelemi – Executive Director of BONELA NGO “Civil Society and the Universal Health – Lessons from the HIV Response” • Shabbar Jaffar – PI of Botswana InterCARE, University College London Institute for Global Health “Insights from the INTE-AFRICA Study and Implications for HLB-SIMPLe” • Billy Tsima – Senior Lecturer and Family Physician, University of Botswana “Equity in health, context in which diseases occur, and collaboration with the community.” • Joseph Makhema – Practicing Internal Medicine Physician and CEO, BHP 	<p>Moderator: Wilbroad Mutale – PI, Zambia TASKPEN</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>



	<p>“Lessons learned from clinical trials related to HIV and hypertension.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosa Moshabela – Professor and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa “Health Systems, People-centered Care and Research – How to Achieve Balance and What Kind of Research Do We Need?” <p>Moderated Discussion (25 minutes)</p>	
1000-1030	Tea Break, View E-Posters, and Group Pictures	<p>Photographer: April Houston – Communications Director, RCC</p> <p><i>2nd Floor Foyer near Main Conference Room, Conference Center</i></p>
1030-1200	<p>Panel Discussion led By Botswana Team: <i>Future Directions of Integration of HIV Care and NCDs in Botswana</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontiretse Letlhare – Permanent Secretary within office of the President, oversees national NCD strategy, NAHPA • Mareko Ramotsababa – Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Botswana • Wame Dikobe – Project Director and Country Representative, FHI 360 • Tidimalo Ookame- Family Physician and Head of Prevention, GABS DHMT 	<p>Moderator: Tendani Gaolathe – PI, Botswana InterCARE</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
1200-1300	Lunch and Networking	<i>Main restaurant Savori – 1st Floor, Hotel</i>
Working Group Meetings from 1300-1500 (Time allotted depends on working group, see below)		
1300-1355	1 HOUR Concurrent Sessions	
	<p>Session 1: PROM Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Nafesa Kanneh, Program Manager, Nigeria MAP-IT; Ken Schechtman PI, RCC; Aaloke Mody, Co-Investigator, RCC • <i>Location: Leruo 1 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i>  	<p>Session 2: Science Communications Cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: April Houston, Communications Director, RCC • Journalist and communications coordinator for Botswana Harvard AIDS Partnership, Tapela Morapedi, will give a brief presentation to members of the science communication cohort on how to engage with media. With whatever time remains, cohort members will practice giving their





		<p>presentations and sharing feedback with their colleagues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location: Leruo 2 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 
1355-1405	SHORT break to switch rooms	
1405-1500	1 HOUR Concurrent Sessions	
	<p>Session 3: Community Engagement Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Claudia Ordoñez, Co-Investigator, South Africa iHEART-SA; Angela Brown, Co-Investigator, RCC • <i>Location: Leruo 1 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 	<p>Session 4: Capacity Building w/K43 and SRP Trainees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Kerstin Klipstein-Grobusch, Co-Investigator, South Africa iHEART-SA; Victor Davila, PI, RCC • <i>Location: Leruo 2 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 
1300-1500	2 HOUR Concurrent Sessions	
	<p>Session 5: Data Harmonization & Costing Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Adam Wilcox, Co-Investigator, RCC; David Dowdy, Co-Investigator, RCC; Emmanuel Tetteh, Program Manager, RCC; Neenah Young, Program Staff, RCC-JHU • Context variables proposal • <i>Location: Abela 1 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 	<p>Session 6: D&I Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Michael Herce, PI, Zambia TASKPEN; Lisa Hirschhorn, Co-Investigator, Botswana InterCARE; Ana Mocumbi PI, Mozambique SCALE SAIA-HTN • Cross-site strategy paper • “Integration: toward measures and metrics” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion led by Lisa Hirschhorn • Propose and discuss shared metrics. • <i>Location: Abela 2 on 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 
1500-1510	SHORT break to switch rooms	
1510-1545	Report Back to Main Group (5 minutes per group)	<p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK</p>  
1545-1630	<p>Alliance Strategic Communications Planning Activity</p> <p>Using a human-centered design exercise called <i>How Might We</i>, participants will form small groups to brainstorm opportunities for cross-project collaboration on external communications products and initiatives to tell the HLB-SIMPLE story.</p>	<p>Moderator: April Houston – Communications Director, RCC</p>





		<p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
1630-1645	Announcements and Adjourn	<p>Moderator: Tessa Gauzy – Program Staff, RCC</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>

HLB-SIMPLe Annual Meeting – Day 2

Wednesday, May 29, 2024





Time	Activity and Speakers	Moderators and Location
0600-0800	Breakfast provided at your resident hotel	Hotel 430 or Protea
0800-0915	<p>Study Site Presentations from PIs (10 minutes each) <i>Adaptations and mechanisms – Key emerging insights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botswana InterCARE: Mosepele Mosepele • Mozambique SCALE SAIA-HTN: Ana Mocumbi • Nigeria MAP-IT: Dike Ojji • South Africa iHEART-SA: Francois Venter • Uganda PULESA: Fred Semitala • Zambia TASKPEN: Wilbroad Mutale <p>Moderated Discussion (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Moderator: Elvin Geng – PI, RCC</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
0915-0930	SHORT break to switch rooms	
0930-1100	Concurrent Sessions: Trainee & Early-Stage Investigator Presentations	
	<p><u>Session 1: SRP & K43 Cohorts</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SRP: Vincent Setlhare (Botswana InterCARE) <i>Facilitators and barriers of blood pressure (BP) control in treated patients attending primary health care (PHC) clinics in Gaborone, Botswana.</i> 2. SRP: Micheal Kiyingi (Uganda PULESA) <i>Effect of streamlined hypertension care on health-related quality of life among virally suppressed people living with HIV in Uganda.</i> 3. SRP: Anyiekere Ekanem (Nigeria MAP-IT) <i>Perception of hypertension in urban and rural communities of Akwa Ibom State, Southern Nigeria: A qualitative study.</i> 4. SRP: Norberto Lumbandali (Mozambique SCALE SAIA-HTN) <i>SSAIA economic evaluation</i> 5. K43: Anthony Orji (Nigeria MAP-IT) <i>Facilitators and Barriers to integrating diabetes, hypertension, and HIV care in primary healthcare Centers in Nigeria: A mixed-methods Formative Study.</i> 6. K43: Anchindika Mugala (Zambia TASKPEN) <i>Addressing unhealthy alcohol use to improve</i> 	<p><u>Session 2: Science Communications Cohort</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edwin Mogaetsho (Botswana InterCARE) <i>Use of infographics as a tool for NCD intervention</i> 2. Riaze Rafik (Mozambique SCALE SAIA-HTN) <i>The power of visual storytelling: Leveraging tableau for impactful communication.</i> 3. Daniel Henry (Nigeria MAP-IT) <i>A communications campaign to reduce HIV/Hypertension stigma in Akwa Ibom, Nigeria</i> 4. Eunice Mopane (South Africa iHEART-SA) <i>iHEART-SA Magazine: Empowering health literacy and advocating for well-being.</i> 5. Byron Biryaho/Michael Kiyingi (Uganda PULESA) <i>Integrating Care: The PULESA-Uganda story.</i> 6. Luanaledi Chunga/Brian Banda (Zambia TASKPEN) <i>Talking with TASKPEN</i>

	<p><i>control of hypertension among people living with HIV in Zambia.</i></p> <p>Discussants: Chuck Goss – Co-Investigator, RCC Daphne Lew – Co-Investigator, RCC Matt Hickey – Co-Investigator, RCC</p> <p>Moderator: Victor Davila – PI, RCC</p> <p><i>Abela Room 1&2 Combined, 1st Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>	<p>Discussants: Wilbroad Mutale – PI, Zambia TASKPEN Claudia Ordoñez – Co-Investigator, South Africa iHEART-SA</p> <p>Moderator: April Houston – Communications Director, RCC</p> <p><i>Leruo Room 1 & 2 Combined, 1st Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
1100-1130	Tea Break and E-Poster Viewing	<i>1st Floor Foyer, Conference Center</i>
1130-1300 Network Café	<p>Network Café Brief Overview (5-10 min)</p> <p>Activity (80 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15-minute discussions with four other annual meeting attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 minutes in between each discussion to find your next networking partner. <p><i>Each attendee will receive an insert in for your nametag of the four people you will meet with.</i></p>	<p>Moderators: Elvin Geng – PI, RCC; Ashley Underwood – Program Manager, RCC</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p>
1300-1400	Lunch	<i>Hotel main restaurant Savori – 1st Floor</i>
1400-1630	<p>Community Engagement in Research Workshop: World Café</p> <p>Organized by: HLB-S Community Engagement and Capacity Building Sub-committees.</p> <p>Description: This dynamic and interactive workshop will invite participants to consider their local models of community engagement. Together in small and large groups, participants will share key insights and lessons learned in community engagement for HIV and hypertension care integration among HLB-S sites.</p> <p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maliha Ilias – Senior Program Director, Community-Engaged Research, CTRIS, NHLBI 	<p>Organizers: Angela Brown – Co-Investigator, RCC Victor Davila – PI, RCC Claudia Ordoñez – Co-Investigator, South Africa iHEART-SA, Angela Aifah – Co-Investigator, Nigeria MAP-IT</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">“NHLBI Commitment to Community Engagement”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Angela Brown – Co-Investigator, RCC • What Informs Your Community Engagement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Claudia Ordoñez – Co-Investigator, South Africa iHEART-SA & Angela Aifah – Co-Investigator, Nigeria MAP-IT • World Café Round Robin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leah Neubauer – Facilitator, Northwestern University ○ Botswanan Community Members ○ HLB-SIMPLe Site Collaborators • Wrap-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leah Neubauer – Facilitator, Northwestern University • Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Victor Davila – PI, RCC 	<p>Main Facilitator: Leah Neubauer – Northwestern University</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
1630-1640	Announcements and Adjourn	<p>Moderator: Tessa Gauzy – Program Staff, RCC</p> <p><i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i></p> <p>LINK  </p>
1900-2100	Cultural Event, Buffet Dinner, Networking	<i>Hotel Restaurant, 1st Floor- Savori</i>

HLB-SIMPLe Annual Meeting – Day 3

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Time	Activity and Speaker	Moderators and Location
0600-0800	Breakfast provided at your resident Hotel	<i>Hotel 430 or Protea</i>
0800-0830	E-Poster Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Henry – Nigeria MAP-IT <i>Integrating NCD Awareness Campaign into Periodic HIV Awareness Campaign: Lessons from Events of World AIDS Day in Akwa Ibom, Nigeria</i> Anyiekere Ekanem – Nigeria MAP-IT <i>Building Capacity on Hypertension in Physician and Non-Physician Healthcare Workers at Primary Care Level Through Hypertension Academy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)</i> 	2 nd Floor Conference Foyer, Conference Center 
0830-1000	Plenary Talk with Regional and Global Officials: (15 minutes each) <i>Bridging the gap between policy and research for HIV/NCD Integration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathan Ford – Program Scientist, HIV Department, World Health Organization Mike Reid – Chief Science Officer, PEPFAR Headquarters Neeta Bhandari – Senior Program Officer, HIV Sustainability, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (<i>pre-recording</i>) Moderated Discussion (45 minutes)	Introduction: Mosepele Mosepele – PI, Botswana InterCARE Moderator: Ana Mocumbi – PI, Mozambique SCALE SAIA-HTN <i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i> LINK  
1000-1130	Concurrent Workshops (1.5 hours)	
	Session 1: Combined DH, D&I, Pubs, and Cost Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Wilcox – Co-Investigator, RCC; David Dowdy, Co-Investigator, RCC; Elvin Geng – PI, RCC Discuss DH datasets and report back from the day 1 workshop Discuss mechanisms mapping and report back from the day 1 workshop Discuss data use agreement <i>Location: Leruo 1 and 2, 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 	
	Session 2: Methodology - LAGO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Spiegelman – Co-Investigator, Uganda PULESA <i>“Results from the LAGO 2-year experience in PULESA and TASKPEN”</i> 	Session 3: Q&A for Early-Stage Investigators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions (20 minutes) Collaborate with participants on NIH applications individually or in groups

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location: Abela 1, 1st Floor, Conference Center</i>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Mintzer and Maliha Ilias – NHLBI, NIH • <i>Location: Abela 2, 1st Floor, Conference Center</i> 
1130-1145	Report Back to Main Group (5 minutes per group)	<i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i> LINK  
1145-1230	Closing Plenary and Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gontse Tshisimogo – Botswana Ministry of Health NCD Program Manager, Ministry of Health and Wellness Botswana • Recap, Q&A, and Closing – Botswana InterCARE 	Moderator: Ken Schechtman – PI, RCC <i>Main Conference Room 2nd Floor, Conference Center</i> LINK  
1230-1330	LUNCH and Adjourn	<i>Hotel main restaurant Savori – 1st Floor</i>

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Table of Agenda Abbreviations:

Abbreviation:	Meaning:
HLB-SIMPLe	Heart, Lung, and Blood Co-morbidities Implementation Models in People Living with HIV.
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NHLBI	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
CTRIS	Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science
InterCARE	Integrating Hypertension and Cardiovascular Diseases CARE into Existing HIV Services Package in Botswana
NCD	Non-communicable disease(s)
WHO	World Health Organization
iHeart-SA	Integrating HIV and heart health in South Africa
MOH	Ministry of Health
BONELA	Botswana Network on Ethics, Law, and HIV/AIDS
TASKPEN	Effects of a package of evidence-based interventions and implementation strategies based on WHO PEN for people living with HIV and cardio-metabolic conditions in Lusaka, Zambia
RCC	Research Coordinating Center of the HLB-SIMPLe
NAHPA	Botswana National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency
SCALE SAIA-HTN	Scaling Out and Scaling Up the Systems Analysis and Improvement Approach to Optimize the Hypertension Diagnosis and Care Cascade for HIV-Infected Individuals
MAP-IT	Managing Hypertension Among People Living with HIV: an Integrated model
PULSEA	Strengthening the Blood Pressure Care and Treatment Cascade for Ugandans Living with HIV—Implementation Strategies to Save Lives
NAHPA	National AIDs and Health Promotion Agency
PEPFAR	The U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
CAB	Community Advisory Board
BHP	Botswana Harvard Health Partnership
GABS DHMT	Greater Gaborone District Health Management Team
BITRI	Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation

AV Set-up Information and Conference Room Locations:

Conference Locations:

- Main Conference Room – 2nd Floor of the Conference Center
- Leruo 1 and 2 Breakout Rooms – 1st Floor of the Conference Center
- Abela 1 and 2 Breakout Rooms – 1st Floor of the Conference Center

AV Set-up:

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- AV will set up early morning on 27 May.
- E-Posters:
 - 6 LED screens available
 - 75-inch TV screen
- Interpretation:
 - Interpretation from English to Portuguese will be available with equipment provided.
 - No sign language provided.
- Main Conference Room Stage:
 - The stage accommodates **ten** chairs with side tables and a podium.
 - A 6 by 3-meter screen above the stage to view presentations.
 - There are also 2, 55-inch comfort monitors in front of the panelist chairs.
- Microphones:
 - Hand-held microphones will be provided for those speaking.
 - A microphone will be on the podium for the moderator as well.
 - There is the option for headsets with microphones.
- Virtual Space:
 - Zoom link for Main Conference Room: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://wustl-hipaa.zoom.us/j/93854006597>
 - Zoom link for Early-Stage Investigator Presentations in Leruo Breakout Room:
 - <https://wustl-hipaa.zoom.us/s/92038166195>
 - Zoom link for Early-Stage Investigator Presentations in Abela Breakout Room:
 - <https://wustl-hipaa.zoom.us/s/2862952651>

