



SAVIC GAUTENG 2009 EPI SYMPOSIUM

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WELCOME

- International Visitors
- Delegates from:
 - WHO
 - PATH
 - NESI
 - National Dept of Health
 - Provincial Depts of Health
 - Schools of Health Sciences
 - Private Sector (Vaccine Industry)
 - All other delegates





EPI-SA and New Vaccines

- In the last 13 years, South Africa (SA) introduced:
 - Hepatitis B vaccine (April 1995)
 - Hib vaccine (June 1999)
- SA introduced these two vaccines using its own funds
- SA was among the first 10 countries to introduce hepatitis B vaccine, and among the first 5 countries to introduce Hib vaccine on the African continent
- In 2008, SA announced introduction of:
 - Rotavirus, Pneumococcal & DTPaHibIPV_vaccines
- SA is revolutionising the National Immunisation Programmes in Africa
 - First in Africa to introduce Rota, Pneumo & IPV vaccines
 - On track in addressing the UN MDG and GIVS strategic area 2





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INTRODUCTION OF NEW VACCINES INTO NATIONAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES

Organised by SAVIC / University of Limpopo and Gauteng Province Department of Health, in partnership with the South African National Department of Health, World Health Organisation, Network for Education and Support in Immunisation (NESI) / University of Antwerp (Belgium) and University of Pretoria



Symposium Objectives

- Theme: Introduction of new vaccines into EPI-SA
- Primary objectives:
 - To update participants on policy and strategies for introduction of new vaccines in the WHO AFR region
 - To share experience on policy and programmatic decision making processes in introducing new vaccines
 - To update participants on progress with introduction of Rotavirus and Pneumococcal vaccines in one district of Eastern Cape, South Africa
 - To promote discussion on opportunities/challenges faced by African countries in introducing new vaccines





Symposium Objectives

■ Secondary objectives:

- To continue strengthening immunisation programmes through partnerships between various role players: public, academic, private, alliances, etc.
- Capacitate Immunisation Practitioners at operational level with Evidence-Based Medicine and Advanced Knowledge related to introduction of new vaccines



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