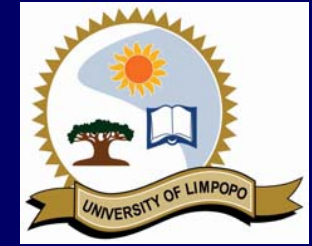


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The Symposium is organised by the South African Vaccination and Immunisation Centre (SAVIC) in partnership with North West Province Department of Health, in the context of an Academic-Public Alliance between the University of Limpopo and the University of Antwerp (Belgium) with the National Department of Health - South Africa

# Objectives of North West EPI Symposium

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- ❑ Bring together SAVIC partners and stakeholders to interact and share experiences in the field of vaccinology and immunisation;

The target audience includes, but is not limited to, health officials, health care workers, scientists, academics, and the Vaccine Industry.

- ❑ Provide participants with advanced knowledge and understanding of the current and future challenges in EPI global, regional and national strategies, as well as in EPI special-interest areas of socio-behavioural science, health systems management and policy issues, curricula and training, and epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases
- ❑ Capacitate Immunisation Practitioners at operational level with up-to-date knowledge related to Immunisation Safety, Injection Safety, and Reporting of AEFI's, using Immunisation Policies and Practices developed at global, AFRO-regional, and national level.
- ❑ Formulate concluding remarks on immunization programmes (national, provincial) to be taken forward as action points by the different stakeholders and partners

# SAVIC IS A NETWORK OF PARTNERS

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- University of Limpopo, South Africa
- University of Antwerp, Belgium
- National Department of Health, South Africa
- Provincial Departments of Health  
Limpopo (DHSD), North West & Gauteng  
Provinces
- Industry Partners (Sanofi Pasteur, Biovac  
Institute, GSK, Beckton Dickinson, MSD, etc)
- Other Partners

# North West Department of Health

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## VISION

Optimum Health for all individuals and communities in the North West Province.

## MISSION

To ensure access to affordable, equitable, quality caring health services for all in the North West Province through;  
Community involvement and partnerships Batho Pele principles, Patient's Right Charter  
Innovation driven performance and valuing our people and their diversity.

## VALUES

- The Department is customer driven (Batho Pele Standards).
- We work towards understanding our customer's needs, to continuously deliver beyond their expectation, and provide comprehensive quality health care services.
- We are performance driven.
- The Department strives to improve and excel.
- We have set aggressive targets through integrated implementation program.
- We value our people and their diversity.
- The Department value fairness in all its dealings with people.