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# MEET THE 2024/2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION NPC

## SAMA PRESIDENT



Prof Mfundo Mabenge

Professor Mfundo Mabenge is the last-born child in a family of 10 children. He attended primary education at New Brighton Seventh Day Adventist Primary School in Gqeberha and matriculated at Bethel College in Butterworth in 1985. He studied for a BSC degree at the University of the Western Cape and obtained his qualification in 1990, majoring in Biochemistry and Physiology.

Prof Mabenge studied medicine at Medunsa and completed a MBChB degree in 1995, with a distinction in Paediatrics and General surgery. In 1998 he graduated with a Diploma in Obstetrics from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA). Following this, he obtained a diploma in Practical Labour Law at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU).

In April 2007 Prof Mabenge graduated with a specialist degree (Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology - FCOG) from CMSA, and in September that same year he graduated with a Master of Medicine (MMed) specialising in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the University of Pretoria (UP). He completed a Master of Arts in Health and Welfare Management at Nelson Mandela University and holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in Labour Law from NMMU.

Prof Mabenge trained as a super specialist in Gynae Oncology with UP and completed his subspecialty training (Certificate in Gynae Oncology) from CMSA. He qualified as a Gynae Oncologist in October 2016 and two years later, in 2018, he graduated with a Master of Philosophy (M. Phil-Gynae Oncology) from UP. He holds a Graduate Certificate in Theology from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced studies (AIAS) in the Philippines.

In 2016 Prof Mabenge was appointed a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Walter Sisulu University, where he is currently the Clinical Head and involved in training and supervising doctors who are specialising in obstetrics and gynecology. Prof Mabenge received an Academic Fellowship Award from Discovery to complete a Doctor of Philosophy in Obstetrics at the University of Witwatersrand. He is a member of the council for the College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (COG CMSA).



## SAMA CHAIRPERSON



Dr Mvuyisi Mzukwa

SAMA Chairperson, Dr Mvuyisi Mzukwa, is a General Practitioner and he has been practicing at a private practice in Durban for more than 10 years. He obtained his Medical Degree (MBChB) and a Diploma in Occupational Health from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is currently studying towards a Master of Science in Diabetes at Warwick University, Ireland.

Dr Mzukwa is a Medical Ethics Committee (MEC) member, a Socio-Medical Affairs (SMAC) member and a Review Committee Member of the World Medical Association (WMA). He has also served in the WMA Council. Dr Mzukwa serves as a Board Member at the Foundation for Professional Development.

## SAMA VICE-CHAIRPERSON



Prof Ames Dhai

Professor Ames Dhai is Founder and Past Director of the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics at the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences (2007 – 2019), Professor of Bioethics and Health Law at the Wits School of Clinical Medicine and member of the Academy of Science South Africa (ASSAf). She is the immediate past Chairperson of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee.

Some of her current activities include: Chairperson of the SAMRC Bioethics Advisory Panel; Chair of the Human Sciences Research Council Research Ethics Committee, Chair of the SANBS Research Ethics Committee, Chair of the ASSAf Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee.

Her past roles include: Vice-Chair on the Ministerial Advisory Committee for COVID-19 Vaccines where she headed the Technical Working Group on Mandatory Vaccinations; two terms as Deputy Chair of the National Health Research Ethics Council and member of the Board of the HPCSA

Prof Dhai is a leading authority in Bioethics both internationally and locally, and can be credited with entrenching bioethics and human rights as an integral aspect of health sciences in SA.

## SAMA BOARD MEMBERS



**Dr Munyadziwa Kwindi**

Dr Munyadziwa Kwindi is a Medical Specialist in Family Medicine with expertise in Health Law and Bioethics, for which he holds an Msc Med (Bioethics and Health Law) with the University of Witwatersrand and a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) with the University of South Africa. Before joining Tshiamiso Trust, where Dr Kwindi is currently employed as the Chief Executive Officer, he was the Ombudsman at the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) for more than nine (9) years. During his tenure at the HPCSA he acted in different roles, including acting as Chief Operations Officer and Registrar/Chief Executive Officer.



**Dr Sharon Harbor**

Dr Sharon Harbor is a dedicated medical registrar nearing completion of her specialist training in Anatomical Pathology, specialising in Dermatopathology. Graduating with distinction, she earned her Medical degree (MBBCh) from the University of Cape Town in 2015, she is a distinguished diplomat of the Royal College of Pathologists. As a respected member of the Board of Directors of SAMA, she is the Chairperson of the South African Registrar's Association and Chairperson of SAMA's Women's Wing, where her advocacy extends to empowering young doctors and promoting gender diversity within the medical community.



**Dr Thabo Lengana**

Dr Thabo Lengana is a medical specialist with Drs' Van Niekerk, Ramjee, Modisella and Lengana Inc (Centre of Molecular Imaging and Theranostics), where his main interest lies in prostate cancer imaging. He qualified as a medical doctor in 2007 and trained as a medical specialist, qualifying as a Fellow of the College of Nuclear Physicians in 2017 and completed his Master of Medicine in Nuclear Medicine in 2018. He completed his PhD studies in Nuclear Medical Sciences at the University of Pretoria in 2021. He holds a Master of Science in Bioethics and Health Law, and currently serves on the Discovery Health Disputes Committee.



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**Dr Mark Human**

Dr Mark Human is General Orthopaedic Surgeon in Private Practice with 25 years of experience. He obtained his MBBCh from the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) in 1992, worked in the UK for 6 years obtaining a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in England in 2000. He then came home to complete his Orthopaedic specialisation. He has been involved in SAMA, as a member of the Gauteng Branch, for 20 years initially as a SARA representative and most recently chairing the Branch for the past 5 years. He has been a Board Member since 2018 and chaired the HRLE committee from 2018-2023. He currently chairs the Chairpersons Forum and sits on the SA Orthopaedic Association Exco.



**Dr Mzulungile Nodikida**

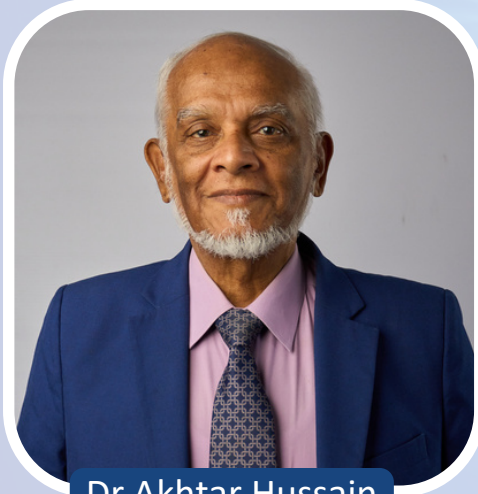
SAMA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Nodikida is a dedicated and accomplished Medical Doctor who attained his undergraduate medical degree from the University of Villa Clara in Cuba, complemented by a Diploma in Obstetrics from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA). He possesses a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Rhodes University and an Executive Master's in Public Health (EMPH) from Peking University, Beijing, China. He is proficient in corporate governance, financial markets, and adept in leadership roles within medical associations and healthcare administration.



**Dr Ntombifikile Mtshali**

Dr Ntombifikile Nokwethemba Mtshali, MD, MBA, is Chief Executive Officer of Shout-It-Now, an organisation committed to the modern delivery of HIV and GBV prevention services. Dr Mtshali is an experienced manager with an exemplary 12-year post graduate track record in clinical work and health service management gained in the public service. Apart from her medical background and multi-cultural skills, Dr Mtshali has exceptional multi-stakeholder management skills. She blends her experience in Business re-engineering seamlessly with her technical expertise and extensive public health management experience.

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**Dr Akhtar Hussain**

Dr Akhtar Hussain is a specialist family physician based in Durban and he has been in the public healthcare system for nearly four decades, with a special interest in paediatric HIV/AIDS and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS. He is a lecturer in the department of Family Medicine at the Nelson Mandela Medical School. He has been a good standing SAMA member more than 35 years and was the first trained SAMA Shop steward in 1996. He is the Vice Chairperson of the Human Rights Law and Ethics Committee at SAMA. Dr Hussain is a Vice President of Bazm e Adab Urdu Society in KZN. He is also an intern evaluator with the HPCSA.



**Prof Dirk Hagemester**

Professor Dirk Hagemester is a Principal Family Physician and Associate Professor at the University of the Free State. He obtained his Dr.med. (Nephrology) qualification from the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and a Master of Public Health from the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences in Germany, to name a few. He obtained a Diploma in HIV Management, a Postgraduate diploma in Internal Research Ethics, a Diploma in Anaesthetics and a PhD in Health Science Education from UFS. Since 2006 he has been working in clinical and academic functions across various provinces, and for the past 10 years he has been serving in his current joint appointment in the Department of Family Medicine.



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**Prof Jacques Snyman**

Professor Jacques Snyman is a renowned expert in various fields of Clinical Pharmacology and has contributed significantly to the advancement of Clinical Pharmacology in South Africa.

He has lectured extensively both locally and abroad on various topics and is widely published in various scientific and mass media journals and publications.



**Dr Sizeka Maweya**

Dr Sizeka Maweya is a registered Family Physician with the HPCSA since November 2011. He obtained his MBChB degree from the University of Pretoria, and later his Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology in 2018. He worked as a Clinical Executive Director of Pietersburg Hospital and started the Department of Neurosurgery in 2014. He was a member of the SAfAIDS Board of Directors and is a Health Professionals Sector Leader of SANAC. Dr Maweya is a consultant in the Family Medicine Department at Pretoria West District Hospital and Lecturer at the University of Pretoria. Dr Maweya is an examiner for the Colleges of Medicine South Africa (CMSA) Family Medicine for diploma and fellowship.

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