



**Southern African Regional Network
SECRETARIAT**

Meeting with SADC Chairperson of Health Ministers

**Ministry of Health and Child Care
Harare, Zimbabwe**

30th October, 2014

**SARN Secretariat
Gaborone, Botswana**

1.0 Background

During the Private Sector engagement meetings in Johannesburg, South Africa held in October 2014, it was agreed that proposal to explore the possibility of establishing a Trust/Endowment Fund for the E8 region would be tabled to the SADC Chair and that a team made up of Professor Tlou (UNAIDS Regional Director), Tjipo Mothobi (Discovery), Perry Mwangwala (GF-FPM), IOM, Dr Vusumusi Nhlapo (Rio Tinto), NMCP Manager and SARN would travel to Zimbabwe to brief the Minister. The meeting would also be used to prepare the Chair for the upcoming SADC Health Ministers meeting and the RBM Board meeting. The Zimbabwe Minister of Health has taken over as the SADC Chair of Health Ministers and RBM Board Member for Southern Africa and has expressed willingness and support for the regional engagements.

2.0 Main outcomes

- The Minister re-affirmed the commitment of all SADC Health Ministers.
- A three hour session will be held with the SADC Health Ministers the day prior to their meeting (on 25 November 2014) to be funded by IOM and drawing in participation from private sector, civil society, development partners and member states. The focus has been expanded to the 3 diseases (see attached updated draft agenda).
- The above session, apart from reaffirming stakeholder commitments to address the 3 diseases, will also motivate for this forum to be an ongoing one, held alongside the SADC Health Ministers meetings to ensure mutual agreement on addressing HIV, TB and Malaria in the region.
- SADC Chair agreed on the idea of setting up a regional trust fund/endowment fund, to potentially start with Malaria in-line with malaria elimination and expand to TB to HIV/AIDS and will table it to the SADC Health Ministers so as to reach regional consensus.
- There was agreement from the SADC Chair that Prof Sheila Tlou should be made a Special Envoy to the SADC Health Ministers to move this partnership agenda forward. Dr Parirenyatwa will be presenting this idea to his fellow Ministers at the upcoming SADC Health Minister's meeting. As she is a former Minister of Health of Botswana this will be beneficial. The invitations letters for the dialogue sessions will be issued as a joint invitation from the UNAIDS Regional Director and SADC Chairperson on a UNAIDS letter. This processing was approved by the SADC Chairperson.
- A structured pre-board briefing of the Minister will be carried out in preparation of the Thailand RBM Board meeting.

3.0 Participants of the meeting with SADC Chairperson

1. Hon. Minister David Parirenyatwa, Minister of Health, Zimbabwe and SADC Chairperson
2. Prof. Sheila Tlou, Director, UNAIDS Regional Office
3. Mr Perry Mwangwala, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager, Global Fund

4. Dr. Vusumuzi Nhlapho, Principal Global Health Advisor, Rio Tinto & Private Sector Constituency, Vice Chair
5. Ms. Tjipo Mthobi, RBM SARN Co-Chairperson and SADC PSC Focal Point
6. Dr. Kaka Mudambo, RBM SARN coordinator
7. Dr. Joseph Mberikunashe, NMCP, Zimbabwe
8. Ms Kudzai Makmva, SADC E8 Coordinator
9. Dr. Nkenchi Obisie, Migration Research Officer, IOM
10. Dr. Christine Chakanyuka, WHO Country TB National Program Officer (NPO)
(Invited by Minister Parirenyatwa)