



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL PEDIATRICS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS

Indaba Hotel & Conference Centre, Fourways, Johannesburg

28 NOVEMBER TO 1 DECEMBER 2023

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE, FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE



PROGRAMME

AS AT 27 NOVEMBER 2023

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS – TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 – FROM 09H00

Start: 09h00

Coffee: 10h30 – 10h45

Lunch: 12h30 – 13h30

Coffee: 15h00 – 15h15

End: 17h00

WORKSHOP 1

GLOBAL SCALES OF EARLY DEVELOPMENT (GSED)

Global Scales for Early Development (GSED) is a new package by the World Health Organization that enables us to monitor the development of children up to three years of age, in a standardized way. Hear from expert teams, how this culturally neutral tool represents a global solution to collating data. A tool that enables researchers, programmes and countries to change the way we measure early childhood development thus strengthening the support for investment in young children and their families.

Vanessa Cavallera (WHO Geneva), **Melissa Gladstone** (United Kingdom), **Atsede Teklehaimanot** (Ethiopia), **Susanne Martin Herz** (USA), **Layla Bradford** (South Africa), **Ambreen Nizar** (Pakistan), **Richard Nkhata** (Malawi), **Bharati Roy** (Bangladesh), **Louisa Mudawarima** (Zimbabwe)

Venue: Lecture Room 15

WORKSHOP 2

WHO/UNICEF CARE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The most important window of opportunity for ensuring optimal development and preventing risk of long-term damage is from pregnancy through to the first 5 years of life. Health encounters during this time may represent the only opportunity for professionals to positively influence families' efforts to promote early childhood development. This workshop brings to us the trainers and developers of the package, to share latest evidence on how these vital skills can be taught to caregivers.

Jane Lucas (USA), **Sheila Manji** (WHO, Switzerland), **Lama Charafeddine** (Lebanon, virtual), **Wiedaad Slemming** (South Africa), **Nomsa Thawla** (South Africa)

Venue: Lethabo

WORKSHOP 3

GUIDE FOR MONITORING CHILD DEVELOPMENT (GMCD)

The international GMCD is a unique package that pioneers an individualized, comprehensive approach to monitor and support children's development. Based on bioecological, family-centered, strengths-based theories, the GMCD acknowledges families as experts of their children's development and supports service providers in strengthening a compassionate, trusting, working partnership with the family around supporting child development. The GMCD uses an open-ended interview technique and strengths-based, individualized, culturally adaptable interventions. The National Institute of Health (NIH) funded international GMCD study has standardized and validated the GMCD in diverse countries (Argentina, India, South Africa and Turkey) eliminating the need for re-standardization or re-validation. To date, the GMCD training has included service providers from many countries. This one-day course will provide participants with information, skills and attitudes to use the GMCD and a roadmap on how to incorporate the GMCD in their communities and countries.

Ezgi Özalp Akin (Türkiye), **Amruta Bandal** (India), **Karyn Choy** (Guatemala), **Sara Hernandez** (Guatemala), **Leera Lobo** (India), **Ashwini Marathe** (India), **Mphekedzeni Mulaudzi** (South Africa), **Revan Mustafa** (Türkiye), **Anushree Sane** (India), **Maria Sheila Sono** (South Africa), **Roopa Srinivasan** (India)

Venue: Kgotla 1 & Kgotla 2



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WORKSHOP 4

PARENT- MEDIATED INTERVENTIONS- FOCUS ON THE WHO-CAREGIVER SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

Parent-mediated interventions in Autism are the need of the hour in Low and Middle middle-income countries. This workshop will focus on the World Health Organization's Caregiver Skills Training (WHO-CST) model and will include perspectives from various stakeholders- researchers, specialist and community-based trainers, and caregiver voices. Participants will get an overview of the program and get an opportunity to know more about some of the key tips and strategies for caregivers. They will also learn about implementation of the WHO-CST from first-hand experiences in countries like South Africa, Kenya and India, and have the opportunity to interact with the implementation teams.

Amina Abu-Bakar (Kenya), **Chiara Servili** (WHO, Geneva), **Dineo Mosiane** (South Africa), **Juliet Carter** (South Africa), **Koyeli Sengupta** (India), **Liezl Schiebusch** (South Africa), **Pamela Dixon** (United States of America), **Tumelo Leeuw** (South Africa)

Venue: Lecture Room 8

WORKSHOP 5

GENDER AND SEXUALITY

In many parts of the world, sexuality (including LGBTQ+ sexuality) is a sensitive topic. As child development professionals, we are a trusted source of information for young people, families, educators, and policy makers. In this workshop we will review sexuality from the perspective of neurotypical and neurodivergent individuals. The focus will be on practical approaches for clinical care, education and advocacy adapted to local context. We will hear from professionals, caregivers and young people sharing their experience (including lived experience).

The goals of the workshop include:

1. Participants will learn about the development of sexual identify in neurotypical and neurodivergent children/ young people
2. Participants will understand that neurodivergent individuals have sexual needs and desires just like any other individual
3. Participants will gain an understanding of how professionals can provide anticipatory guidance and have discussions about sexuality
4. Participants will hear examples of navigating difficult topics related to sexuality

Ramzi Nasir (United Kingdom), **Simon Pickstone-Taylor** (South Africa), **Claire Fourie** (South Africa), **Joachim Ntetmen** (Cameroon, virtual), **Cole Goldberg** (South Africa)

Venue: Auditorium

WORKSHOP 6

NEW TO WHEELCHAIR SEATING AND POSTIONING

Shonaquip Social Enterprise is a local manufacturer of assistive technology whose ecosystem approach enables inclusion of children with disabilities and their families across South Africa. This New to Seating workshop, facilitated by experienced seating practitioners aims to raise awareness of the importance of appropriate posture and mobility device provision and 24-hour positioning principles as a powerful tool to successful early intervention, inclusion and participation.

The training will serve as an introduction to mobility devices provision aligned to the recently published WHO Guidelines, including the basic steps of assessing users for appropriate devices. The benefits of appropriate seating as well as the risks associated with poor positioning will be explored. This workshop will serve as an introduction to discovering how appropriate positioning can open up a world of play and learning for children with disabilities.

Our day will entail the following:

1. Introduction to Shonaquip's history and goal of creating inclusive societies
2. A Parent's Story - Tumi to share on a caregiver's experience of having a child with a more severe disability & what support caregiver's need from healthcare system
3. Ndingona - Introduction to the Ndingona kit & training packages
4. 24 hour positioning - Biomechanics and 2nd complications
5. Q & A with Tumi
6. Assessment of client - WHO 8 steps, how to assess - Pelvis, ROM, hip dislocation
7. Features of posture support and mobility devices to consider
8. Q & A
9. Case studies

Erica Conibear (South Africa), **Aimee Smale** (South Africa), **Tumi Matlou** (South Africa), **Kgomotso Matlou** (South Africa)

Venue: Lecture Room 16



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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2023				
08h00 - 09h00 REGISTRATION				
09h00 - 10h00 OPENING CEREMONY				
		Speakers:		Venue: Kgotla
	Welcome by the 2023 IDPA Congress President	Kirsty Donald (South Africa)		
	Note from the IDPA president	Ghassan Issa (Lebanon, Virtual)		
	Introduction to South Africa's First Lady	Lesley Bamford (South Africa)		
	Message from South Africa's First Lady	Tshepo Motsepe (South Africa)		
	Message from UNICEF South Africa	Christine Muhigana (South Africa)		
	Entertainment			
10h00 - 10h30 COFFEE				
10h30 - 11h15 KEYNOTE LECTURE:				
		Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	Lessons from the Birth-30 study: Setting the Scene for a Healthy Life Linda Richter (South Africa)	Wiedaad Slemming (South Africa) Mphele Mulaudzi (South Africa)		
11h15 - 12h15 KEYNOTE PANEL:				
		Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	The World's Children with Developmental Disabilities: a WHO-UNICEF Global Report. What's next? Raoul Bermejo (UNICEF) Vanessa Cavallera (WHO) Desiree Pillay (Parent, South Africa) Luan Swanepoel (Self Advocate, Down Syndrome Association, South Africa) Emile Gouws (Self advocate South Africa) and team	Melissa Gladstone (United Kingdom) Kirsty Donald (South Africa)		
12h15 - 12h30 ANNOUNCEMENT:				
		Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	IDPA Mentor Award	Kirsty Donald (South Africa) Wiedaad Slemming (South Africa)		
12h30 - 13h30 LUNCH, LUNCHTIME SESSION AND POSTERS				
LUNCHTIME SESSION:				
		Chairs		Venue: Kgotla
	Exploring Open Publishing: The elife Model Bavesh Kana (South Africa)	Paul Lynch (United Kingdom)		
12h45 - 13h25 POSTERS				
		Chairs:		
	Group A: Advocacy and risk factors for developmental disabilities Group B: Neurodevelopmental disabilities Group C: Early Childhood development	Sibongile Mbatha (South Africa) Veruschka Ramanjam (South Africa) Sarah Lowik (South Africa)		
13h30 - 15h00 PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS				
Venue	Kgotla	Auditorium	Lethabo	Lecture Room 8
Theme	Early Childhood development	Advocacy for children with disabilities	Children in crisis	Neurodevelopmental disabilities
Chairs	Jacqui Bezuidenhout (South Africa) Amina Abubakar (Kenya)	Heather Thomson (South Africa) Melissa Gladstone (United Kingdom)	Ezgi Özalp Akin (Türkiye) Mphele Mulaudzi (South Africa)	Revan Mustafa (Türkiye) Ute Feucht (South Africa)
15h00 - 15h30 Coffee and posters				
15h05 - 15h25 POSTERS				
		Chairs:		
	Group A: Interventions – medical and technology Group B: Early intervention programmes Group C: Interventions – Behavior/Psychological	Wiedaad Slemming (South Africa) Chantell Witten (South Africa) Claire Fourie (South Africa)		
15h30 - 16h30 KEYNOTE LECTURE:				
		Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	Family Based Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders Petrus de Vries (South Africa)	Koyeli Sengupta (India) Sharmila Mukherjee (India)		
19h00 - 21h00				
	IDPA Meet the Mentor Dinner with special message from our sponsor Betsy Lozoff (USA, Virtual)			Venue: Indaba Palace



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08h00 - 09h00	REGISTRATION		
09h00 - 09h45	KEYNOTE LECTURE:	Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	African Innovation – Daring to Deliver More Than Just Hope Shona McDonald (South Africa)	Gillian Saloojee (South Africa) Veruschka Ramanjam (South Africa)	
09h45 - 10h30	KEYNOTE LECTURE:	Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	Levelling the tilt: Research in Majority World Countries Thirusa Naidu (South Africa)	Mphele Mulaudzi (South Africa) Mark Tomlinson (South Africa)	
10h30 - 11h00	COFFEE		
11h00 - 11h45	KEYNOTE LECTURE:	Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	Bridging the Gap: A Global Perspective on Harmonized Child Measurement Vanessa Cavallera (WHO, Switzerland)	Amina Abubakar (Kenya) Olaf Kraus De Carmago (Canada)	
11h45 - 12h15	KEYNOTE PANEL:	Chair:	Venue: Kgotla
	Scalable Technologies to Understand Child Development	Kirsty Donald (South Africa)	
	The Development of Accessible Neuroimaging Methods for Scalable use across Contexts Niall J. Bourke (USA)		
	Electroencephalography (EEG) as a Scalable Tool to Index the Developing Brain Emma Margolis (United Kingdom)		
	Antenatal Maternal Anaemia as a Global Brain Health Priority: What Can Neuroimaging Teach Us? Jessica E. Ringshaw (South Africa)		
12h15 - 12h30	International Voices on Child-Onset Disabilities: A short overview on the present status of a global project on hearing the voices of families on childhood disability. Rainer Blank (Germany)		
12h30 - 13h30	LUNCH, LUNCHTIME SESSION AND POSTERS		
12h30 - 13h30	Wellcome Trust Workshop:	Chair:	Venue: Kgotla
	Funding Tips and Tricks: come and find out everything you need to know about applying for Wellcome Trust Research Funding Sophie Hawkesworth (United Kingdom, Virtual)	Kirsty Donald (South Africa)	
12h45 - 13h25	POSTERS	Chairs:	
	Group A: Early Interventions Group B: Neurodevelopmental disabilities Group C: Early Childhood Development	Nerica Ramsunder (South Africa) Rochelle Pacifico (Philippines) Malebo Nonyane (South Africa)	



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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA

Gender and Sexuality

Chairs:

Venue: Kgotla

1. Introduction to and exploration of the concepts of gender, sex, sexuality and gender diversity
2. Understanding gender and sexuality within the clinical setting, case management and advocacy
3. Guidelines for working with gender diverse youth
4. Practical application and implementation of clinical, practical and interpersonal skills when working with LGBTQIA+ and gender-diverse individuals, families, schools, institutions and other settings
5. Sharing of LGBTQIA+ voices and stories
6. Q & A

Ramzi Nasir (*United Kingdom*)
Simon-Pickstone Taylor (*South Africa*)
Claire Fourie (*South Africa*)

Nutrition for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Chair:

Venue: Auditorium

1. Outcomes of children with disabilities within the SAM populations – what should we be doing differently?
Melissa Gladstone (*United Kingdom*)
2. Mother's 14-year experience with daughter Kgomotso
Tumi Matlou (*South Africa*)
3. Adequate and appropriate feeding for optimal nutrition in children with disabilities and feeding challenges
Neo Mongoeqi (*South Africa*)
4. Discussion, Q&A
Chantell Witten (*South Africa*)

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Genetic Landscape of developmental conditions

Chair:

Venue: Lethabo

1. "Genes and genetic testing in neurodevelopmental disorders: Context matters."
Karen Fieggen (*South Africa*)
2. Genetic counselling in Neurodevelopmental Disorders: helping families adapt to the diagnosis and implications for their child and family.
Zandre Bruwer (*South Africa*)
3. A Genetic and Phenotypic Characterization of Neurodevelopmental Disorders in South African and Kenyan Populations: The NeuroDev Study
Patricia Kipkemoi (*Kenya*)

Kirsty Donald (*South Africa*)

Integrating lived experience and community stakeholders into program development and measurement

Chair:

Venue: Lecture Room 8

1. Bridging the gap between healthcare providers and their patients
Jacqui Bezuidenhout (*South Africa*)
2. Increasing access to early intervention for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in local communities
Claudine Storbeck (*South Africa*)
3. Integrating lived experience voices on child-onset disabilities into program development and partnering in research.
Rainer Blank (*Germany*)
4. Lived autistic experience perspectives detailing why their voices matter and need to be included from the outset of patient care
Juliet Carter (*South Africa*), **Lindsey Carter** (*South Africa*),
Leryke Kleynhans (*South Africa*)

Jacqui Bezuidenhout (*South Africa*)

15h00 - 15h30

COFFEE AND POSTERS

15h05 - 15h25

POSTERS

Chairs:

Group A: Interventions – Other
Group B: Interventions – Parent training
Group C: Interventions – Educational

Heather Thomson (*South Africa*)
Muneera Rasheed (*Pakistan*)
Angeline Thomas (*South Africa*)



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Themes	Early childhood development	Interventions	Neurodevelopmental disabilities	Risk factors for developmental disabilities
Chairs	Jena Hamadani (Bangladesh) Wiedaad Slemming (South Africa)	Cally Tann (United Kingdom) Zandre Bruwer (South Africa)	Ezgi Özalp Akin (Türkiye) Sibongile Mbatha (South Africa)	Rochelle Pacifico (Philippines) Mark Richards (South Africa)
17h00 - 17h45	KEYNOTE LECTURE:		Chairs:	Venue: Auditorium
	A Future for the World's Children? A Child Centered World as the Basis of the Way Forward for a World on Fire Mark Tomlinson (South Africa)		Jacqui Bezuidenhout (South Africa) Roopa Strinivasan (India)	
19h00 - 21h00	GALA DINNER			Venue: Kgotla



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08h00 - 09h00	REGISTRATION		
09h00 - 09h45	KEYNOTE LECTURE:	Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	HIV exposure and child development, where are we now? Amina Abubakar (<i>Kenya</i>)	Rene Nassen (<i>South Africa</i>) Catherine Wedderburn (<i>South Africa</i>)	
09h45 - 10h30	KEYNOTE LECTURE:	Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	Reflections on Strengthening Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Low Resource Settings Rene Nassen (<i>South Africa</i>) Theresa Whittaker (<i>South Africa</i>)	Ezgi Özalp Akin (<i>Türkiye</i>) Revan Mustafa (<i>Türkiye</i>)	
10h30 - 11h00	COFFEE BREAK AND MARIMBA BAND		
11h00 - 12h30	PARALLEL SYMPOSIA		
Advocacy, policy and research for children and youth		Chairs:	Venue: Kgotla
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">The South African Road to Health Book and Side-by-Side Campaign Lesley Bamford (<i>South Africa</i>)Bukhali; a life course intervention to influence early childhood health and development Catherine Draper (<i>South Africa</i>)The African Early Childhood Network (AfECN): Building early childhood development (ECD) Systems in Africa Given Hapunda (<i>Zambia</i>)Living outside silos: the key to child-centric advocacy policy and research Muneera Rasheed (<i>Pakistan</i>)Discussion Wiedaad Slemming (<i>South Africa</i>)	Wiedaad Slemming (<i>South Africa</i>)	
Children in the pandemic and other crisis		Chair:	Venue: Auditorium
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Children in climate crises Rochelle Pacifico (<i>Philippines</i>)Military setting: children through the most challenging of times, Olena Riga (<i>Ukraine, Virtual</i>)Experience from the 2023 Turkey-Syria Earthquake, what were the challenges and opportunities to support child development? Revan Mustafa (<i>Türkiye</i>)How the Pandemic played out in Johannesburg - A reflection on children's rights, agency and social class Luke Lamprecht (<i>South Africa</i>)Experience from the pandemic in Turkey, how we supported children with developmental difficulties in Turkey with telehealth? Ezgi Özalp Akin (<i>Türkiye</i>)	Ezgi Özalp Akin (<i>Türkiye</i>)	
UNICEF: The Role of the Health Sector in Supporting Young Children to Thrive		Chair:	Venue: Lethabo
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">An overview of the situation of young children in our region and critical interventions needed to support young child development, Oliver Petrovic (<i>UNICEF, USA</i>)Care for Child Development Intervention Sheila Manji (<i>WHO, Switzerland</i>) and Jane Lucas (<i>WHO, USA</i>)Caring for Caregivers Intervention Stephanie Redinger (<i>South Africa</i>)Early Screening of Developmental Milestones Oliver Petrovic (<i>UNICEF, Kenya</i>)	Oliver Petrovic (<i>UNICEF, USA</i>)	
Diagnosis versus functionality		Chair:	Venue: Lecture Room 8
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">International Classification of Functioning- what's new, global perspectives language around the ICF, impact on different stakeholders (providers, caregivers) Olaf Kraus De Carmago (<i>Canada</i>)Implementing global ideas locally- opportunities and challenges Tony Westwood (<i>South Africa</i>)Building capacity amongst providers (curriculum, teaching methodology) Tony Westwood (<i>South Africa</i>)International Classification of functioning – How Community Health Workers use it in the Indian Context Roopa Strinivasan (<i>India</i>)	Roopa Strinivasan (<i>India</i>)	



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12h45 - 13h25	POSTERS	Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	Group A: Early Childhood Development Group B: Neurodevelopmental disabilities Group C: Early Childhood development	Louisa Mudawarima (Zimbabwe) Nerica Ramsunder (South Africa) Angeline Thomas (South Africa)		
13h30 - 14h00	KEYNOTE UPDATE:	Venue: Kgotla		Venue: Kgotla
	Nurturing care framework update 2018-2023 Sheila Manji (WHO, Switzerland)	Chairs: Sashmi Moodley (South Africa) Jane Lucas (United States)		
14h00 - 15h30	PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS			
Venue	Kgotla	Auditorium	Lethabo	Lecture Room 8
Themes	Early childhood development	Interventions / parent training	Neurodevelopmental disabilities	Early intervention programmes
Chairs	Heather Thomson (South Africa) Jena Hamadani (Bangladesh)	Sibongile Mbatha (South Africa) Chantelle Witten (South Africa)	Ezgi Özalp Akin (Türkiye) Jacqui Bezuidenhout (South Africa)	Revan Mustafa (Türkiye) Verushka Ramanjam (South Africa)
15h30 - 16h00	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTERS			
15h35 - 15h55	POSTERS	Chairs:		
	Group A: Interventions Group B: Interventions Group C: Interventions	Claire Fourie (South Africa) Chantell Witten (South Africa) Patricia Kipkemoi (Kenya)		
16h00 - 17h00	IDPA AWARDS CEREMONY AND CLOSING CEREMONY	Chairs:		Venue: Kgotla
	IDPA 2025 Announcement	Kirsty Donald (South Africa) Mphele Mulaudzi (South Africa)		