



The University of KwaZulu-Natal presents
THE 3RD IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC WEBINARS
THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS HEALERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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"Government's reluctance to consult widely with African indigenous spiritualists, medicine specialists and healers (and the condescension of Western healthcare practitioners towards our sector) during the fight against the pandemic is regretful, since there is a great deal of research to support our relevance to millions of people" says Bhedlindaba VVO Ka Lumphuzi Mkhize (president and founder of Umsamo Institute/Isigodlo Sase Mlambomunye).

"COVID-19 is a global pandemic affecting everybody. The issue of respect and solidarity among all knowledge systems including their knowledge holders and practitioners, in its mitigation, is very important for social justice and sustainable public healthcare". (Hassan Kaya)

We look forward to your participation!

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PROFESSOR HASSAN OMARI KAYA

Professor Hassan Omari Kaya is the Director of the DSI-NRF Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (CIKS) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. Prior to his appointment at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Professor Kaya was the coordinator of the IKS Teaching and Research Programme at the North-West University (South Africa). He also coordinated the NEPAD Agency IKS Regional Node for Southern Africa which encompasses 12 countries; and is the Patron of the African Young Scientists Initiative on Climate Change and IKS which organized the first International Student Conference on IKS and Climate Change and the COP17 Round Table Discussions in Durban (2011) on the Role of IKS and African Young Scientists in Climate Change.

Professor Kaya has a Ph.D. in Sociology of Development from the Free University Berlin, Germany; Bachelors and Masters Degree in Development Studies, from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He has researched, lectured, published and presented papers at different national and international fora on African Indigenous Knowledge Systems and other developmental issues.

Professor Nceba Gqaleni is currently Head of the Discipline of African Traditional Medicine at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is also Adjunct Research Professor at the Durban University of Technology and Science Engagement Research Fellow at Africa Health Research Institute.

Professor Nceba Gqaleni trained as a biochemist at the former University of Natal and obtained his doctorate at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland in 1996. He is a National Research Foundation rated researcher with interest on immunology, infectious and non-infectious diseases and traditional medicine. He has served on the Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa appointed by the Minister of Health.

In 2007 he was appointed Chair of Indigenous Health Care Systems Research, a prestigious programme funded by the Department of Science & Technology and administered by the National Research Foundation. Professor Gqaleni has served in various positions within UKZN including Director of the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute, Deputy Dean and Director of the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health.

He has served on various national and international bodies including the Presidential Task Team on African Traditional Medicine, Chairperson of the IKS Bioprospecting and Product Development Platform of the Department of Science & Technology, Deputy Chairperson of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Council on AIDS, and Science and Technology in South Africa and has been a member of the WHO (African Regional Office) expert committee on Traditional Medicine.



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MR SIYABONGA AFRICA MKHIZE

Mr Siyabonga Africa Mkhize is Managing Director at Umsamo Institute. He holds a BHS and BHS Honours degree in Biomedical Sciences from the University of the Witwatersrand. Siyabonga's work has focused on the idea of integration of health care systems. His medical background has aided him to speak on this topic on both television and radio. He is working on coupling 21st century analytical chemistry with African spiritual healing medicine. He is completing his MSc in Chemical Pathology researching paediatric HIV drug response.