



**Public Health  
Association of  
South Africa**

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# Outline

- About PHASA
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# What is PHASA?

- National organisation for public health practitioners
- Established in 2004
- Membership is voluntary
- Not for profit organisation
- Member World Federation of Public Health Associations
- Member African Federation of Public Health Associations



# Vision

Together, helping people lead healthy lives

# Leadership

- Executive 14 members
- Term three years
- Elected by members at annual general meeting
- No office / permanent staff

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# Strategic Focus Areas

1. Resource mobilisation
2. Knowledge sharing
3. Leadership
4. Capacity building
5. Advocacy

# Resource mobilisation

To mobilize resources to ensure sustainability of the organization and implementation of key activities

- Main sources funding
  - Conferences
  - Membership
  - Donation
- Diversify and expand sources of funding

# Leadership

To provide *leadership* in coordinating and setting priorities for the public health community in South Africa and beyond

## Key partnerships

- WFPHA
- AFPHA
- RHAP
- RuDASA
- SAMA

As a diverse multidisciplinary organization, will provide leadership on those public health priorities that are not receiving the attention they deserve and in this way improve equity and responsiveness



# Advocacy

To form a collective voice  
to influence policy and  
*advocate* for public  
health

- PHASA will aim to be a collective voice for its members to advocate for key public health issues.
- Through active engagement with policy makers, academics, civil society and the healthcare sector PHASA will harness evidence to be a credible source of information and provider of constructive input to the public health policy discourse.

# Capacity building

To nurture and develop public health advocates through *capacity building* and skills development

- JuPHASA
  - The future of public health in South Africa lies with young **researchers**, academics and practitioners.
- Capacity building workshops before conferences
  - As an organization PHASA will mentors young professionals and enhance their capacity to advocate and take on leadership roles.
- Support to people who want to present at conference
  - Abstract writing workshops
  - Mentors
- PHASA intends to become the preferred provider of accredited CPD activities related to public health.

# Knowledge sharing

To provide a platform for public health practitioners for networking and *knowledge sharing*

- As a multi-disciplinary organization, PHASA will provide a platform for public health professionals to engage debate and learn.
- We will host annual conferences to provide a platform for cutting edge research to be presented and discussed. In the next five years we will strengthen our communication with the public health community and focus on capturing, developing, sharing, and effectively using public health knowledge.

# Special Interest Groups

- Epidemiology
- Health policy and systems research
- Integrative, Complementary, Alternative and Traditional Health Practice (I-CATHP)
- Mental health
- Dental public health
- Undergraduate public health education
- Climate, Energy and Health
- Health Information and Technology

<https://www.phasa.org.za/sig-overview/>

# Why join PHASA ?

- Be part of the debates on public health and development issues
- Meet other members of the public health community at our conferences and events
- Have the opportunity to receive a full bursary to attend the PHASA conference
- Benefit from mentorship and skills building workshops

# PHASA in 2016

- PHASA conference
  - September 19<sup>TH</sup> – 22nd
  - East London
  - Centenary Fort Hare



The Public Health Association of South Africa and the University of Fort Hare look forward to welcoming you to the 2016 PHASA Conference

# How to join PHASA

- Membership for 2016 is free
- Complete form
- Alternatively visit <https://www.phasa.org.za/membership/>
- Follow the link <http://goo.gl/forms/qNY8iP2BhL>