

Project Brief: Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research (CASPR)

Full Title of Study	Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research
Purpose	The purpose of this project is to support the development and sustainability of an Africa-centred network dedicated to advancing advocacy, policy, regulatory, community engagement and communications efforts that help accelerate biomedical HIV prevention research.
Primary Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy: Create an informed, influential advocacy movement around prevention research and implementation at all stakeholder levels, from civil society advocacy to political leaders. 2. Research Translation: Match messages and materials to audiences— telling the story of prevention research as it evolves. 3. Research Preparedness: Support swift, ethical conduct of biomedical prevention trials (*This is the primary focus of Wits RHI's GPP work). 4. Policy Engagement: Situate research as relevant and essential to global, regional and national discussions about strategies for ending the epidemic.
Study/Programme sites	Project has a primarily African regional scope, with activities focused on South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria USA as well as India.
Study/Programme duration	10/2016 – 12/2024 (8 years).
Investigators	Prof Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, Wits RHI
Other Partners & Collaborators	<p>AVAC is the prime lead. Other partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for Prevention of HIV/AIDS (APHA) • HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) • International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) • InterNews • National AIDS Control Council of Kenya (NACC) • New HIV Vaccines and Microbicides Advocacy Society (NHVMAS) • WACI Health
Publications/key presentations to date	<p>Baron, D.; Essien, T.; Pato, S.; Magongo, M.; Mbandazayo, N.; Scorgie, F.; Rees, H.; Delany-Moretlwe, S. (2018). <i>Collateral benefits: how the practical application of Good Participatory Practice can strengthen HIV research in sub-Saharan Africa</i>. Journal of the International AIDS Society.</p> <p>(06-10 November 2023) Hosted the 5th Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course, in Johannesburg, South Africa.</p> <p>(22 June 2023) Coordinated and hosted the GPP Implementation Symposium at the 11th SAAIDS Conference.</p> <p>(06-08 December 2022) Coordinated and hosted the GPP Implementation Symposium, virtually.</p>

	<p>(15-26 August 2022) Hosted the 4th Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course, virtually.</p> <p>(07-10 February 2022) Hosted Media Training for Community Advocates.</p> <p>(22-24 November 2021) Coordinated and hosted the GPP Implementation Symposium, virtually.</p> <p>(26-27 August 2020) Hosted the 3rd Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course, virtually.</p> <p>(11-14 June 2019) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the 9th SA AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa.</p> <p>(1-5 April 2019) Hosted the 2nd Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course, in Johannesburg, South Africa.</p> <p>(23-27 July 2018) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) in Amsterdam, Netherlands.</p> <p>(11-15 June 2018) organised and hosted the inaugural Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course.</p> <p>(13-15 June 2017) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the SA AIDS conference.</p>
<p>Progress Update as of 28/01/2020</p>	<p>"The project commenced on 1 October 2016 with a Partners' Inception Meeting and is currently in its 8th year. Throughout its duration, the project has organized 5 GPP Leadership Courses, bringing together more than 85 emerging leaders in stakeholder engagement from various countries including Belgium, India, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, the United States, and Zambia. Additionally, it has hosted 1 CAB media training, 3 GPP Implementation Symposiums and conducted over 15 webinars for GPP implementers globally. Furthermore, the project has played a significant role in content development and review of research literacy, educational, and advocacy materials, disseminated through social media platforms such as 'Research Connect' and the Stakeholder Engagement Community of Practice (CoP)."</p>
<p>Frequency of donor narrative report</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>
<p>Overall Project Contact</p>	<p>Prof Sinead Delany-Moretlwe</p>
<p>Briefing owner and date</p>	<p>Miliswa Magongo 09/04/2024</p>