Walking the Talk

One SADC, One Vision, One Way

Monday, 21 July 2014 – 07:00-08:30
The SADC region is the epicenter of the global HIV epidemic. HIV is a major threat to the social and health well-being of communities in the region and economic development of the 15 Member States. To respond to this challenge, SADC Member States are implementing harmonised policies for the control of HIV and AIDS, TB and Malaria. In addition, SADC Heads of States and Governments signed the Maseru Declaration in 2003, which established a special fund to finance joint projects to be implemented by a minimum of three countries. Since 2011, these projects have increased capacity to address HIV prevention and have generated knowledge to guide the development of evidence-based policies and interventions, and will guide HIV strategies post-2015.

Chair: SADC Chairperson
Facilitator: Mr Khanya Mabuza

07:00-07:10  **Keynote Statement:** “Decisive leadership in providing concrete policy guidance for an effective and home-grown response and mainstreaming of HIV, gender and human rights in all sectors and in the communities”  

07:10-07:20  “From policy to practice: SADC Member States making a difference”  

07:20-07:30  “Tangible results from domestically financed projects: Needs, Challenges and Opportunities for Adolescents living with HIV in Southern Africa”  

07:30-07:40  “Communicating HIV prevention: Empowering local communities to drive the HIV response in the SADC Region”  

07:40-07:50  “Working in unison: Together for greater impact”