

# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Dear Delegate,

On behalf of the organising committee and the ENT Society, we warmly welcome you to the **60th ENT Conference 2024!** We are thrilled to host this significant event and celebrate our society's remarkable 60-year journey with all of you.

This milestone highlights the rich history and ongoing evolution of our field, and we are excited to gather under the theme **"Rooted: Pioneering the Future"**. Together, we will explore the deep connections between our past, present, and vision for a sustainable and innovative future in otolaryngology.

The theme **"Rooted"** reflects our commitment to patient well-being, grounded in the knowledge and experience passed down through generations. Our legacy is marked by scientific discoveries, medical breakthroughs, and unwavering dedication to care. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we also emphasise the importance of sustainability in our practices.

We are particularly excited to introduce this year the **Nurses Programme** and **Practice Managers Programme**. These initiatives are designed to empower and equip our nursing and management professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their roles, ensuring high-quality patient care and effective practice within our field.

We are also implementing initiatives such as establishing vegetable gardens and educational programs aimed at fostering self-reliance and environmental awareness. These efforts benefit our communities and contribute to a sustainable future for our planet. We are proud to announce our collaboration with the **City of Tshwane, Reel Gardening, Manzi Water, Malan Seuns & ExpoGuys** who will assist us in donating the vegetables displayed on our concept exhibition stands to the **Sekampaneng Centre (Arts and Crafts Centre) in Temba, Hammanskraal**. This initiative not only enhances our commitment to sustainability but also supports local communities in need.

We have invited pharmaceutical companies, trade partners, and sponsors to showcase their brands while demonstrating their commitment to environmental sustainability. Their innovative contributions align well with the "Rooted" theme and help us create a meaningful experience for everyone.

Our conference aims to provide a comfortable and collegial atmosphere for high-level interdisciplinary exchanges, collaborations, and networking opportunities among researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and consumer organizations. We especially welcome our colleagues from across 16 countries who are joining us in this collaborative effort.

We look forward to networking with each of you and engaging in inspiring discussions throughout the conference.

Warm regards,

**Prof. Mashudu Tshifularo**

Conference Convenor (Chair)

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on behalf of the ENT Society*

