

Prof Helen Rees



Prof Helen Rees is the Chairperson of the Board of SAHPRA. Prof Rees is also the Executive Director of the University of Witwatersrand's Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (Wits RHI) where she serves as a Personal Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Co-Director of Wits University's Flagship Centre for Vaccinology (ALIVE). She is an Honorary Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and a member of their Visiting Committee. Professor Rees has been involved in medicines regulation for many years. She was appointed to the Medicines Control Council in 1995 and chaired the Council from 1997 until 2001. During that time, she also chaired the MCC's Clinical Trial Committee and the Pharmacovigilance Committee.

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Dr Boitumelo Semete-Makokotlela is the CEO of the South African Health Products Regulator. She has a Ph.D. (Biochemistry) and also holds MSc in Management Finance and Investment. She is also a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative. Within the technology innovation space, she managed a biotechnology incubator at The Innovation Hub Management Company. She was with McKinsey & Company for 2 years as a McKinsey Leadership Fellow. Prior to that, she was at the CSIR as a Senior Researcher.