

# 11TH ANNUAL AFRICA DAY



**Inclusive lifelong learning: Building resilient health education systems in Africa.**

**21 May 2024 | 09h30-13h00 |**

**Biomedical Research Institute (BMRI) 2073**



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Prof Karin Baatjes maintains a hybrid professional career and functions from the intersection of a multidirectional appointment in health and higher education. This footprint allows for unique insights and key competencies into the clinical, training, research platform, and higher education domains.

Since November 2021, she has been the Vice Dean of Learning and Teaching and an Associate Professor in Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Stellenbosch University. In her role as Vice Dean, she pursues adding value for and with society through developing capacity in graduates, colleagues and educators in the global arena, with an awareness of the local context. This role affords her the practical expression of a collaborative and inclusive integration of clinical service, teaching and research, in both the under and postgraduate environment.

She holds an MBChB, MMed in Surgery as well as a PhD in Surgery from Stellenbosch University and is a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of the CMSA. She completed a Fellowship in Teaching in 2017 and a short course in the Scholarship of Educational Leadership in 2019. In this year, she was also awarded the Teaching Excellence award in the Developing Teacher category at Stellenbosch University. Most recently in 2022, she completed the Oliver Tambo Leadership Fellowship, a postgraduate diploma in Public Health Management from the University of Cape Town.

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