



Plenary Speaker Bios

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Linda Richter is the Executive Director of Child, Youth, Family and Social Development (CYFSD) at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in South Africa. She is Honorary Professor in Psychology and an elected Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, as well as Honorary Professor in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of the Witwatersrand. Ms. Richter is also an Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, and for three years she was an Honorary Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne. Ms. Richter has conducted both basic and policy research in the fields of child and youth development. She has published more than 150 papers on such topics as: child, adolescent and family development; infant and child assessment; protein-energy malnutrition; street and working children; the effects of HIV/AIDS on children and families; and HIV prevention among young people. Ms. Richter has developed several innovative interventions and programmes, and has advised other agencies on the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions for children and families. She is on the Editorial Boards of several journals and is a member of numerous committees and task teams. Her work, and that of CYFSD, has been recognized with a National Science and Technology Forum Award in South Africa and with the HSRC's CEO Award. In 2007, Ms. Richter was a finalist in the category of science and technology for the South African Woman of the Year Award.