

ONLINE WEBINAR

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**The GBV in Higher Education  
Institutions Report Findings**

**29<sup>TH</sup>** SEP | **15:00 – 16:00**  
**(SAST / CAT)**



**MODERATOR**

**Dr Pinky Mahlangu**  
South African Medical Research Council



**SPEAKER**

**Dr. Prof. Margaret Ivy Gyan**  
University of Ghana



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**Dr. Prof. Lilian L. Atanga**  
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**Ms. Hala Abu Taleb**  
Information & Research Center  
King Hussein Foundation (IRCKHF)







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**Dr Pinky Mahlangu**

South African Medical Research Council

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The Deputy Director of the Gender and Health Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council.

She has since 2018 been conducting research on gender-based violence in higher education institutions in South Africa.

She is currently a co-principal investigator of a project, where she has co-developed and are testing interventions to prevent sexual violence and promote mental health amongst first-year female students, and amongst lesbian, bisexual and queer women students in University campuses in South Africa.

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**Dr. Prof. Margaret Ivy Gyan**  
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She is an Associate Professor at the School of Communication Studies, University of Ghana, where she has taught Public Relations, Qualitative Research Methods, and Mass Communication since 1992. She is also Chair of the University's Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee. She was Ghana's High Commissioner to Canada from 2006 to 2009. Prof. Amoakohene holds a PhD from the University of Leicester, as well as an MPhil, a Post-graduate Diploma in Mass Communication, and a BA (Hons) from the University of Ghana. She has taken part in and presented papers on communication, media, public relations, politics, governance, women, gender, and the environment at many national and international conferences.

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She is an Associate Professor and researcher on gender, discourse, and politics. She is a Senior Researcher at the University of Free State, South Africa, a visiting professor at the Pan African University in Algeria, and Chair of the Coalition for Dialogue and Negotiations. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Florida and earned her PhD from Lancaster University, UK. She has published widely, with book chapters, articles, and books, including Critical Curriculum in School Textbooks: Processes and Outcomes in Improving School Textbooks in Cameroon, Gender and Language in Sub-Saharan Africa: Tradition, Struggle and Change, and, most recently (2025, with Stacey Mitchell and Veraline Nchotu), Legalization of Human Rights in Africa: The Institutionalization of Laws Prohibiting State-Sanctioned Violence and Torture.

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She is Head of Research at the Information & Research Center King Hussein Foundation (IRCKHF) in Amman, Jordan. She leads research projects in collaboration with global partners, with a focus on gender, youth, and social justice. She has conducted research in Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, and Uganda, specializing in qualitative and ethical participatory approaches with vulnerable groups. Her publications span gender, protection, migration, and education in humanitarian contexts.

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