

DR ROSE AWARDED KOFI ANNAN FELLOWSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

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Dr André Rose, the Deputy Director at [SAPRIN](#) was recently awarded the prestigious 2024/25 [Kofi Annan Fellowship in Global Health Leadership](#). The Programme is run by the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention ([Africa CDC](#)).

The Programme aims to support aspirational health leaders from Africa in acquiring advanced skills and competencies to strategise, manage and lead public health programmes that will transform public health in Africa.

The Programme was launched in 2020 in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation. Since its inception in 2020, 39 fellows have graduated from more than 20 [African Union](#) (AU) states with a further 20 currently in training. Dr Rose was selected from a pool of over 6000 qualified applicants.

André Rose is a specialist public health medicine physician. He is currently the Deputy Director at SAPRIN. In this position he is responsible for assisting in conceptualising research projects, developing appropriate study designs and ensuring that projects run according to schedule within budget.

He was previously the President of the [Public Health Association of South Africa](#). He has worked in various government departments, public health and non-profit organisations. He spearheaded the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine in the Northern Cape, South Africa.

Dr Rose has been the recipient of the postdoctoral fellowship from the National Cancer Institute in the United States of America. He has participated in the Institute for Global Health Research's exchange programme in Spain and was recognized as a fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar.

SAPRIN Director, Dr Kobus Herbst said, "His dedication to improving public health outcomes in Africa and his proven track record of impactful leadership make him an ideal candidate for

this prestigious fellowship. I am confident that the fellowship will not only benefit from André's participation but will also significantly contribute to his growth as a global public health leader.”

Commenting on receiving the fellowship Dr Rose emphasized that as a public health practitioner he seeks sustainable interventions that aid in creating an alternative life course for communities that can empower them to make decisions to forge better personal, social and health outcomes.

He explained that building strong science research infrastructure (RI) networks within Africa is paramount to moving the continent forward as a science powerhouse.