



## **Prof. ANDRE SWART**

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### **Personal Info**

Prof. Andre Swart is an elected member of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (the Professional Board for Environmental Health Practitioners) and was a founding member and served on the executive of the Public Health Association of South Africa. He previously served on the Gauteng Branch of the IWMSA as an elected member and is on the Management Committee for the WHO Collaborating Centre for Urban Health. Prof. Swart served on an Advisory Committee to the Minister of Health, with specific reference to Environmental Health. He was also a nominated member of the SGB's for Public Health and Environmental Science, Environmental Management and Waste Management respectively. Prof. Swart was the first chairperson of the SGB for Environmental Health.

### **Significant Achievements**

He has sourced, or was part of groups that received funding, both locally and internationally, for a number of research and community orientated programmes. His international liaison included projects with the Hillbrow Community Partnership for Health Personnel Education of which he was the Chairperson; a rural water and sanitation project funded by AUSAID from Australia; an international study regarding housing quality in inner city area, funded by the European Commission; the Gauteng Health Care Waste Management Project, funded by DANIDA; and a HIV study, jointly with the University of London, and funded by the British Council.

### **Current Activities**

André Swart is currently Executive Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, at the University of Johannesburg. He serves on the Editorial Board of an accredited journal, has published, and had various presentations accepted at international and national conferences. He also facilitates international and national workshops, evaluates courses and programme delivery for the WHO in Africa, and is a specialist advisor to the National Department of Health and the SABS – Certification Services (environmental management systems).

### **Presentation**

#### **“The need for a wellness approach in the S.A. public healthcare system”**

5 March, 15h20-16h05

Prof. Swart will discuss the current status of our health system and discuss how we got here. He will, among other things elaborate on some prudent considerations which should be addressed when considering a possible wellness role in our health care system.