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Child health in the spotlight: Prof Marian Jacobs, Dean of the Health Sciences Faculty, University of Cape Town, who chaired a panel discussion at the launch of the South African Child Gauge 2009/2010.

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Prof Marian Jacobs (Chairperson) is the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University. A public health paediatrician, she has a wide range of academic leadership experience, both nationally and internationally. She serves as an advisor on the Technical Steering Committee for the World Health Organisation's Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development, and has many close relationships with institutions such as the Council on Health Research for Development, Prof. Jacobs is a passionate advocate for children and, as a founding member of the Children's Institute, served as the Director for 2001 - 2005.

Prof Haroon Bhorat is Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town, and the Director of the Development Policy Research Unit. His research interests are labour economics, poverty and income distribution. He has done extensive work for numerous government departments such as the Department of Labour, the Presidency and the National Treasury. Prof Bhorat is the Minister of Labour's appointee on the Employment Conditions Commission. He was also an economic advisor to Presidents Mbeki and Motlanthe by serving on the Presidential Economic Advisory Panel, and currently serves on Minister Ebrahim Patel's Economic Advisory Panel.

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Prof Shirley Pendlebury is the Director of the Children's Institute and Professor of Education. Social justice, democratic education and teacher education have been recurring themes in her research, publications and postgraduate research supervision. She serves on the editorial boards of several international journals. She has also been a school teacher – in both primary and secondary school. She serves on the Research Committee of the South African Qualifications Authority.

Prof Crain Soudien is the former Director of the School of Education at the University of Cape Town, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor responsible for the portfolio on transformation and social responsiveness. He is a widely published sociologist and educationalist and is involved in a number of local, national and international social and cultural organisations. He is the Chairperson of the District Six Museum Foundation, Immediate-Past President of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies, and a former chair of a ministerial committee on transformation in higher education.

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Annual board meeting: Staff in discussion with members of the International Board of Advisors.

International Board of Advisors

Mrs Graça S. Machel (Chairperson) is the Chancellor of the University of Cape Town. She is also the President of the Foundation for Community Development in Mozambique and the Chair of the National Organisation of Children of Mozambique.

Prof J. Lawrence Aber (*de facto* Chairperson) is a recognised expert in child development and social policy, and is Distinguished Professor of Applied Psychology and Public Policy at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University.

Prof Tokozile Mayekiso the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Engagement at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. She is a registered clinical psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Prof Mayekiso is a former Dean of Arts and a Professor of Psychology with a special interest in child and adolescent psychology. She also serves on the boards of the Agricultural Research Council and the Emthonjeni Centre at the University of Witwatersrand.

Ms Nomathemba Mazaleni is a former Chief of Party of the Integrated Primary Health Care Project of the Management Sciences for Health in Pretoria. A registered general nurse, midwife, community health nurse, educator and nurse administrator with a Masters in Community Health from the University of Liverpool, she was previously responsible for EQUITY programmes in the Eastern Cape province. She currently consults independently on health information systems and health systems development.

Prof John R. Pinkerton is Professor of Child and Family Social Work in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. His areas of special interest are young people leaving state care, family support and the translation of research into policy and practice in a global context.

Dr Louis Reynolds is a senior specialist in Paediatrics, formerly with the School of Child and Adolescent Health at the University of Cape Town and the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Now retired, he continues his involvement in health and human rights campaigns. He is a member of the South African steering committee of the People's Health Movement, a civil society network in many countries dedicated to the struggle for health as a fundamental human right. He was a founding member of the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network in the 80s.

Dr Jon E. Rohde was the director of the EQUITY Project in the Eastern Cape Province after serving for 12 years in India as the UNICEF country representative and the global advisor on health and nutrition to the UNICEF chief at that time, Mr. James P. Grant. Dr Rohde now works as an international consultant in Africa and Asia, while teaching and writing from his home in South Africa.

Adv Tseliso Thipanyane has had extensive work experience in human rights, democracy and good governance over the past 20 years. He was the Head of Research and Documentation and thereafter the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Human Rights Commission from November 2005 – December 2009. He is currently based in New York as an independent consultant on democracy, good governance and human rights. He is also a senior associate of the International School for Transparency at the University of Cape Town, and serves on the board of the newly established Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution.

Prof Danie Visser is Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town and a Professor of Law. He specialises in the Law of Unjustified Enrichment. He was the editor of the *South African Law Journal* for 10 years.



"The work of the Children's Institute provides the University with a model of the type of socially response academic unit that South Africa needs" Prof John R. Pinkerton, Board member