

## **Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia**

### **Director & Head: Higher Education HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS)**

Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia is a Physician with an enormous clinical and allied health care management experience. He obtained his **MBChB** following which he completed his three years post graduate training in Internal Medicine (**DNB**). He is a registered Medical Practitioner with the three National Medical Councils of India, Mauritius and South Africa. To augment his management experience, he has also completed his **MBA** with a **gold medal** from University of Cape Town, Graduate School of Business.

Dr Ahluwalia has a multi cultural work experience in four diverse countries: India, Germany, Mauritius and South Africa. He has been heading various health programmes within the above countries, mentioned above and has a diverse experience handling projects in both developed and the developing world. In his most recent position, he is currently heading a National Health programme-Higher Education HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS) which is an initiative of the Department of Higher Education and is undertaken by Higher Education South Africa (HESA), which represents all of South Africa's 23 public higher education institutions/Universities. He also represents at his capacity as the head of Higher education civil society sector within South African National AIDS Council (SANAC). He also serves on board of various governmental and nongovernmental strategic advisory groups. He has an elaborative experience working with donor funded organisations and co-ordinating Public-private partnerships. He has an elaborative experience towards fund raising, operational management, project executions and policy development accompanied by strong leadership skills towards critically high stake programmes both in terms of monetary and stakeholder partnerships. To name a few, he is currently chairing South Africa's Biggest Public Private partnership called the First thing First which is a partnership between South African Government Departments: Department of Health, Department of Higher Education & Training, 14 Pharmaceutical Companies, USAID/PEPFAR and South African National AIDS Council (SANAC). He at his own capacity also serves as a health expert on the South African Delegation for BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) Academic forum and is also nominated as a Technical expert for the writing task team for health Declaration of BRICS summit India 2012. He has written many publications and articles on the health and HIV/AIDS issues within BRICS nations. He is one of the Lead author of the book '**In search of stability, security and growth; BRICS and a new world order**'. He was also the chief editor of the **National Higher education Policy and strategic framework on HIV/AIDS, STIs and TB** launched in November 2012. He has addressed as a key note speaker at many International & National Conferences, forums & symposiums across the world. Dr Ahluwalia has also been actively interacting with local and international media both at his personal and official capacity.