

EVENING LECTURE SERIES



WINTER 2007

DATE:

Thursday,
January 25, 2007

TIME:

6:30 – 8:00 pm

LOCATION:

Babbio 122
The Babbio Center
Stevens
Hoboken, NJ
(Corner of 6th
and River Streets)

Refreshments
will be served
at 5:30 pm

Capacity Crisis for Service Delivery in Southern Africa: Opportunities to Stabilize Societies with Information & Communications Technologies

SACI is a flagship project designed to assist countries in Southern Africa to respond to capacity erosion resulting from AIDS, brain drain, weakened capacity to govern and recurrent disasters in the region. These countries also suffer from other illnesses, poverty, inappropriate retirement policies, poor educational systems, and infrastructure weaknesses. Dr. Msiska will discuss how SACI has come to understand these challenges while sharing specific examples. He will present a conceptual framework for responses that link to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGS) and national development plans. While noting that existing mental models or worldviews have failed to see the full potential for utilizing Information and Communications Technologies (ICT's) in meeting these challenges, he will articulate potential solutions based upon the experience of SACI. Points of contact of these potential solutions with the ICT expertise at Stevens in areas of both Technology and Technology Management will be discussed.

Speaker: **Dr. Roland M. Msiska**

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Dr. Roland M, Msiska has led health care and development projects for the United Nations for more than a decade. Prior to that he oversaw numerous projects in Zambia. He received his medical training in Zambia and a Master in Public Health with Excellence from the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He currently heads the Southern Africa Capacity Initiative (SACI) and is the Project Director for the UNDP Regional Project on HIV and Development for Sub-Saharan Africa. In prior years he served as a Health Systems Advisor for UNAIDS in Geneva, Switzerland and as National Manager of the AIDS/STD/TB & Leprosy Programme for the Government of Zambia.



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