

# MTN Annual Meeting Awards and Closing Remarks

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# MTN Awards and Recognition

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- HPTN 035 Site Recognition Awards: Carl Dieffenbach and Roberta Black
- HPTN Special Recognition Awards: Slim Abdool Karim
- MTN Awards: Carl Dieffenbach and Sharon Hillier



# Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going

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- We are a young network- not yet 3 years old
- We have accomplished a lot
  - Successful completion and dissemination of HPTN 035
  - Development of 10 new protocols to Version 1.0, of which 4 are in implementation
  - We are poised to launch VOICE
  - We are leading the way in the study of microbicides in pregnancy
  - Rectal microbicide agenda moved forward



# Our Challenges

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- Complex and difficult studies: operationally, community, fiscally
- Timelines are aggressive and many things can go wrong:
  - Regulatory challenges in country
  - community support
  - Product supplies
- Our budgets are fixed and tight



# Fulfilling Our Promise?

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- A **lot** of people will have to do everything possible to maintain the timelines
- We must value efficiency
- We have to find common goals and shared values
- We must believe that we can make a difference in this epidemic, and treat every day of delay as a lost opportunity



# Cape Town Regional Meeting

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- Join us for our next regional meeting

Westin Cape Town

October 19-25

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