**South Africa to host Aids centre**

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South Africa is being considered as the venue of a new high powered interactional Aids research centres says Prof Luc Montagnier head of the World Foundation of Aids research and prevention.

Prof Montagnier, discoverer in 1984 of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which causes Aids, said today his foundation had to learn more about the natural history of Aids in Africa in order to design new and affordable treatment for the disease in association

with South Africa Medical Research Council and the Medical Association of South Africa.

The centre would be funded with private and public .money, and would be linked to a similar one in the Ivory Coast.

Prof Montagnier said a therapeutic turning point with advances in the treatment of the disease, a substantial number of patients in the United States.