



Statement post PSF Induction Meeting

The 17th March 2021 brought us the most anticipated milestone within SANAC, as we had the induction meeting of the Private Sector Forum (PSF). The induction of the PSF virtual meeting was chaired by the CEO of SANAC Dr T Xulu and addressed by the Deputy Minister of Health Dr Joe Phaahla. In attendance were business leaders from various formations including the Black Business Council, Business Unity South Africa, and The Council for Medical Schemes to mention a few.

The private sector induction precedes the official launch of the PSF, which is anticipated to take place in the month of April 2021. It will be remembered that the private sector engagement strategy, was developed by SANAC in conjunction with SABCOHA and that strategy recommended that the PSF be established.

It is in this vein that the PSF **task team**, which comprises of members from the Presidency, SANAC, National Department of Health and SABCOHA continue to work towards the institutionalisation of the PSF, including at provincial level. The induction meeting was the culmination of the list of consultations conducted by the task team with various business formations and other Government entities. The induction's objectives were to sensitise the business formations to the goals of the NSP and how we can collectively join forces in the response against HIV, TB and STI's. The multi-sectorial approach in the response of the epidemics, included the National Strategic Plan goals, Provincial Councils on AIDS, SABCOHA, data sharing and Cheka Impilo campaign waves ie. World TB Day and World AIDS Day were the prominent topics of deliberation in the induction.

The next steps are:

- *The continuation of the roadmap exercise of consulting more business formations in the effort to strengthen and augment the PSF, which will be followed by the election of the PSF Chairperson and Deputy Chair prior the launch of the PSF.*
- *The project plan development that will ensure the executions of all HIV, TB and STI projects at national, provincial and district levels supported by the PCA's.*
- *The launch of Provincial Private Sector Forums (PPSF) which will work collaboratively with Provincial Aids Councils (PACs)*

In closing we would like to thank the CEO of SANAC Dr T Xulu for the support and leadership in the achievement of this very important milestone. We look forward to further participation and the unwavering support by the Government, the Civil Society, including all other stakeholders as we soldier on towards the institutionalisation of the vibrant Private Forum sector that will make a meaningful and sustainable impact in the HIV, TB and STI response.

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