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MEDIA ADVISORY
Webinar on the Access and affordability of Pharmaceuticals in South Africa

The National Planning Commission (NPC) will be hosting a webinar **on access and affordability of Pharmaceuticals in South Africa.**

The National Planning Commission (NPC) was established to promote the implementation of the National Development Plan and the achievement of its objectives, especially focusing on access to universal health care that is equitable and affordable. Access to affordable medicines is critical to delivering on the National Development Plan's goal of extending the life expectancy of all South Africans to 70 years.

It is against this background that the NPC commissioned research on the drivers of medicine prices and their influence on the attainment of universal health care coverage goals. The evidence presented and recommendations made in the Research on Pharmaceutical Pricing Policies research paper, are extremely timely in the current context of the COVID-19 crisis and its multiple impacts on the lives of people, the economy and the health and social systems in South Africa and globally

The purpose of this engagement is to share the medicine pricing research findings and the NPC's position on pharmaceutical pricing policy.

The pharmaceutical pricing policy report is available via:

https://www.nationalplanningcommission.org.za/Publications_Reports

The session will be chaired by Commissioner Vivienne Taylor accompanied by a presentation on Research on Pharmaceutical Pricing Policies by Commissioner Ntuthuko Bhengu.

Details of the Webinar: NOTE All interested stakeholders, citizens, organizations, departments, individuals are welcome to participate in the webinar by RSVP below:

Date: 28 January 2021

Time: 10:00 until 12:45.

Please ensure you RSVP by 27 January 2021 to Dakalo Netswera Dakalo@dpme.gov.za

Kindly direct all media queries to Sandisiwe Mapine via Sandisiwe@dpme.gov.za / 071 370 1048. **Issued by the National Planning Commission**

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