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COVID-19 news from SAMED, Government and Abroad.

LISTEN AS SALDA CEO, SARAH COHEN ADDRESSES COVID-19 TESTING.

Dial into SA FM for The Weekend View with presenter Udo Carelse on Saturday morning (06:30) as Sarah Cohen addresses COVID-19 testing in South Africa. This will be based on the press release issued by SAMED and SALDA jointly.

[Read the full release here.](#)

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SAHPRA UPDATED AND NEW DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED

A series of documents that provide communication to the industry and interested stakeholders on the regulatory requirements and processes that have been implemented by SAHPRA to supported expedited processing of applications for medical devices and IVDs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are a number of new documents around COVID-19 test kits. In terms of the Processing of applications, the onus is on applicants to respond to SAHPRA's queries and requests within the specified timeline or the application process will be concluded. Those documents which are new or have been updated are indicated as such.

- [UPDATED! MD001 Regulatory Requirements for Medical Devices COVID-19 - Version 2 Updated 22/07/2020](#)
- [UPDATED! MD002 Regulatory Requirements for Serological Test Kits - Version 2 Updated 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD003 Testing for COVID-19 - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [MD004 EXTENSION - Use of Acknowledgement Letter in Lieu of Licence - Version 1 31/03/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD005 Expedited Regulatory Pathways for Medical Devices - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD006 Laboratory Testing and Use of COVID-19 Serological Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [UPDATED! MD007 Specifications Serological Test kits - Version 2 Updated 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD008 ISO Standards for Medical Devices and Protective Clothing - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [MD009 Alternative Regulatory Licensing Requirements Alcohol-based sanitisers - Version 1 03/07/2020](#)
- [MD010 Guidance Rapidly-developed-ventilators - Version 1 26/05/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD011 Licence Conditions for COVID-19 Serological Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD012 Notice of Contravention of Act 101 of 1965 - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD013 Process Flow Locally Manufactured COVID-19 Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD014 Regulatory Requirements for Molecular Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD015 Process Flow Imported COVID-19 Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD016 Conditions of Use COVID-19 Serological Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! D017 Technical Review Application COVID-19 Molecular Test Kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)
- [NEW! MD018 Specifications Molecular Test kits - Version 1 22/07/2020](#)

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SWISS – SOUTH AFRICA VENTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) in partnership with the University of Basel (Switzerland) invites innovators, entrepreneurs and SMME's to submit a proposal to assist with business growth and or expand an existing enterprise. Being selected for this program offers young entrepreneurs a unique opportunity to be exposed to top South African and Swiss entrepreneurial expertise and market plus to participate at the SA Innovation Summit, Africa's largest start-up event.

Download the call for proposals [here](#).

Please kindly note that the deadline for applications: Friday, 7 August 2020 and no applications received after this date will be considered.

To complete an online application, log onto <https://gms.tia.org.za/funding>

Once in the system, click on the Swiss-SA 2020/2021 tab.

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NDOH: INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL POSTERS

The National Department of Health has compiled Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Hand Hygiene and Health Worker Safety for COVID-19 posters. These Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) posters are part of the *National IPC Manual/Guidelines (COVID-19)* and the health worker safety posters are part of the *Adult Primary Care Guide*. The posters include the following:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Hand hygiene
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Health care worker safety
- Entrance screening to health facilities

[Click here](#) to access the posters on the NDoH knowledge hub.

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UPDATED FORECAST QUANTIFY THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AFRICA

Compared to pre-COVID-19 projections, Africa's economy will be between US\$349 billion and US\$643 billion smaller in 2030. 'COVID-19 is set to undo several years of development progress in Africa,' says lead author Jakkie Cilliers.

He warns that instability will increase as government revenues decline in tandem with other effects such as the accelerated impact of climate change in regions like the Sahel.

The report by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) and Frederick S Pardee Center for International Futures finds that, in a best-case scenario, GDP per capita will recover to 2019 levels in 2024. In the worst case, Africa will only return to 2019 levels in 2030.

As such, beyond being a health pandemic, COVID-19 is set to create a generational set-back for development in Africa. The analysis shows that COVID-19 will further constrain the continent's progress towards attaining the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Efforts to provide additional social grants in several African countries to mitigate the pandemic's impact will only marginally reduce extreme poverty and income inequality in the short term.

Relative to the pre-COVID-19 forecast, 14 million additional Africans will be extremely poor in 2020. In 2030, 38 to 70 million more people would be classified as extremely poor. This translates to poverty rates of 35% to 37% of Africa's total population. Instead of a pre-COVID-19 tally of 570 million extremely poor Africans by 2030, that number could increase to 640 million.

The pandemic is expected to significantly reduce government revenue and health expenditure, pushing many countries towards a debt crisis. In the worst case, more people will have died from the impact of reduced health expenditure and hunger by 2030 than from COVID-19.

The report calls for a concerted international effort to assist the continent. African leaders need to speed up implementation of measures such as the African Continental Trade Agreement that could unlock more rapid development. The success of Africa's recovery also depends on addressing longstanding deficits in

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COVID-19 EVENTS



Partnerships for COVID-19 in Africa

24th July 2020
4.00pm -5.30pm (EAT)



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Moderator
Dr. Githinji Gitahi
CEO,
Amref Health Africa



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Matshidiso Moeti
Regional Director Africa,
WHO



Speaker
Mr. Karim Bendahou
Head Africa Bureau,
MERCK,



Speaker
Mr. Samba Bathily
CEO & Founder,
ADS Group



Speaker
Mr. Geoffrey Nyaga
Chief Operations Officer,
Astral Aerial Solutions

[Register](#) now for the Friday webinars from 17th July to 14th August.

To learn more contact Nishit Shah on nshah@ahb.co.ke or visit their [website](#).

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IHRM: Webinar Update on the Impact of COVID-19

IHRM invites you to join them for a webinar on 31 July at 09h00 when Christoff Raath, Joint CEO of Insight Actuaries and Consultants, will provide an updated analysis on the Impact of COVID-19 on Medical Schemes and Private Hospitals, as South Africa reaches the peak of the pandemic.

For more details or to register [click here](#).

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