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**INVITATION: WHO FUNDED NATIONAL CONSULTATION MEETING WITH PROVINCES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES 2022-2027 INCLUDING THE ROLL OUT OF THE NATIONAL NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES CAMPAIGN, 30 JUNE – 01 JULY 2022, PROTEA HOTEL, ORT AIRPORT. JOHANNESBURG**

Dear Dr V Pinkney – Atkinson

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) mainly cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes are the world's biggest killers. Most of these premature deaths from NCDs are largely preventable by enabling health systems to respond more effectively and equitably to the healthcare needs of people with NCDs as well as influencing public policies in sectors outside health that tackle shared risk factors or have a major input in prevention and control.

Non-Communicable Diseases are thus a major public health concern with significant social and economic implications in terms of health care needs, lost productivity and premature mortality which are hampering our nation from achieving its social, economic and developmental targets.

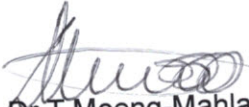
I am optimistic that the recently approved National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases 2022–2027 (NSP NCDs) will accelerate the Department's response toward meeting Target 3.4 and related Targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. The NSP NCDs aims to strengthen systems to respond to all NCDs and their risk factors within an Integrated Person Centered Approach and introduces the concept of care cascades to enhance the early identification, screening, diagnosis, treatment and control of diabetes and hypertension. The approval of the NSP NCDs must be followed by implementation and planning thereof must commence as soon as possible.

With financial support from WHO SA, this meeting is scheduled to take place over a day and a half on 30 June – 01 July 2022 at Protea Hotel, ORT Airport, Johannesburg. Noting that successful implementation of the NSP NCDs is critically dependent on coordination and cohesion between various related health programs and with meaningful engagement with civil society organisations and Persons Living with NCDs, I am pleased to invite you to a consultative stakeholders meeting to orientate internal and external stakeholders on the NSP NCDs; engage external stakeholders on how they will contribute toward implementation of the NSP NCDs and, support provinces develop Draft 0 of their respective

Implementation Plans, as guided in the NSP. The development of the provincial Implementation Plan will be inclusive of the roll out of the National NCD Campaign

In preparation for the national consultative meeting, you are kindly requested to email the names and contact details of Fifteen (15) delegates representing the SA NCD Alliance and Partners to Elmie Engelbrecht on email [Elmie.Engelbrecht@health.gov.za](mailto:Elmie.Engelbrecht@health.gov.za) and Itumeleng Setlhare on email [Itumeleng.Setlhare@health.gov.za](mailto:Itumeleng.Setlhare@health.gov.za) by 24 June 2022.

Yours sincerely



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Date: 23/06/2022

