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The President
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Dear President

FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE HEALTH FORUM

I have identified your organisation as a relevant stakeholder in terms of the *National Health Act* for the purpose of attending the first meeting of the National Consultative Health Forum (NCHF).

It therefore, gives me great pleasure to invite you as head of your organisation OR your representative to this meeting which will take place on 18 and 19 May 2006 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that in terms of the *National Health Act*, the NCHF must promote and facilitate interaction, communication and the sharing of information on national health issues between representatives of the national department, national organisations identified by the Minister and provincial consultative bodies.



FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE HEALTH FORUM

Kindly indicate as soon as possible whether or not your organisation will be represented at this meeting and supply us with the name of such a delegate. Further information concerning the meeting will be sent to him/her once it becomes available.

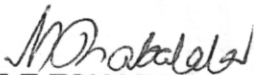
The transport and accommodation costs incurred by your representative in attending the meeting will be for your own account.

Your constructive and active participation in this meeting would be much appreciated.

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Kind regards



DR M E TSHABALALA-MSIMANG

MINISTER OF HEALTH

DATE: 25. 4. 2006

PROGRAMME FOR THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE HEALTH FORUM 18 - 19 MAY 2006

PURPOSE

Inaugurate the National Consultative Health Forum as required by the National Health Act
Establish Working Groups with clear Terms of Reference Consult with stakeholders on
selected priorities

DAY 1: THURSDAY 18 MAY 2006

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: MR T D MSELEKU, DIRECTOR-GENERAL

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

9:00 – 10:00 National Anthem
10:00 – 10:05 Welcome and introduction of the Minister of Health
Director-General, Mr T D Mseleku
10:05 – 10:15 Introduction of the Members of the Executive Council (MECs)
Minister of Health, Dr M E Tshabalala-Msimang
10:30 – 10:55 Opening Address by the Minister of Health,
Dr M E Tshabalala-Msimang

10:55 – 11:00 Choral Interlude

REFRESHMENTS

11:30 – 12:15 ASGISA(Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa)
and the Health Sector Dr Alan Hirsch (Presidency)
12:15 – 13:00 Discussion and adoption of the proposed Working Groups.

13:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30 – 17:00 Working Groups discussions
Proposed parallel Sub-groups based on the adopted Working Groups.

Short discussion papers will be presented by the Deputy Directors-General (DDGs) responsible for
the areas:

- Priority Health Programmes (Healthy Lifestyles; TB; Prevention of HIV and AIDS)
- Human Resources
- Health Policy and Planning
- Health Industry

Outputs/Reports from these groups should include:

- Proposed composition of the Working Groups (noting the need for representation from
Government, Civil Society, Labour and the Private Sector)
- Key challenges and Recommendations; and
- Workplan for the year

15:00 – 15:30 **REFRESHMENTS**

18:30 for 19:00 **DINNER** Pavilion
Venue: Formal or Smart Traditional
Dress code:

DAY 2: FRIDAY 19 MAY 2006

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: MR T D MSELEKU, DIRECTOR-GENERAL

8:30 – 10:00 Working Group discussions (continue)

10:00 – 10:30 **REFRESHMENTS**

10:30 – 12:30 Report: Working Groups

12:30 – 13:00 Closing Remarks by the Minister of Health, Dr M E Tshabalala-Msimang

13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**

BREAKAWAY ROOMS

GROUP	ROOM
1. Priority Health Programmes (Healthy Lifestyles; TB; Prevention of HIV and AIDS)	Ballroom 1
2. Human Resources	Bill Galagar
3. Health Policy and Planning	Ballroom 4
4. Health Industry	Ballroom 3