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Health Minister to address 2ndFair Pricing Forum

Health Minister Dr Motsoaledi will officially open the 2ndFair Pricing Forum which aims at exploring ways to improve access, affordability and incentives for the pharmaceutical industry to manufacture medicines according to public health needs.

The 2ndFair Pricing Forum is a global meeting that brings together delegates from governments, patient and civil society groups, international experts as well as representatives from research-based and generic pharmaceutical industries.

Topics to be discussed includes transparency, price negotiation, flexibilities in the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and other policies governments can adopt to ensure their populations can access medicines.

A “fair price” is currently defined as one that is affordable for health systems and patients and at the same time provides sufficient market incentive for industry to invest in innovation and the production of medicines. Discussions at the Fair Pricing Forum may result in a more detailed definition of the term.

The Forum is co - hosted by WHO and the Government of South Africa, as well as Department of Health. The first such forum was held in the Netherlands in 2017 under the auspices of the Netherlands Ministry of Health.

Media is invited to the event as follows:

Date : 11 April 2019

Time: 18:00

Venue: Emperors Palace Convention Centre(Assembly 1 room) Johannesburg

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NB. There will be an opportunity for the media to interact with the Minister and Dr Mariângela Simão, WHO Assistant Director General for Access to Medicines and Health products before his keynote address at 17:00.

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