

**Media Advisory: Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla together with his Provincial counterpart from the Northern Cape Department of Health MEC Mase Manopole to commemorate the World Environmental Health Day 2019**

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The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla together with his counterpart from the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Health MEC Mase Manopole joins the World to commemorate the World Environmental Health Day. The theme for World Environmental Health Day 2019 is “Climate Change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison”. This theme focuses on bringing awareness about the challenges arising from climate change and to ensure that planning towards adaptation is synchronized worldwide.

Climate change means a change of climate that is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and that is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods as defined in Climate Change Bill, 2018.

South Africa faces complex, quadruple burden of diseases and other pressing public health challenges, that are worsened by adverse socio-economic conditions, and climate change impacts such as Non Communicable Diseases, Malnutrition, Heat Stroke. Communicable Diseases such as Cholera cases become increased due to the climate change including Vector Borne diseases such as Malaria. The impact of climate change poses new and long-standing environmental and health challenges, which will constrain effective delivery of Environmental Health Services.

There would also be a presentation of the Alfred Nzo Health Excellence awards which will focus on awarding deserving Environmental Health Practitioners (EHPs), Municipalities and Points of Entry for their outstanding contributions, dedication and hard work in promoting and strengthening Environmental Health Services in the country.

**Media is invited to cover the event as follows:**

Date :26-27 September 2019  
Time: 08:00  
Venue: Platfontein Lodge & Conference Centre, Kimberley, Northern Cape Province.  
Alfred Nzo Awards Health Excellence Awards will be held as follows:

Date: 26 September 2019  
Time: 19h00  
Venue: Platfontein Lodge & Conference Centre, Kimberley, Northern Cape Province

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