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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### World Environmental Health Day Commemoration 2022

**Pretoria:** The Department of Health will next week (Monday, 26 September) join the global community to commemorate the World Environmental Health Day to raise awareness of the biggest risks and issues in environmental health today, and initiate discussion on the steps people can take to protect the environment.

The Department will hold a webinar as part of commemoration activities under the theme: **“Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”**, with the objective to strengthen efforts and cooperation on implementation of SDG’s; to capacitate Environmental Health Practitioners on the execution of their functions related to SDG’s, and also share the best environmental health practices on global recovery.

The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will deliver keynote address during the webinar scheduled to be attended by participants including environmental health experts from across three spheres of government, scientists, academics, World Health Organization, South African Local Government Association and health regulatory bodies and NGOs.

According to the South African Health Reviews (2013/14), a quarter of the burden of disease is caused by the environmental factors.

#### Details of the webinar are as follows:

**Date:** Monday, 26 September 2022

**Time:** 8h30

**Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MiMZw00GRh2VZI3POD1KTA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MiMZw00GRh2VZI3POD1KTA)

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