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Health Minister undertakes working visit to G20 Health in India

Pretoria: Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla has undertaken an international working visit to Gandhinagar in India to attend the G20 Health Ministers' Meeting (G20 HMM), a significant platform for global collaboration and a multisectoral approach to address global health challenges effectively.

The 2023 meeting will be held under the theme: "**One Earth. One Family. One Future**" – a clarion call for policymakers to support vulnerable people and economies, protect the planet, and harness digital progress for all.

The three-day meeting (17 -19 August) on Health will discuss amongst others; Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and Response (with a focus on One Health and Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR); Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with focus on availability & access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable medical countermeasures; Vaccine, Therapeutics and Diagnostic (VTD), and Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and improve Health Care service delivery.

The G20 Health Track is working towards consolidating and conveying ongoing discussions in Global Health Architecture. Minister Phaahla has been invited by the Indian's Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Mansukh Mandaviva to attend the G20 Health Minister's Meeting and the Joint Finance and Health Ministers meeting (JFHMM). The meeting will culminate with a declaration to be endorsed by all Health Ministers.

Minister Phaahla will also hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from United Kingdom and Netherlands and WHO on the sidelines of the meeting.

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