MEDIA ADVISORY

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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY: 12 DECEMBER

Pretoria: South Africa will on Tuesday, 12 December join the global community to celebrate the progress made towards health for all and raise awareness of the necessity for resilient, equitable, and robust healthcare systems to achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The Department of Health, in collaboration with the World Health Organization South Africa and other stakeholders in the health sector, will host a seminar to reinvigorate pledges to accelerate UHC efforts in South Africa.

The WHO has themed the 2023 UHC Day; "***Health for All: Time to Act".*** The theme emphasises the need for immediate and tangible steps to accelerate progress towards UHC, ahead of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 deadline.

Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla will deliver a keynote address. The seminar will be attended by 300 delegates from different stakeholders in the health sector. The event comes after the National Council of Provinces adopted the National Health Insurance Bill on 6 December 2023, a turning point for the country`s journey to achieve equal access to quality and affordable health care for all.

The media is invited as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2023
Time: 08:30
Venue: Future Africa Conference Centre, ISC Auditorium
Faculty of Health Science, University of Pretoria

Minister Phaahla will later in the day join the Health Ombud, Professor Taole Mokoena during the media briefing scheduled for 11h30 at GCIS to release the findings of the investigation reports emanating from complaints lodged against the Eastern Cape Department of Health, Motherwell NU 11 Clinic

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