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## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE**

Hereby, the National Department of Health (NDoH) calls for applications from suitably qualified individuals for appointment to the National Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

The MAC-AMR's primary responsibility is to coordinate the implementation of the AMR National Strategy Framework (2018-2024), and provide the Minister with advice and recommendations on activities related to:

- a) The institutionalisation of effective systems of antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) at national, provincial, and institutional level in both the public and private sectors using the "One Health" approach
- b) National structured surveillance and reporting systems for antimicrobial use and resistance in the human health and agriculture sectors for the detection of newly emerged resistance
- c) The selection of antimicrobial agents on the Essential Medicine List based on trends and patterns of resistance
- d) Progress towards achieving compliance to the standards for AMS in the National Core Standards in all health establishments
- e) Evaluate the use of antimicrobials in agriculture or as growth promoters in food animals
- f) Prevention strategies focusing on infection prevention and control and enhanced vaccination programmes
- g) Core curricula on AMR for health and veterinary professionals
- h) National community advocacy, awareness and education campaigns to reduce inappropriate use of antimicrobials in human and animal health
- i) Rapid and/or point-of-care diagnostics
- j) Research into molecular mechanisms of resistance, dissemination of resistance, new drugs and diagnostics.

South African citizens or permanent residents are eligible for appointment if they have suitable work experience and expertise in the human, animal, agricultural and environmental sectors in at least one of the following areas:

1. Microbiology/ pathology (Human and Animal Health)
2. Infectious diseases (Human and Animal Health)
3. Public health (Human and Animal Health)
4. Infection control
5. General practitioners
6. Pharmacists
7. Public health
8. Agriculture production
9. Animal health (e.g. veterinarian)
10. Environmental Health

Appointed members would be expected to:

- Agree to comply with a code of practice pertaining to declaration of interest and confidentiality.
- Act with the highest professional and ethical standards at all times.
- Avail themselves for meetings, punctually, and for the whole of the scheduled meeting time.
- Contribute towards debates in an informed and rational way.
- Take decisions solely in the interests of the public.
- Respect and value each member's perspective and contribution.
- Facilitate the work of the Committee.

In order to ensure balanced representation in the Committee, it is essential that all candidates have the relevant qualifications and expertise and are representative of the geographic and demographic diversity of South Africa.

The NDoH reserves the right to verify details submitted and to subject candidates to the necessary security clearance. Correspondence will be limited to selected candidates only.

**Interested persons are requested to complete an application form – see below for directions on how to apply:**

1. Apply online using the application form, available from:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ioxBcCs91bpz6XYP\\_WTkNGfCOuxFf9dtSuVMVrM-ZIc/edit?usp=forms\\_home&ths=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ioxBcCs91bpz6XYP_WTkNGfCOuxFf9dtSuVMVrM-ZIc/edit?usp=forms_home&ths=true) or through the following QR code.
2. Most of the questions on the Application Form require an answer. Please answer the questions as completely as possible.
3. The last day for submission is **26 January 2024**. The only submission requirement is the application form.
4. We will handle all data confidentially and will only share it with the channels necessary to appoint this committee.
5. Please direct any queries to the following:
  - a. [SAEDP@health.gov.za](mailto:SAEDP@health.gov.za) and/or
  - b. [Ruth.Lancaster@health.gov.za](mailto:Ruth.Lancaster@health.gov.za)



Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Crisp". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**PROF. NICHOLAS CRISP**  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE**  
**DATE: 21 September 2023**