

SAHTAC AT SA AIDS 2017

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HEALTH INNOVATION IS CRITICAL TO ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



We will not achieve the goals without innovation.

It is critical to invest in research today so the most effective health solutions are available when and where they are needed.



Why was SAHTAC formed

The purpose of the South African Health Technologies Advocacy Coalition (SAHTAC) is to advocate for an enabling environment for research, development, and access to life-saving health technologies and innovations.

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SAHTAC POLICY OBJECTIVES

- The Department of Health to implement SAHPRA, with clear guidelines and as per stipulated legislation by 2017
- The South African Government to create an active and visible platform for engaging civil society in Health R&D decision making in South Africa by 2017
- The South African Governments (DST, DOH and DTI) to increase investments into Health R&D annually over the next 5 years



RELATED POLICIES

- Medicines and Related Substances Act (DOH) was signed, awaiting regulations.
- National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and STI's (DOH)- launched this year in March
- General regulations relating to medical devices and IVD (DOH)
- Draft National Policy on Intellectual Property (DTI)
- Bio-Economic Strategy (DST)
- Amended Section 11D of the Income Tax Act (DST) i.e. R&D Tax Incentive



MEMBERSHIP

- Open to local, national and international civil society organizations and other non-profit organizations as well as individuals, government and private sector
- Membership categories include: full member, associate, ad-hoc



KEY POINTS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP CONT...

- The coalition will spread responsibilities across all members to ensure an equitable workload.
- A steering committee governs the coalition for a period of two years
- Joining the coalition is free of charge
- The current coalition secretariat is PATH



MEETING ATTENDANCE

- Once every quarter via skype or teleconference, one of the quarterly meetings will be a face-to-face meeting
- The AGM will focus on the annual review, which is mandatory for all members to attend.
- Members are expected to attend at least three out of the four meetings in the year (i.e. minimum 75% attendance).





QUESTIONS?

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