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Deputy Minister Phaahla to open International Conference on Public Health in Africa

Durban: The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla, will on Wednesday, 22 October, deliver a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 4th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) taking place at the Durban International Convention Centre, KwaZulu-Natal.

The conference is co-hosted by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the South African Government, in collaboration with AfricaBio. This is an important platform for leaders, public health experts, and communities to come together to reimagine and transform health financing, ensuring Africa's health security is driven by African leadership, innovation, and partnerships.

Some of the critical issues to be discussed during this four-day conference include building health security in Africa through the continent's ability to manufacture all health products; advancing self-reliance and sustainable health financing for universal health coverage in Africa; and Pandemic resilience and health systems preparedness

The Deputy Minister Phaahla will be joined by other leaders in the health sector, including the Director-General for Africa CDC, Dr Jean Kaseya; Regional Director of the World Health Organization African Region, Professor Mohamed Yakub Janabi; President of Africa BIO, Dr Nhlanhla Msomi; and President & CEO of Evidence Based Solutions, Prof Olive Shisana.

Details of the conference opening ceremony are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 22 October 2025
Time: 16h00
Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, KwaZulu-Natal.

Members of the media based outside KwaZulu-Natal can follow the proceedings through the following virtual link:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/register/event/73867>

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