

Press Notice

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South African Delegation visit to the B20 Health Conference

Berlin, 18 May 2017 - The Southern African-German Chamber has organised a delegation visit to the B20 International Health Conference.

The B20 is part of the G20 programme and represents the entire G20 business community. In the B20, business representatives of the entire G20 develop joint recommendations and advocate specific policy-actions across the complete G20 agenda.

The South African delegation is represented by the following organisations: Council for Medical Schemes; Professor Yosuf Veriava (Chairperson of Council) and Dr Siphon Kabane (Acting Registrar), Harmony Gold Mining Ltd; Dr Tumi Legobye (Member of the Executive Committee: Head of Health), Landcity Medical Centre; Dr Comfort Tembedza (CEO), Abbott; Dr Thomas Portz (Governmental Affairs) and MACS Shipping; Dr Justus Scheder-Bieschin (Digital-healthcare). Accompanying the South African delegation is Mr Walter Engelmann, the Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry representative based in Frankfurt am Main.

The South African delegation began its journey yesterday with a visit to the German “Verband der Privaten Krankenversicherung” - roughly translated as “Association of private medical aid schemes” -, where they were welcomed by Mr Marc-Pierre Möll, who gave a presentation on the funding models utilised by private medical aid schemes in Germany. State funded medical aid finance models were also a point of discussion.

Today the South African delegation will attend and make their contributions to the B20 Health Conference. Here, a final communique will be drafted, which will be handed to the respective Ministers of Health of the G20 countries. This contribution will also be forwarded to the Minister of Health of South Africa, which is part of the G20 nations.

At today’s B20 Health conference the following topics will be discussed: Antimicrobial Resistance, Pandemic Preparedness, Digital Health, Innovation in Healthcare, Neglected Tropical Diseases and Global Health: Improved Access to Medical Care.

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As a prelude to the B20 Health Conference, the South African delegation attended a function hosted by the South African Ambassador, Mr Stone Sizani. The theme at the function was “German Africa Policy- Way Forward”. The Key Note Address was made by Prof. Dr. Heinz-Walter Große, Chairman, Sub-Sahara Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI). Attendees included representatives from government ministries, political foundations, parliamentarians, African ambassadors and think tanks.

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