

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Department to host TB Indaba to strengthen response to the epidemic**

**Pretoria:** The Department of Health will on Tuesday, 20 June convene TB Indaba in Durban to create a platform for stakeholders from public and private sectors to discuss the successes, achievements, challenges facing the TB Programme and the priority areas for the future.

The event is part of build-up activities ahead of the 11<sup>th</sup> SA AIDS Conference scheduled to kick-start on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 at the Durban International Convention Centre from 15:00 to 18:00. The theme of the AIDS conference is ***Act, Connect and End the Epidemic***

The country's TB response programme has suffered significant setbacks from COVID-19 pandemic which disrupted the provision of routine health services including TB prevention, care and treatment adherence due to strict quarantine measures and lockdowns.

The Department has launched a target-driven and evidence-based TB recovery plan with the objective to find people with undiagnosed TB patients

