

**ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA AT THE 2ND PRESIDENTIAL
HEALTH SUMMIT, BIRCHWOOD HOTEL IN BOKSBURG, GAUTENG**

Friday, 5 May 2023

Programme Director,

Minister of Health, Dr. Joe Phaahla,

Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo,

Premier of Gauteng, Mr. Panyaza Lesufi,

Traditional leaders present,

Representatives of the healthcare fraternity,

Representatives of academia and the scientific community,

**Representatives of the World Health Organization and other international health
bodies,**

Representatives of business, labour and civil society,

Delegates, including those joining us virtually,

Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon, it is a pleasure to be here. Thank you for the warm welcome.

It has been four years since the Presidential Health Compact was signed at the inaugural Presidential Health Summit.

To use the old adage, every cloud has a silver lining.

Having a Health Compact in place actually gave us a launch-pad from which to build a coherent and highly effective pandemic response that was acclaimed around the world.

Four, developing a motivated, capable, compassionate workforce, and working with

We also aim to step up engagement with communities across the country to make

I thank you.