

Media Statement

HPCSA FOSTERS RELATIONS WITH THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF JAMAICA

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is one of the healthcare regulatory bodies that forms part of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA), a continental regulatory body made up of over 30 organisations representing countries from different regions across the continent. AMCOA primarily exists to support Africa’s medical and health regulatory authorities. The President of the HPCSA is also the President of AMCOA.

The HPCSA has continued sharing and exchanging knowledge and expertise with other healthcare regulatory bodies regionally, continentally and internationally. Previously, the HPCSA conducted benchmarking exercises with the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council, the Zambian Medical Council and the Lesotho Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Council. The South African High Commissioner in Jamaica, Mrs Lumka Yengeni facilitated the initial engagement between the HPCSA and the Medical Council of Jamaica. Based on the engagement, a way forward was identified on how the exchange will evolve with an aim to address the following:

- Enhance the operations of business;
- Identify room for improvement for both organisations;
- Identify how each organisation measures against competitors in the industry;
- Establish a clear understanding of current performances and
- Set operating standards for successful implementation.

As a regulator, our aim is to ensure that we continuously review our regulations and processes to be on par with other international regulators in terms of best practice. It is through such engagements and benchmarking exercises that we can achieve our goal of being the leading healthcare regulator in Africa and the world.

Protecting the public and guiding the professions.

"We are always delighted to exchange in knowledge sharing to upskill ourselves as a regulator. I am confident that through these exercises we will continue to achieve our mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions", says Dr Magome Masike, the Registrar of the HPCSA.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), also known as Council, is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects of education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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