



Webinar

Supporting Health Care Workers to Lead Change: Introducing the NHI Change Champions Initiative

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Time: 13h00 – 13h00



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Time	Agenda Item	Speaker/Facilitator
13h00 – 13h10	Introduction & Welcome	Dr H. Somaroo
13h10 – 13h25	Intro to NHI & the NHI Change Champions Initiative	Prof N. Crisp
13h25 – 13h35	Video clip: Health care workers at the heart of health messaging	Hon. Dr PA Motsoaledi
13h35 – 13h55	From evidence to action: NHI Knowledge & Perceptions Study Results	Dr G. Labadarios
13h55 – 14h40	Introduction to the NHI Change Champions Initiative	Mr. Foster Mohale
14h40 – 14h55	Q & A	Dr H. Somaroo
14h55 – 15h00	Closure	Dr. H. Somaroo



Prof. Nicholas Crisp

A Medical Doctor, public health medicine specialist and Honorary Professor in Public Health Medicine at University of Pretoria. He is employed as Deputy Director General: National Health Insurance and is responsible for establishing the governance and administrative capabilities of the entity that will manage the Fund.

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Dr. Grace Labadarios

Grace qualified as a medical doctor in 1992 from the University of Stellenbosch. She completed her MMed in Public Health at UCT in 2018. She has worked at the Office of Health Standards Compliance as Director: Health Standards Development and Training. She is currently the Chief Director for User and Service Provider Management at the NHI Branch in the NDOH.

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Mr. Foster Mohale

Foster Mohale is a communications professional with more than 19 years of experience in public sector communication. He is the Director for Media Relations and Spokesperson for the Department of Health. He is currently serving as Acting Chief Director of Communications.

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