

MEDIA ADVISORY

MEDIA BRIEFING BY DR BLADE NZIMANDE ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AND COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande will hold a media briefing on matters pertaining to the COVID-19 lockdown in the higher education, science and innovation sector.

In the higher education sector the Minister will address amongst other issues; NSFAS allowances, SETAs stipends, private accommodation establishments and the return of medical students to campus.

In the science and innovation sector there will be an update on research on South Africa's traditional medicine and the engagements with stakeholders in relation to indigenous knowledge systems and COVID-19.

The details of the media briefing are:

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2020

Time: 11h00

Venue: The Minister will brief from Tshedimosetso House, GCIS Auditorium, 1035 Francis Baard Street, Hatfield in Pretoria

Media Participation: Journalists may view the briefing via live streaming on the SA Government Facebook page, Twitter and YouTube channels on the links below.

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