



**DEPUTY PRESIDENT: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**01 March 2017**

Dear Mr Yawa,

### **CONCERNS PERTAINING TO SANAC**

Thank you for your communication with regards to a number of concerns pertaining to SANAC and its operations.

As you are aware, the Board of Trustees of the SA National AIDS Trust has the authority to supervise and guide the operations of the Secretariat including matters that have to do with the appointment of SANAC officials, but more especially the CEO in line with the provisions of the Deed of Trust. Following the concerns raised in your letter we sought clarity from the Board on the status of the processes being followed to recruit the Chief Executive.

The Board has assured me that the process is proceeding according to SANAT's internal procedures and in a transparent manner. Further, they have assured that filling this post is being prioritised. This is led by Dr Ayanda Ntsaluba as the new Acting Chair of the Trust, following the resignation of Dr Gwen Ramokgopa. My office has issued a press statement in this regard.

With regards to the allegations of irregular payment of monies to organisations and persons involved in the Trust, the Office of the Deputy President has been informed by the Acting Chair of the Trust, Dr Ayanda Ntsaluba, that they are looking into the allegations of possible conflict of interest. In this connection they have confirmed that the Board has approved R 248 000 to support the work of the Office of the Deputy Chair of SANAC. I am informed that none of these monies have however been transferred pending the completion of procedures outlined in the grants making policy of the Trust.

The Acting Chairperson further confirms that all members of the Trust were requested to submit declaration of interest forms. Five members have submitted their forms whilst three other members have requested further clarification on aspects of the forms. The Board will provide clarity and resolve the matter at its next meeting.

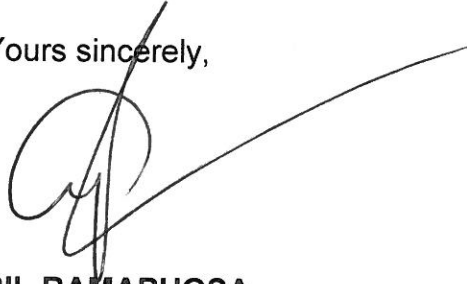
Please be assured that the Trust will provide necessary reports to myself as Chair and ultimately to Plenary as may be required. They are further required to take proper remedial action should any of the allegations be found to be true.

Similarly, I expect the Department of Health to review all allegations of conflict of interest.

I urge all stakeholders and sectors to engage with the management and board of the Trust on operational matters which are not directly under my purview in my capacity as the Chair of the South African National AIDS Council.

I would like to thank you for raising these matters. Be assured that as the Chair of SANAC, I will take necessary steps to ensure the stability and proper functioning of SANAC and all its structures. I look forward to engaging you and other SANAC stakeholders as we move towards finalising the new National Strategic Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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