



Member communication

SAICA's action plan to limit the spread of the Coronavirus

Johannesburg, 16 March 2020 – This is a time of great concern for all of us in South Africa and indeed the world.

As I am sure you know, The World Health Organisation has now declared Covid-19 (also known as the Coronavirus) a 'pandemic' meaning there is a global outbreak of the disease. Our national government has since announced a series of decisive measures to safeguard the health and well-being of all South Africans.

As you may have seen last night, President [Cyril Ramaphosa declared a state of disaster](#). Furthermore, following Friday's member communication and a meeting held by the SAICA Executive Committee members (ExCo) today, we are in full support of the President's directive to be extra cautious. We are therefore committed to doing everything we can to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The nature of COVID-19 requires that we take proactive preventative measures to ensure your health and safety. The most effective way to limit the spread of this disease is by social distancing.

We have therefore taken the decision to cancel all face-to-face seminars and events scheduled to take place until 30 April 2020, unless otherwise communicated for each event. Cancelling our face-to-face events is the best approach in order to look after our members, other stakeholders and employees. Your health comes first.

Where possible, webinars will be offered in an effort to ensure operations continue as normal and you don't lose out on professional development opportunities offered to you by SAICA.

Kindly visit SAICA's [Seminars and Events webpage](#) for more detail of the webinars for the events you have already registered for.

SAICA staff will also be working remotely from Wednesday morning, 18 March 2020 until 30 April 2020. Business Continuity Plans have been triggered, details of which will be finalised by managers of each department in order to prepare appropriately for remote working from Wednesday morning.

Although staff will be working remotely SAICA will continue to deliver services to members and will still actively work at achieving SAICA's strategic objectives.

The time period of this remote working is subject to ongoing review and may be shortened or lengthened as circumstances dictate.

In conclusion, these are extraordinary times that will require calm and considered action by all of us. As SAICA we will continue to monitor the situation actively and take appropriate measures or additional precautions if necessary.

We will keep communicating with you as the situation unfolds. We wish you all well during this difficult time.

Regards

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