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The South African Pharmacy Council is looking forward to attending the 82nd FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, which will be held for the first time in Africa

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is pleased to host the 82nd FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Africa. Taking place from 1-4 September 2024, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in South Africa, the groundbreaking event marks a historic first as it convenes on African soil. With over a thousand pharmacy professionals, researchers, educators, policymakers, and healthcare leaders worldwide set to attend, the congress will provide a unique opportunity to address local and global health challenges.

As the regulatory authority for pharmacy in South Africa, the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) is pleased to be a part of the 82nd FIP World Congress and welcomes world leaders and professionals to the country. The timing of the highly acclaimed FIP World Congress fits seamlessly and is particularly significant as it coincides with Pharmacy Month which falls in September in South Africa. The theme this year is “**Let’s Talk About Vaccines**” and it emphasises the vital role pharmacists play in educating the public about vaccines, promoting immunisation, and safeguarding public health. Furthermore, our involvement in the congress exemplifies our unwavering commitment and dedication to advancing the pharmacy profession and driving innovation and excellence in healthcare, both within South Africa and internationally.

The congress will provide a platform to highlight Africa's leadership in pharmacy practice, research, and education. The SAPC will carry out local interest sessions at the congress with in-depth sessions on topics such as Risk-Based Inspections, Pharmacy Specialisations, and the Sale of Medicinal Cannabis, among others. These sessions intend to address critical challenges relevant to the South African context while also engaging with and incorporating global advancements in these areas.

Several cutting-edge innovations in healthcare will be discussed namely, precision medicine, which tailors treatments to individual genetic profiles for greater efficacy and fewer side effects. Telemedicine and remote monitoring will be explored in relation to the expansion of access to care via virtual consultations and wearable technologies, as well as Artificial intelligence (AI), which enhances diagnostic accuracy, predicts outcomes, and optimises treatment through advanced data analysis. Big data analytics, which leverages comprehensive datasets to manage population health will also form part of the informative discussions.

The congress will provide Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities through a dynamic schedule of keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, all designed to help delegates remain abreast with the latest advancements and best practices in the pharmaceutical industry.

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About FIP

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is a global federation representing over four million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists and pharmaceutical educators around the world. Founded in 1912, FIP works to advance pharmacy practice and science globally, fostering excellence in healthcare delivery through education, research, and collaboration through their 156 national organisations, academic institutional members and individual members.

About SAPC

The South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) is the regulatory authority responsible for overseeing the pharmacy profession in South Africa. Established to protect the public and ensure the highest standards of practice within the pharmacy sector, the SAPC plays a vital role in regulating the training, registration, and professional conduct of pharmacists, pharmacy support personnel, and pharmacy facilities across the country.

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