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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**BUSINESS UNITE AGAINST POOR PLACEMENT OF MEDICAL INTERNS DURING COVID19**

The South African United Business Confederation (SAUBC) member, South African Medical Association (SAMA) issues Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 as a deadline for the Department of Health to place medical students. The SAUBC is concerned about the poor management of the placing of medical interns in various facilities to commence with their internship and community service training programme (ICSP) for the mid-year period.

SAUBC President, Mr. George Sebulela said, “the irregular public announcements that has tremendously affected students should immediately be attended too after the students have expressed concerns after they missed two placements in public hospitals because of funding. Moreover, it is embarrassing that our frontline interns are not valued from the contributions they made to the health sector, particularly during this COVID 19 pandemic. It is not a secret that indeed our frontline Doctors need assistance during this difficult time”.

South African Medical Association (SAMA) Chairperson, Dr. Angelique Coetzee said, “a total of 288 medical interns who graduated in March and April were initially awaiting compulsory and constitutionally mandated placement at public health facilities. To date only 133 of these interns have been placed; the rest cannot be placed, ostensibly because of a lack of available funds by the Department of Health”.

Dr. Coetzee further stated, “through not ensuring the placement of the interns, the Department of Health and the Minister of Health are in contravention of their constitutional obligations to ensure eligible applicants are placed as interns”.

The SAUBC will engage with the Department of Health and National Treasury to ensure this matter be resolved. We call upon National Treasury and the Department of health to urgently proceed with the placement of the medical graduates.

“The SAUBC strongly supports its member, SAMA for giving government a deadline of the end of Thursday. Failure of, we stand behind SAMA to approach the South African Court on behalf of our Doctors, Mr. Sebulela concluded”.

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South Africa United Business Confederation (SAUBC) is a non-profit & non-racial, business & economic federation that represents cross-cutting business interests in South Africa. SAUBC consists of members representing Export Councils, Industry Associations and Joint Groups (Business Chambers)

**ECONOMIC PROFILE OF SAUBC**

**ECONOMIC  
FACT SHEET  
OF SAUBC**

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**BUSINESSES  
REPRESENTED**

Joint Groups Members,  
Export Council Members &  
Industry Association Members

over

**1.2M**  
BUSINESSES

OVER ONE POINT TWO  
MILLION BUSINESSES  
REPRESENTED

**MEMBERSHIP  
NUMBERS**

Joint Groups,  
Export Councils &  
Industry Associations

**70**

OVER SEVENTY  
MEMBER  
ORGANISATIONS

**EMPLOYMENT  
CREATED**

Total number of  
Employees employed

over

**5.7**

million  
employees

**MEMBER  
EXPORTS**

Total value of exports  
by SAUBC members

over

**20 BILLION**

worth in  
US Dollars

**INDUSTRY  
SECTORS**

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SAUBC members  
represent all industry  
sectors.



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