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Dear Stakeholder

## PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH PRODUCTS MASTERPLAN WORKING GROUPS

The dtic has prioritised the South African Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices sectors for development through the Masterplan process. Masterplans facilitate investment across the value-chain, unlock job creation, deepen cross-sector linkages, and identify domestic, regional, and global export opportunities.

Due to the complex nature of the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices sectors, a phased approach is being undertaken with Medical Devices prioritised in phase 1. A broad stakeholder meeting was convened in November 2021 where sectoral needs and challenges were identified, and five core working groups were established to develop concrete actions to address these. These are:

1. **Working Group 1: Skills and Capacity Development** to increase capability and capacity of enterprises to meet local and international regulatory requirements.
2. **Working Group 2: Create an Enabling Ecosystem** for local firms and multinationals to grow through the provision of supportive infrastructure, regulatory compliance, and good manufacturing practice (GMP).
3. **Working Group 3: Improving Market Access and Export Enablers** using cluster and market network practices and following achievable procurement methodologies.
4. **Working Group 4: Achieve Global Competitiveness** through partnerships with CE / FDA / MHRA / ISO.
5. **Working Group 5: Integration into Global Value Chains** to grow domestic manufacturing.

The critical success factor in Masterplan processes is active participation from all stakeholders in the sector; including government, business and labour. Your organisation has been identified as a critical participant in this process and we therefore request that you nominate an appropriate senior staffmember to contribute to this important initiative. Nominations may be submitted to the following officials:

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Yours sincerely

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