

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

cordially invites you to the
POPIA Public Consultation Forum

PROGRESS ON THE POPIA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESEARCH

Date: 3 May 2021
Time: 10:00 – 12:00
Venue: Zoom
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BACKGROUND

The Academy of Science of South Africa is facilitating the process to develop a Code of Conduct for Research under the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), having hosted two stakeholder events that were attended by scientists and researchers from diverse disciplinary backgrounds. We have set up a Steering Committee to oversee the process of developing a Code of Conduct for research, as well as a Drafting Committee who are drafting the document.

At this virtual consultation forum, presentations will be offered on the process of developing a Code of Conduct, as well as on thematic areas of interest, including consent, genomics research, information matching programmes and the use of social media data in research. Stakeholders will be given an opportunity to share insights and provide comment on the development of the Code of Conduct.

PROGRAMME

Facilitator:	Prof Michèle Ramsay , Professor of Human Genetics, University of the Witwatersrand (WITS)
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Introduction
10:05 – 10:15	Progress on the Code of Conduct so far Dr Rachel Adams , Chief Research Specialist, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
10:15 – 10:20	Response on the Code of Conduct Prof Jerome Singh , Honorary Research Fellow at Howard College School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)
Presentations	
10:20 – 10:27	Consent Prof Jantina de Vries , Professor in the Department of Medicine and Bioethics, University of Cape Town (UCT)
10:27 – 10:34	Information Matching Programmes Prof Alan Christoffels , Director of the South African National Bioinformatics Institute, University of the Western Cape (UWC)
10:34 – 10:41	Genomic Research Dr Dominique Anderson , Senior Researcher at the South African National Bioinformatics Institute, UWC
10:41 – 10:48	Research using information from Social Media Dr Antonel Olckers , CEO of DNAbiotec
Discussions	
10:48 – 11:50	Q&A
11:50 – 12:00	Way forward Prof Himla Soodyall , Executive Officer, ASSAf
12:00	Closure

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