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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (SADA) AND THE DENTAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (DPA)

SADA and DPA to explore unifying and strengthening of Oral Health in South Africa.

STATEMENT:

The two organisations met in the spirit of friendship to consider avenues of co-operation and unification of the voice of oral health in South Africa around pertinent industry issues

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SADA and DPA met on 12 July 2019 at the SADA head office and emerged with a sense of continued friendship and optimism about the potential that lies in co-operating and collaborating on matters that would benefit the dental profession while increasing access to oral healthcare.

The South African Dental Association (SADA) and the Dental Professionals Association (DPA) have undertaken to explore opportunities to work together and unify the voice of Oral Health in South Africa for the benefit of members, communities and the profession at large.

Both parties expressed the desire to broaden interactions to include a redoubling of efforts to address challenges such as the third-party funding environment, regulatory issues, National Health Insurance (NHI), professional indemnity, amongst others.

SADA and DPA have mutually agreed to investigate entering into a collaboration agreement to facilitate a series of joint action that would focus on sensitisation, engagement on policy, early dispute resolution and matters of compliance.

Both organisations are optimistic that this collaboration will add value to our members, reduce duplication, and greatly benefit communities, resulting in overall improvements in the oral health quality of the country.

This is an important first step towards exploring opportunities to work together for the benefit of our members and, most importantly, the communities we serve.

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About SADA:

The leading professional industry membership body for dentistry in Southern Africa, the South African Dental Association (SADA) represents over 80% of registered dentists in the country's private and public sectors. Membership is open to industry professionals from dental students to retired dentists.

The Association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about us at <http://www.sada.co.za>

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