



National Economic Development  
and Labour Council



*Nedlac and MISTRA will host two webinars, on July 19, 2022 and August 02, 2022, looking at lessons and legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic for social contracting and social partnerships.*

Since March 2020, organised business, labour, community, and government have worked together, lobbied, negotiated, and exercised oversight over the management of the Covid-19 pandemic to address the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods. There is now a recognition that while there may be further pandemic phases, the Covid-19 is endemic and the response to Covid-19 needs to be integrated into a new normal, with general public health measures and occupational health and safety in place.

There are significant lessons for stakeholders. To consider the lessons and legacy of the last two years, Nedlac is partnering with Mistra to host two webinars as follows, to which you or representatives from your organisation are invited.

Very different relationships between social partners and actors in society were required to outsmart the Covid19. The two webinars focus on the South African experiences, successes, and failures in this regard.

The recommendations arising from the webinars will be compiled in a report for approval by the Nedlac structures and submitted to relevant government and social partner structures for further consideration.

#### **WEBINAR 1: SOCIAL CONTRACTING DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC**

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, it could be argued that the social contract between the people and government was high, with strong adherence to lockdown restrictions. However, by the end of the pandemic, this was reversed with, for example, far fewer numbers of people agreeing to be vaccinated. This webinar will focus on what happened to the social contract looking at adherence to non-pharmaceutical measures, respect for lockdown regulations, and attitudes to vaccination.

**Webinar details: Tuesday, 19 July, 8h30 to 10h30**



## **Webinar 1: Programme**

**08h30**

### **Welcome**

Nedlac Executive Director: Lisa Seftel

**08h35**

### **Background and context**

Facilitator: Abba Omar, MISTRA

**08h45**

### **Behavioural change during the Covid pandemic**

David Harrison, DG Murray Trust

**9h00**

### **Community-based experiences**

Mabalane Mfundisi, Community Constituency Front

**09h15**

### **The workplace experience: A case study of the South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union**

Sactwu official, to be confirmed.

**09h30**

**From the Covid-19 pandemic toward improved public health**  
Yogan Pillay, Extraordinary Professor, Department of Global Health,  
Stellenbosch University

**09h50**  
Discussion

**10h20**  
**Wrap up and summary**  
Abba Omar

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## **WEBINAR 2: PARTNERING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic, lockdown, economic distress, and the 2021 July unrest saw significant levels of consensus and working together between the social partners. This webinar will focus on the different kinds of collaboration and partnership that developed, what lessons can be learnt and how can partnerships be sustained where relevant going forward.

**Webinar details: Tuesday, 2 August 2022, 8:30 to 10:30**



## **Webinar 2: Programme**

**08h30**

### **Welcome**

Nedlac Executive Director: Lisa Seftel

**08h35**

### **Background and context**

Facilitator: Neo Momodu, Consumer Goods Council of South Africa

**08h45**

### **Collaboration between government and social partners under the State of Disaster**

Setepane Mohale, NatJoints Workstreams Coordinator

**08h55**

### **The vaccine partnership**

Martin Kingston, Business for South Africa

**09h05**

### **Partnering for relief and income replacement**

Mathew Parks, Cosatu Parliamentary Co-ordinator

**09h15**

### **The Solidarity Fund experience**

Wendy Tlou, Solidarity Fund

**09h35**

### **Pandemic preparedness going forward**

South African Medical Research Council official, to be confirmed.

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