



# COVID-19 Response

Economic Intervention Group  
Weekly Teleconference

21 May 2020  
14:00 to 15:30

# Economic Intervention Group – Agenda



Number	Agenda Item	Responsible	Time Slot
1.	Welcome	Martin Kingston	14:00
2.	Health Working Group Update	Stavros Nicolaou	14:00 to 14:05
3.	Labour Working Group Update	Robert Legh	14:05 to 14:10
4.	Legal Working Group Update	Robert Appelbaum and Glenn Penfold	14:10 to 14:15
5.	Future phases of work Phase 2 & Phase 3	Lisa Klein & Jonathan Cawood	14:15 to 14:25
6.	EIG - Feedback from team meetings and other developments from workstream leaders: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maria Ramos / Lullu Krugel (Macroeconomic strategy)</li> <li>2. Tanya Cohen (Essential business sectors)</li> <li>3. Philippa Rodseth (Industrial policy interventions and local manufacturing)</li> <li>4. Chris Griffith (Innovations)</li> <li>5. Mpumi Madisa (Supply chain security)</li> <li>6. Deidre Penfold (Safe transport)</li> <li>7. Bongani Nqwababa (Security of critical infrastructure)</li> <li>8. Gwarega Mangozhe (Security of consumer supplies)</li> <li>9. Lisa Klein (SMEs and the township economy)</li> </ol>		14:25 to 15:20
7.	PMO Update, Drives/Pledges/Sponsorship	Martin Solomon	15:20 to 15:25
8.	Communications Working Group & Website Update	Andre Prinsloo	15:25 to 15:30
9.	Way forward	Martin Kingston	15:30

## Key developments

- Over-arching on all workgroups: Unlocking what does level 3 mean and discussions to be held with all relevant stakeholders
- Future phase of work: Phase 2 data analysis application to models
- Phase 3 engagement with various stakeholders, more clear picture expected within the next 2 weeks
- Essential Business Sectors: Developing a draft report for government on the safety & readiness of the transport system as easing of restrictions progress



## 2. Health Workgroup – Stav Nicolaou

### Key developments

- ITAC permits for export and import backlog being addressed very slowly at present. Discussion to be held with Ministry to see how this can be improved.
- Regulatory requirements for supplier and product vetting is progressing slowly, will try to improve this with the innovation stream which will assist suppliers with this process.
- Use of local suppliers being pushed very hard, innovation stream to assist local suppliers to get necessary certification.
- Manufacturing of extraction test kits can be locally manufactured, this is being looked at.



### Key issues

- Resourcing an issue as numerous resources are rolling off. PMO is assisting with identifying and onboarding replacements
- Pricing of PPE is higher than average supplier prices, due to Emergency buying, this will improve as the database increase and better pricing can be obtained.
- Solidarity Fund commitment nearing completion, another envelope of commitment is required to continue purchasing PPE.

### Key actions

- Think tank established in PPE workstream to assist with debottling and problem solving.
- Local Suppliers to be prioritized through the vetting process – assistance will be given through the innovation stream.
- DTI be informed that pharmacy is an essential service - remove requirement to register on DTI website as many pharmacies are not Pty companies.
- Companies going back into operation requiring screening of employees approaching pharmacies - Protocols Designed and sent to pharmacies to action. Delay is related to the shortage of test kits and/or testing reagents.



### 3. Labour – Rob Leigh

#### Key developments

- UIF to transition to direct payment of employees starting in May.

#### Key Issues

- Some large employers such as Sibanye and Edcon have not received their UIF Covid TERS benefit. Follow up engagements are being held with UIF Commissioner.
- Inconsistent enforcement implementation of health and safety act by inspectors. Guidance is being sort from with Dr. Barry Kistansamy
- Aligning return to work and re-opening of schools. To engage with DBE through NEDLAC

## 4. Legal, Regulatory & Tax – Glenn Penfold



### Issue | Action / Mitigation

Differences in approaches to contracting and potential non-alignment of BSA documents on procurement

- Identify the relevant contracts and BSA policy documents
- Ensure consistency in approach to contracting across BSA

### Urgent next step

Workshop required with PMO Leads, Legal Leads and relevant members of the legal team to finalise contracting

# 5.1 Phase 2 – Lisa Klein

## Key developments

- Interaction with members from Health Minister's advisory team
- Comms and media strategy
- Collating data: socio – economic



## Key issues

- How to deal with the COVID-19 peak in relation to insufficient ICU beds etc.
- New developments on health screening and track & trace monitoring
  - Impact on workplace protocols etc.?
- Limited Global /other guidance (beyond the normal) relating to public transport interventions
  - What more is needed in the SA context?

## Key decisions

Overall B4SA comms strategy (post Nedlac & other developments)



# 5.2 Phase 3 – Jonathan Cawood

## Progress Update

Activities	Primary Sectors						Network Sectors			Enablers				Weeks		
	Mining	Manuf.	Const.	Tourism	FS	Agriculture	Energy	Transport	Telecoms	Funding the ERS	Innov.	Labour & Upskilling	Policy & role of the State			
1 Onboarding, data gathering, stakeholder mapping, first cut analysis and targeting	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			█	█	█	20 -24 April		
2 Deeper analysis per target and stakeholder engagement	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		█	█	█	27-1 April		
3 Refined acceleration hypothesis supported by data	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		█	█	█	4 - 8 May		
4 Cross cutting dimensions aligned and key actions formulated	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	11-15 May		
5 Deep dives per sector with B4SA exec team	←	—	—	—	Sector & Enabler “Deep Dives”						—	—	—	—	→	18 -22 May
6 Validation & refinement with key Sector bodies														25 -29 May		
7 Final integration and storyboarding														1-5 June		
8 Presentations and engagement														8-12 June		

\* SMMEs & Township Economy cross cutting

## 5.2 Phase 3 – Jonathan Cawood

Team has been mobilised

### Available funding & affordability

- Domestic private and govt funding capacity
- International funding - private, G2G, DFIs, etc.
- Exim/ECIC/Credit guarantee/enhancement facilities,
- Prerequisites & conditions
- Affordability
- Prioritizing spend

### Organising ourselves

- Skills required
- Stakeholders to engage
- Division of work
- Timing
- Coordination and cadence



### Wider considerations:

- Monetary policy/money supply
- Govt reallocation and efficiency of spend
- Govt lending agencies – Land Bank, SEFA, IDC, PIC – focus, quality of portfolios, aftercare, speed
- Asset recycling & lazy assets
- Municipal capacity incl. uplift + ringfencing of revenues
- Planning & coordination
- Policy, Regulation & Procurement
- PPPs reloaded
- Low to negative yields / rates internationally
- FTA and AU
- **JOBS, JOBS, JOBS**



# 6. Economic Intervention Group – Workstream Updates



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# 6.4 Innovation – Chris Griffith

## Key developments

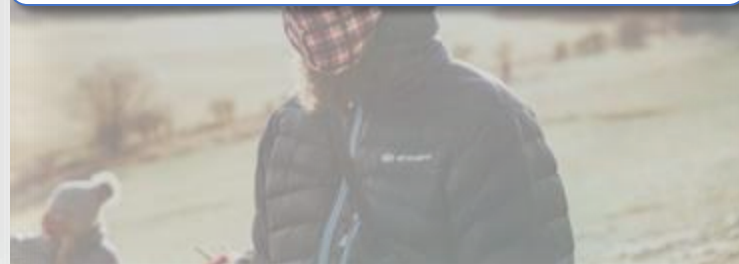
- Local Manufacturing workstream concept shared
  - Nedlac, Solidarity Fund, DST, DTIC, NDoH, internally with B4SA
- Government/Labour participation achieved
  - DTIC, DST, NDoH, Labour representation on governance panel
- Workstream Kick Off Session at 15h30 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ~60 people invited as part of meeting
- Alignment between DTIC, B4SAA&A and B4SA Innovation on data display and dashboards
- In the process of aligning Digital Initiatives across workstreams

## Key issues

- Create working model to enable procurement team to leverage local manufacturing workstreams
- Lack of information within BSA and from Government about what Digital initiatives are required/being pursued.
- Help get the workstreams running and building momentum
- Missing information on demand to be updated from discussions between Innovation, DTIC and A&A teams.
- Procurement and Project management workstream resources still required, and alignment required with DTIC on textile leads.

## Risks | Mitigation

- Lack of supply & demand data esp. Private Hospital Demand and NHLS data
- Lack of sufficient alignment with government (esp. NDoH) in the Testing workstream
- Possible Mis-alignment between BSA and Government Initiatives
- Ongoing discussion with A&A team to collaborate more effectively
- Insufficient access to NDoH to enable effective decision making
- Central ICT structure that involves representatives from BSA and Gov.



# 7. PMO update and Pledges/Sponsorship



## EIG PMO:

Workgroup	Economics
Executive sponsors	<b>Martin Kingston</b> <b>Olivier Serrão</b>
PMO lead	<b>Martin Solomon</b>
PMO support	<b>Nadeem Mohamed</b> <b>Bavumile Skhosana</b>
Stakeholder and communications	<b>Andre Prinsloo</b>
Legal, regulatory and tax	<b>Finn Elliot</b>
Operational risk lead (Central PMO)	<b>Abhishek Jain</b>
Analytics and automation	<b>Hannah Marais</b> <b>Bryde Nel</b>

## Pledges/Sponsorship Update:

- Offers currently stand at 518 (outside of the Health Workgroup)
- 53 offers directly to EIG of which 6 are pending confirmation
- Many offers relate to subject matter expertise which have been vetted – should any stream require additional support please reach out to the PMO

## 8. Comms – Andre Prinsloo



**Key developments**



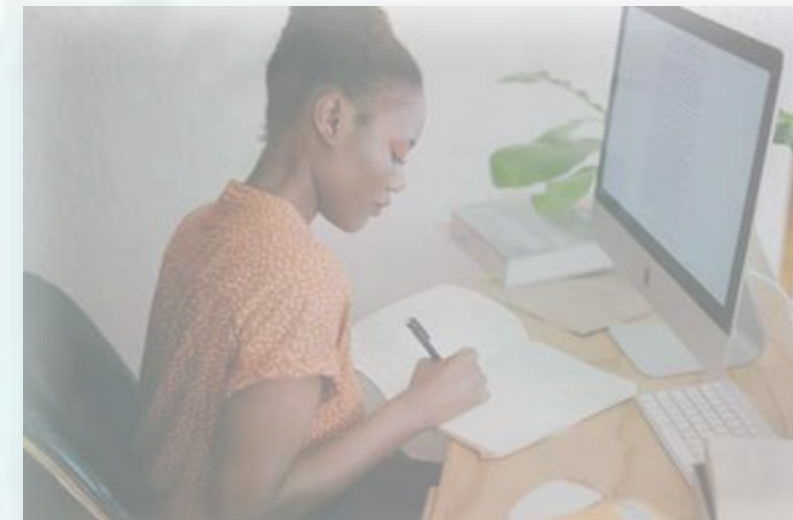
**Key Issues**



**Key developments**

- Significant media coverage continues: especially following President's 14 May address; the decision to relax e-commerce status; numerous health related initiatives and campaigns; post the Nedlac meeting; and building anticipation of transition to level 3
- Social media and website information gathering and distribution remains active

- Overall B4SA messaging review to incorporate Phase 2 communication strategy implementation, followed at a later stage by phase 3 interventions



**Key developments**

# 8. Website Update

- Andre Prinsloo (Sent apologies)



## MS TEAMS:

- MS Teams available for collaboration

## Business for SA Website:

- Workgroup updates – ongoing
- Ongoing revisions to Daily Updates
- What's App bot for SMME is up and running
- [businessforsa.org](http://businessforsa.org)

### DAILY UPDATES



#### Medical grade masks to be used for frontline health care workers only

Business for South Africa (B4SA) calls on all businesses and the public to heed Government's call to reserve ALL medical-grade masks, including N95 respirators and




#### Business for SA provides update

Business for South Africa (B4SA), the alliance of volunteer resources from across South African business bodies and organisations, member companies large and small, including professional [...]

### SMME #COVID19 SUPPORT


WHATSAPP INFORMATION BOARD ON LATEST LIST OF SMME INITIATIVES - UPDATED DAILY

**STEP 1**




Save 087 250 2674 in your contacts  
Open a new chat in WhatsApp

**STEP 2**




Type "Hi"  
Chat will reply with a list of options for information available

**STEP 3**




Reply with the # for the option where you want information  
e.g., "1" for "Relief funding and loans"

**STEP 4**



PDF file will be sent to you in the WhatsApp chat.  
Open the PDF to view information



# 9. Way Forward

