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FSACCI NEWSLETTER

Monday, 30th March 2020

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

Coronavirus Updates | Tips & Tools | Q&A | Network Safely | Webinars Media |
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CORONAVIRUS: Updates

WE INFORM: Governmental Updates



- 23 March 2020 | President Cyril Ramaphosa: Escalation of measures to combat Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic >>> Full statement [HERE](#)
- 25 March 2020 | Minister Ebrahim Patel announces essential service application portal

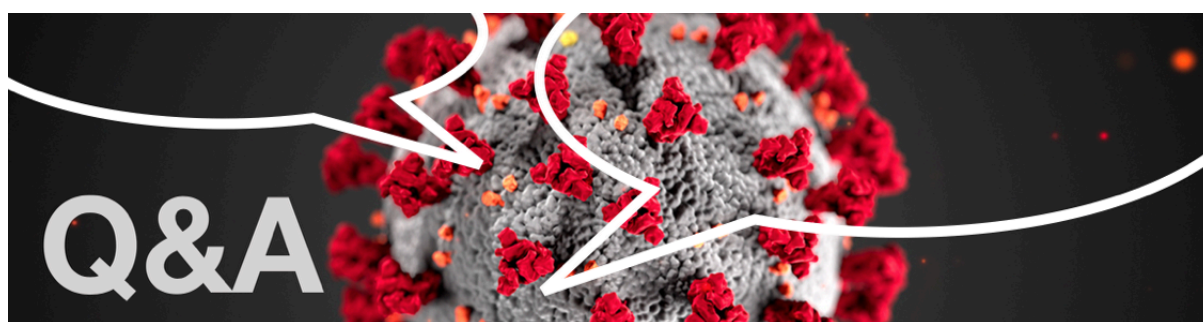
for Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown

>>> Full Statement [HERE](#)

- 25 March 2020 | Minister Fikile Mbalula on unpacking implications for transport during the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown

>>> Full Statement [HERE](#)

WE CARE: Get your Questions Answered



- See some of the network's FAQs [HERE](#)
- Ask a question and let specialists in the network advise you!

Ask a Question

WE SHARE: Our Members tips and tools

Adams & Adams

Adams & Adams | Competing with Covid-19 | Block Exemption for the Retail Property Sectors

Check out these insightful analysis and information offered by Adams & Adams and let them help your business manage Covid-19

- > [Competing with Covid-19](#)
- > [Block Exemption for the Retail Property Sectors](#)

International SOS | Latest Update



Dr Irene Lai and Michael Hancock review together:

- The latest updates and notable changes regarding the pandemic over the past week
- Their advice for supporting international assignees
- How they are supporting with evacuations during the current travel restrictions and lock downs

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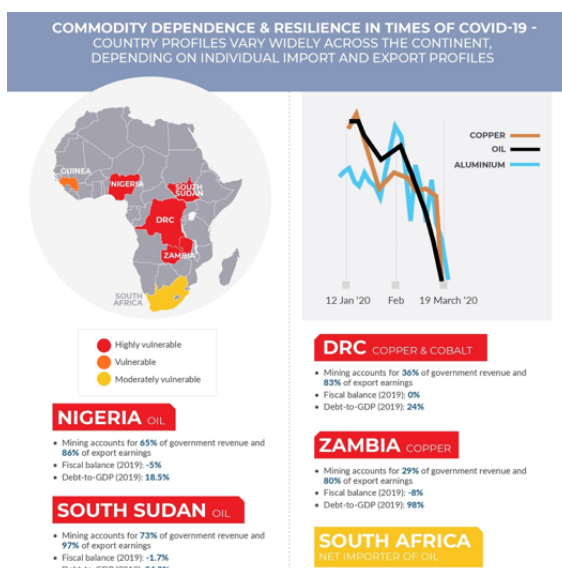
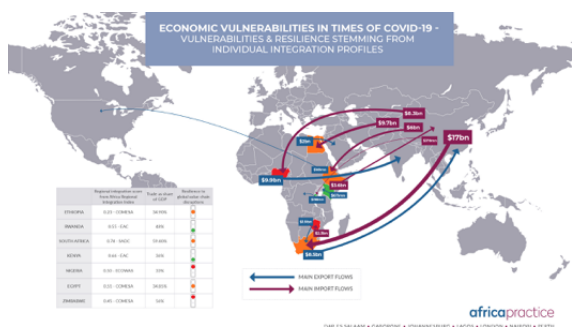


Africa Practice | Infographics

Check out these insightful analysis and information offered by Africa Practice and let them help your business manage Covid-19.

> Left: [Economic vulnerabilities in times of Covid-19](#)

> Right: [Commodity dependence & resilience](#)



The Capital Hotels & Apartments

The Capital Hotels & Apartments has been granted official government approval from the National Department of Health to operate during the Lockdown period. (Letter of approval available on request).

[More Info](#)

MSF | Call to Action

Doctors Without Borders is making a call to action that anyone who has an extra or available **infrared thermometer**, as well as available **masks, gowns and gloves** can donate it to MSF or any other medical organization. Thank you for your solidarity with the health care workers in this difficult moment.

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Share your useful Tips & Tools with us.

Contact your Service Desk Manager, [Sandrine Winder-Wolf](#)

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NETWORK SAFELY

Use the FSACCI Connexion system to network online



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INFO & EXPERTISE SHARING

Upcoming Webinars



FSACCI Webinar | Immigration 2 April 2020 - 10h30

Join us and **Angelika Yakovchuk, Head of Immigration at WerthSchröder Attorneys**, on Thursday, 2nd April for a Webinar to unpack the directions issued by the Minister of Home Affairs on 26 March 2020, as per [Government Gazette Notice](#), and the impact of it on South African visa regime.

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Member News



Sanofi is proud to be part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation consortium to fight Covid-19

Sanofi is proud to be part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation consortium to accelerate the development, manufacture and delivery of vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments to fight Covid-19.

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MEDIA

Post of the Week

COVID19 RELIEF SUMMARY

This is a summary of the current interventions available and under development to provide relief.

01

Informal sector support:

A safety net is being developed to support persons in the informal sector.



02

SASSA:

The South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) grants for pensioners and people with disabilities to be paid early.



03

National Disaster Benefit Fund:

R30 Billion has been allocated to a special Fund which will pay Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits for up to 3 months to qualifying workers whose income has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. It will address the coronavirus related job losses, support job retention, illness payouts and reduced time claims.



04

Temporary Employee Relief Scheme:

A special dispensation for companies that are in distress, through this employees will receive wage payment through the Temporary Employee Relief Scheme, which will enable companies to pay employees directly during this period and avoid retrenchment.



05

Banking sector:

The Department of Trade and Industry has passed new regulations in the banking sector. The exemptions will allow banks to work together which will help small businesses, consumers and firms in distress.



06

PAYE & Provisional corporate income tax:

Tax compliant businesses with a turnover of less than R50 million will be allowed to delay 20% of their PAYE liabilities over the next four months and a portion of their provisional corporate income tax payments without penalties or interest over the next six months.



07

Employment tax incentive:

SARS to accelerate employment tax incentive reimbursement from twice per year to monthly.



08

Tax subsidy:

A new tax subsidy of up to R 500 per month for the next four months for employees earning below R 6 500 per month.



09

Compensation Fund:

Employees who fall ill through exposure at their workplace will be paid through the Compensation Fund.



10

SMME SA:

The Department of Small Business Development made R 500 million available to distressed SMEs. Registration is now open for small and medium-sized businesses that require help during the coronavirus crisis.



11

Tourism Relief Funding:

The Department of Tourism has made an additional R200 million available to assist SMEs in the tourism and hospitality sector who are under particular stress due to the new travel restrictions.



12

Possible temporary reductions:

Possible temporary reductions of employer and employee contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund and possible temporary reduction of employer contributions to the Skill Development Fund.



13

IDC:

The Industrial Development Corporation, together with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition has committed R 3 Billion to a range of funding products in support of business to address vulnerable firms and for companies critical to fight the virus and its economic impact.



14

Solidarity Response Fund:

This was setup to help deal with the fallout of the coronavirus, and measures to slow its spread. Individuals and businesses can contribute to this fund. Johann Rupert and Nicky Oppenheimer have donated R 1 billion each into this newly established Solidarity Fund.



Subject to confirmation. Details to follow.

Source: [\(SA\)UEO](#) | Infographic shared by Karen Longley, FSACCI Board Director and member of the Women Creating Wealth programme.

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS Thuli Phiri, Founder & MD at The African Storyteller on obtaining the highest accreditation in PR – the APR.

“At some point in your life it stops being about you but about your community, your country, your continent. I believe that subjecting myself to going through every level of accreditation in our industry right to the highest level i.e. the Accredited Public Relations Practitioner (APR) is to achieve three things: 1. To affirm the importance of having standards that regulate quality, ethics and good practices. 2. To demonstrate to the younger generation that hard work gets industry recognition. 3. To acknowledge the role that the industry has played in shaping our careers.”

[See original post](#)

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Member to Members Offers



Leading Language offers 10% on remote Workshops & Language trainings

Leading Language can set up a “virtual classroom” for the attendees of workshops or individual or group language lessons. They are happy to use the audio-visual platform used by your company so that the process is seamless for all.

[More Info / Contact](#)

Alliance Francaise offers 10% discount on its French lessons online

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French
Online!



Get Alliance Française’s tradition of excellence and expertise to learn French at your own pace from anywhere in Southern Africa.

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SAVE THE DATE



Africa Rail I Postponed

Africa Rail will now take place on **25-25 August 2020**.

More info to follow



FSACCI Annual Gala I Postponed

The FSACCI Annual Gala Awards will take place on Thursday, **1st October 2020**.

Keep a lookout for the info to follow

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