

# National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA)

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<b>Interest:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)</li><li>• National Regulator for Compulsory Standards (NRCS)</li><li>• Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA)</li></ul>	

# Q1: Understanding of the theme or issue?

## Theme 1: Improved communication on the collective role of SQAM during COVID-19

- This theme arose from the following concerns raised (19 May 2020):
  - “Poor strategic and operational communication and feedback between the key players...”
  - “It is difficult to understand who is doing what, who is responsible and what resources are available to support the industry.”
- Proposed Solution:
  - WG to create a central mechanism to identify and link synergies between the COVID-19 response initiatives undertaken by the QI entities
  - Make a central database available to the WGs for Themes 4 (awareness) and 5 (collaboration)
  - Keep the database up to date as the entities progress their responses through the pandemic and its economic aftermath
  - Publish opportunities for institutes to get involved in

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Topic	COVID-19 Focus	Lay Summary	Agencies	Duration	Key Milestones
PPE	<div><div>(dropdown list)</div><div>Regulation compliance information Standards Technology review Measurement, calibration and testing Laboratory capacity Advancing local manufacturing (supply) Quality assurance of products Market surveillance Communication and awareness</div></div>	Description	Lead:  Collaborators:	Start date:  End date:	Q1 – Q4
Ventilators					
UVGI					
Sanitiser					
...					

## Q2. First or next steps

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- WG Activities and Timeline:

	Activity	Timeline	Comments
1	Identify WG members	2 week	
2	Develop a structure for the central database and confirm website host	3 weeks	
3	Populate the database with information of COVID-19 related activities by QI entities	4 - 6 weeks	Link to WG5
4	Develop a website linked to the database (internal login + public site)	6 – 8 weeks	Link to WG4
5	Monitor and update site	ongoing	

# Q3. How to stay involved or informed

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- Access up to date information on website (including short information notes)
  - Link to be published on the national *COVID-19 Corona Virus Resource Portal* (to be facilitated by the dtic Marketing and Communications Department)
- Automatic database updates sent to QI subscribers
- QI stakeholders represented on WG
- Feedback at MSQF meetings/workshops
- Post-COVID-19 Proposal:
  - QI communication and collaboration structures to be maintained beyond COVID-19, focussed on collaboration and synergies between QI entities on national priority projects