

# **Pandemic Preparedness beyond COVID-19: Learn from the past, prepare for the future**

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in Berlin, kindly invite you to attend in the roundtable discussion on “Pandemic Preparedness beyond COVID-19: Learn from the past, prepare for the future” on 23 May 2023 in Berlin.

COVID-19 revealed that pandemics have an enormous impact and create numerous challenges within and between different countries and regions. COVID-19 has demonstrated how quickly infectious diseases can spread worldwide when hitting unprepared societies. While no one can prevent the outbreak of new infectious diseases, better preparedness and resilient health systems can help mitigate future pandemics. The recent health crises has once more highlighted the importance of a multi-sectorial and -dimensional approach to pandemics. How can societies effectively implement prevention measures to strengthen the relevant sectors in preparing for future pandemics? How can pandemic preparedness be increased globally? These are some of the questions that panelists from science, politics and industry will discuss.

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. The discussion will be held in English. Simultaneous translation to German is available. You are welcome to ask questions during the Q&A session.

Further Information and Registration: <https://www.leopoldina.org/infectious-diseases-2023>.

Prior registration is required until 19 May 2023.