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We are excited to present the 21st Rural Health Conference in Taung, North West Province.

The overarching aim of the Rural Health Conference is to create a platform for rural health practitioners, partners and stakeholders across the country to connect, share experience and challenges facing rural health care practitioners, learn from one another and advocate for good practice. We believe that by working together as partners in the rural health space, and engaging the government, we can overcome the numerous challenges South African Rural Health is facing.

The biggest strength of this conference is that it is a partnership of various and a diverse organisations: RuDASA (Rural Doctors Association of Southern Africa), RuReSA (Rural Rehabilitation South Africa), PACASA (Professional Association of Clinical Associates), and RuNurSA (Rural Nurses South Africa). We are guided by RHAP (Rural Health Advocacy Programme) to ensure that the conference programme recognises the diversity within South Africa, the importance of advocating for better services, and seeking presentations on innovations in care and service provision.

In a quest to respond to current challenges facing the rural health system in South Africa, we have developed the following themes:

- Recognising Rural Health Challenges.
- Working Together- Better and Smarter
- Use of Innovations in Communications Technology and Healthcare
- Using Trans-disciplinary Teamwork to Find Innovative Solutions.
- Working Together to Advocate for Better Rural Health.

For us to have significant and meaningful impact we need all those involved in Rural Health to work together so as to achieve a better and efficient health system.

We call upon all involved in the rural health space to attend this conference, and look forward to welcoming you in Taung



Dr. Ndiviwe Mphothulo
Conference Chairperson
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