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Dear Registered Member,

As we approach the end of 2025, it is remarkable to note how quickly the year has progressed. Our new Council has hit the ground running and is committed to continuing the important work from the previous administration. Various engagements have been scheduled with stakeholders to discuss matters of mutual interest, fostering collaboration toward the advancement of our profession.

In this edition of our newsletter, I will provide a brief update on the following topics:

1. Council's Strategic Session
2. Update on Pipeline Students
3. Governance Matters
4. Invitation to Attend Dentech 2025

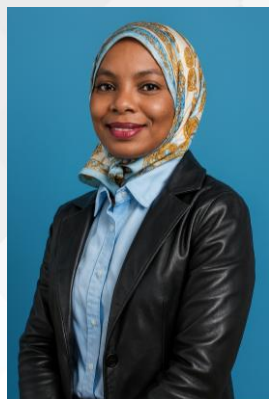
Council's Strategic Plan

The Council held its inaugural strategic session in July to develop a roadmap for the next five years. A draft plan has been prepared, and several stakeholders have been invited to participate in the upcoming session for further deliberation and input. Once adopted, the strategic plan will be submitted to the Department of Health and published on the Council's website to ensure transparency and accountability.

Update on the Pipeline Students

The Wits Health Consortium provided a progress report on the pipeline students who were onboarded into the program. Out of approximately 140 students, only 25 have been placed in various laboratories and are currently undergoing training to address the gaps identified by the Council. The Council will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders to encourage continued participation, enabling these students to qualify for professional registration.

Governance Matters



Resignation of Ms. Almina Banda and Appointment of Replacement

The Council regrets to announce the resignation of Ms. Almina Banda, who formally stepped down as a member effective 4 August 2025. Ms. Banda was appointed as a dental contractor under Section 5(1)(c). Although we looked forward to working with her, changes in her laboratory status necessitated her departure.

Given the short period since the last election and considering that a laboratory owner who received the same number of votes in this category in the recent election is available, the Council has supported the appointment of this individual to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Banda.

Invitation to Attend Dentech 2025

The Council has been invited to attend Dentech 2025, scheduled for October 10th and 11th, 2025. The President and Vice President will be participating in the congress and addressing issues pertinent to the dental technicians' profession. We encourage all members to register and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to engage with industry leaders, learn about innovations, and engage with the Council.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the dental technology profession. We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming events and initiatives.

You are reminded to visit the council's website for regular updates and important dates.

