



ADSA STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY – 3 June 2020

'Our Constitution lays the basis for the construction of a democratic, non-racial, united and prosperous society based on justice, equality, the rule of law and the inalienable human rights of all. – Government of South Africa'

Throughout this year's Dietitians Week we are aiming to highlight the significance of diversity within the profession. The global #blacklivesmatter movement and recent events in the US reiterates the importance of striving for our democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom. The Association adds its voice to thousands of other voices stating that every black life matters.

The Association acknowledges inequalities and the impact of racial and social determinants on health and nutrition outcomes. We condemn racism and discrimination in all its forms. We encourage diversity in the profession, which includes race, gender, ethnicity and other demographics. Our vision remains to achieve optimal nutrition for all South Africans and we call on all members to constructively engage towards eradicating racism and to enhance diversity.

Kind regards,

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