



05 August 2022

Dear Dr Quarraisha Abdool Karim and Dr Salim Abdool Karim

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON BEING AWARDED  
THE FOURTH HIDEYO NOGUCHI AFRICA PRIZE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH**

Allow me to join in the richly-deserved stream of congratulatory messages and felicitations, and convey, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of South Africa, our congratulations to you on being awarded the Fourth Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize for Medical Research, by the Government of Japan.

As President, I am truly proud of this latest recognition of the extraordinary contribution you are making individually and collectively to medical science and socio-economic development in our country, as well as to the expansion of human knowledge globally.

It is fitting that you are recognised internationally for your work over decades and particularly, your work during the COVID-19 pandemic, to build Africa's capacity to respond to a public health threat of this magnitude.

We commend you as being part of a growing body of South Africans who are flying our flag in all corners of the world and in all areas of human endeavour.

I thank you for your commitment to science and public health in South Africa, and to greater socio-economic equity in the world.

Well done to you and the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), on making the world a better place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Cyril Ramaphosa', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

**Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa  
President of the Republic of South Africa**

**Dr Quarraisha Abdool Karim and Dr Salim Abdool Karim  
PRETORIA**