

Top advisor resigns from health body

The health department has confirmed that Prof Salim Abdool Karim has stepped down from the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) on Covid-19, with effect from Tuesday.

His resignation is exactly one year since he chaired the committee.

Karim led a team of top scientists, who have been of support to the department, the National Coronavirus Command Council and Cabinet.

According to the department,



TRUSTED FIGURE. Prof Salim Abdool Karim. Picture: Gallo Images

Karim presided over the MAC, which has positioned South Africa as one of the leading nations

in the emergency response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The department described him as a trusted figure for many South Africans, with an ability to explain complex scientific concepts in simple terms that everyone could understand.

“The minister is sure all South Africans will join us as we convey our deep appreciation to Prof Karim for his exceptional stewardship during one of the greatest crises faced by humanity.”

– *SAnews.gov.za*