STANDING UP FOR SCIENCE

PROFESSOR SALIM S ABOOOL KARIM, FRS, a South African clinical infectious diseases epidemiologist widely recognised for his scientific contributions on HIV/Aids and Covid-19, launched his book “Standing Up For Science: A Voice of Reason” at the International Convention Centre in Durban yesterday. Karim serves as a special adviser on pandemics to the director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO). He is also the director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (Caprisa) and Columbia Professor of Global Health at Columbia University. Karim captures what it was like to be catapulted into a prominent position at the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic response in his book, which is Professor Karim’s personal, behind-the-scenes experience of the first three years of the pandemic. It is an inspiring and informative account of the events that transpired in 2020 up to the current day and shares the ground-breaking and globally recognised achievements made through science in a battle against an overwhelming and terrible disease. / Caprisa