## **Dear Colleagues**

Herewith information on a funding call by the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:

Grand Challenge - New Approaches to Characterize the Global Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance.

Deadline: 16 May 2018 (16:00 EAT)

# **Funding:**

Innovation seed funds: up to R1,500,000 (\$100,000)

Full grants: up to R3,500,000 (\$250,000) to SA innovators based at SA institutions

Period: 3 years

Eligibility: any level of experience, in any discipline

#### Focus area:

Developing and deploying interventions and innovations that will improve awareness of **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**, strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research, reduce infection incidence, optimise the use of antimicrobial agents, and develop the economic case for sustainable investment as well as defining the role of ecosystems, particularly the evolution of a microbial system shared by humans, animals, and other biological organisms, which will be critical to tackle current and future AMR challenges.

**ONLINE applications**: <a href="http://www.samrc.ac.za/request-for-applications/grand-challenges-south-africa-new-approaches-characterize-global-burden">http://www.samrc.ac.za/request-for-applications/grand-challenges-south-africa-new-approaches-characterize-global-burden</a> (See links at the bottom of the web page, in green).

More guidelines on the call (inter alia "what we are looking for", p3) can be viewed here: <a href="http://www.samrc.ac.za/request-for-applications/grand-challenges-south-africa-new-approaches-characterize-global-burden">http://www.samrc.ac.za/request-for-applications/grand-challenges-south-africa-new-approaches-characterize-global-burden</a>

#### Kind regards

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