

Phalaphala FM Radio Interview

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Dr Steven Mufamadi was recently invited by Phalaphala FM to participate in the SABC Education Science and Technology Show, by DJ Wonder Juniper. The interview was organised by Ms Veronica Mohapelo, a Deputy Director: Media Liaison at the Department of Science and Innovation. The topic: Latest developments in the field of nanomedicine. The interview was conducted in Tshivenda, one of the official languages of South Africa, Phalaphala FM is part of the SABC radio station in Limpopo.

The purpose of the interview was to educate the community about how nanomedicine can help address some of the unmet medical conditions that affect our nation, such as COVID-19, HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis.

During the interview, ordinary listeners were able to ask Dr Mufamadi questions that are central to them in a local language, Tshivenda. Questions such as the benefits of using nanomedicine to combatting diseases such as COVID-19 and the future of nanomedicine in South Africa, were asked. Some of the listeners wanted to know about the issues around the safety of using nanotechnology-based therapy, vaccine, and diagnostic devices, e.g., mRNA nanotech COVID-19 vaccine produced by Pfizer and Moderna.

According to Dr Mufamadi, conducting a radio interview in local languages on rural radio stations are one of the best platforms to create awareness for educating marginalized communities in remote rural areas. It gives ordinary citizens the opportunity to ask their questions and allows them to participate in discussions on science and technology topics such as nanotechnology and nanomedicine.

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