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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that meetings, workshops and conferences may be convened:

Provided that –

- (a) a meeting, workshop or conference shall not have more than 50 persons in attendance at any time;
- (b) a person shall not travel across COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference;
- (c) notwithstanding paragraph (b) a convener or facilitator may apply for a permit to cross COVID zones for purposes of a meeting, workshop or conference; and
- (d) a meeting, workshop or conference host may operate where he or she has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, of he or she has the ability to comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*, that –
 - (i) all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference shall –
 - (aa) wear a cloth face mask or home made item that covers the nose and mouth or another appropriate,
 - (bb) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or provided with hand sanitiser, and
 - (cc) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other,
 - (ii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting, workshop or conference is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,
 - (iii) daily disinfecting of premises where a meeting, workshop or conference is held, under the supervision of the Director,
 - (iv) a 30 minutes break every 2 hours during a meeting, workshop or conference to allow for ventilation of the facilities where the premises are enclosed,
 - (v) the premises where a meeting, workshop or conference shall be closed, upon direction of the Director, where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had accessed premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has

tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,

- (vi) a meeting, workshop or conference host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and
- (vii) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

[Government Notice No. 292 of 2020](#) is hereby revoked.

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