



## Stakeholders Meeting 2016

Date: Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 10:00 – 15:00  
Where: Nelson Mandela School of Medicine,  
UKZN, Durban

All South African bioinformatics users from academia, industry, government and science councils are invited to attend the Bioinformatics Service Platform (BSP) stakeholders meeting. The BSP is a DST initiative to support not only bioinformaticists but the broader community of researchers in the biological, agricultural and medical sciences including related disciplines such as health and medical informatics. The stakeholders meeting will provide a forum to understand the needs of the community in order to shape the services provided by the BSP.

### Agenda

1. Overview of the BSP.
  - Proposed business plan.
  - Current state of the BSP, including staffing and recent activities.
2. The CSIR Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) Infrastructure.
  - Overview of the computational resources provided by the new Lengau cluster including of those of special interest for processing next generation sequence data.
  - Software, computational and storage requirements.
  - Discussion of accessibility of resources to bioinformatics users.
3. The Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics Vital-IT Model for a National Bioinformatics Service.
4. (Parallel Session 1) Bioinformatics Support for Experiment Design and Data Analysis
  - The role of embedded bioinformaticists and the type of support that should be offered.
  - What experience is most needed when advertising posts in the future.
5. (Parallel Session 2) Bioinformatics Training.
  - Open and transparent discussion about the type of training which will be supported by BSP including the content and delivery methods.
6. Funding Models.
  - Discussion of funding bioinformatics consumables and collaborative models required to provide a sustainable service.
7. Fostering Collaboration and Communication within SA Bioinformatics Community.

Please register your interest in the BSP stakeholders meeting at the URL below by September 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive updated information about the BSP as well as the complete programme. **Your participation is critical to the success of this initiative!**

**<http://www.tinyurl.com/BSPstakeholders2016/>**