



# TSIBA TEMPORARY CLOSURE

## MARCH 2020

**Following President Ramaphosa's announcement last night, TSIBA's Executive Committee has decided to shut down TSIBA House effective 17 March 2020 at 17h00 until further notice.**

The academic department will continue with the curriculum - the mode of delivery is yet to be determined. It also means that the scheduled academic break will be brought forward. Check your email and WhatsApp daily for further communication. We urge our students to remain calm during this time. Please reduce any circulation of false news or any contribution that might increase mass hysteria in our families and communities. Let us continue to remain vigilant, wash our hands, limit using public transport and most importantly seek help if you or someone close to you indicate symptoms of the virus. Please see the summary of President Ramaphosa's speech last night.

*"First, to limit contact between persons who may be infected and South African citizens, we are imposing a travel ban on foreign nationals from high-risk countries such as Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the US, the UK and China from March 18 2020. We have cancelled visas to visitors from those countries from today and previously granted visas are hereby revoked. South African citizens are advised to refrain from all forms of travel to or through the EU, US, UK and other identified high-risk countries such as China, Iran and South Korea. This is effective immediately."*

While Campus remains closed pending further announcements by the South African Government, TSIBA has shifted the delivery of all academic programmes to remote and online learning. In efforts to ensure that the 2020 academic year will continue and conclude we have endeavoured to provide all TSIBA students with data, online learning platforms and learning materials, digital lectures and workshops, and devices where required. Our efforts will continue as we work to ensure that no student who is engaged with our online learning program is left behind. Extraordinary support to continued learning and students in dire financial need will continue through the TSIBA Chairpersons Fund and until a full return to campus. Towards this, your support will be greatly appreciated.