

Asata supports SA government-imposed travel restrictions

The Association of Southern African Travel Agents (ASATA) has responded to South Africa's government decision to impose COVID-19 travel restriction for South African's travelling to Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, US, UK and China as from 18 March 2020. President Cyril Ramaphosa made the announcement on Sunday, 15 March 2020, that government would impose "extraordinary" travel restrictions.



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"We respect and understand the decision taken by the South African government to stem the spread of the virus by banning travel to and from certain destinations," says Otto de Vries, Asata CEO.

"We appreciate the President's well-considered position on this matter. We await further details, such as timelines when the government will re-evaluate the travel recommendations, to assess the implications for the outbound tourism industry."

"We look forward to engaging with the government tomorrow. We will work collectively with the private sector to limit the impact on the travel industry."

Asata and its members will continue to provide a calm, informed, coordinated and proactive response to the panic that has emerged globally around COVID-19

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