

Invitation to Participate in the Webinar on the ASSAf POPIA Compliance Framework for Research – 11 November 2024

Dear Stakeholders,

Following our previous communication in February 2024, ASSAf wishes to provide you with an update and invite you to participate in the next steps of our engagement on the **voluntary POPIA Compliance Framework for Research**.

ASSAf has been diligently working on converting the initial Code of Conduct for Research into a more flexible and user-friendly POPIA Compliance Framework for Research, following feedback from the Information Regulator. Although the Code was not approved, the feedback received primarily focused on procedural and representational issues, rather than its content. This Framework aims to guide researchers and research institutions in adhering to the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) requirements in the context of research.

Webinar Details

To facilitate broader stakeholder engagement, we will be hosting a **webinar on Monday, 11 November 2024, from 10:00 to 12:00**. The purpose of this webinar is to update you on the progress of the Framework, encourage discussion, and gather your feedback to ensure the Framework meets the needs of the research community.

In preparation for the webinar, we invite you to **review the draft Framework** that is attached to this communication. We believe that reviewing the document beforehand will allow you to participate effectively in the discussions during the webinar. Your insights and feedback are crucial to ensuring that this Framework serves as a practical and effective tool for researchers and research institutions.

We also welcome **written feedback** before and/or following the webinar, using the provided template, **by no later than 22 November 2024**, should you wish to provide further input.

We look forward to your participation and continued collaboration in this important project. Your engagement will help shape the future of research compliance with POPIA. Thank you once again for your support.

Kind Regards

ASSAf POPIA Committee