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**Presidential Roundtables:
Science, Scholarship and Society**

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf),

in partnership with

the Nelson Mandela University, Deputy Vice-chancellor – Research and Engagement and

The Herald cordially

invite you to the

Third ASSAf Presidential Roundtable: Science, Scholarship and Society on

'To get High, or not to get High?'
An Evidence-based Dialogue on the Legalisation of Cannabis Use in a Private Capacity

A multi-disciplinary panel of experts will debate the implications of the recent legislation amendment by the Constitutional Court that saw the decriminalisation of cannabis use in private capacity. A good day and victory for users of cannabis, but what are the medical consequences and the social considerations? The pro-lobbyists are not concerned with addiction issues and see no harm in recreational use, but in its response to the legalisation, the South African Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) noted with concern a growing public perception of cannabis as a 'harmless' plant. The panellists will offer their evidence-based and scientific views on this controversial subject and the related issues.

Date: 21 November 2018
Time: 17:30 – 20:00
Venue: Music Conservatoire, Bird Street Campus, Nelson Mandela University
RSVP: [Click here](#) to RSVP by 16 November 2018

Refreshments will be served after the event.

ASSAf would like to thank the Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CrISHET) and the Centre for the Advancement of Non-Racialism and Democracy (CANRAD) for their contribution to the event.