

Tanya May Vogt Executive Officer of The South African Medical Technology Industry Association (SAMED)

Currently Tanya is the Executive Officer of The South African Medical Technology Industry Association (SAMED), a position she has held since January 2007. SAMED represents the interests of 198+ medical devices and In Vitro Diagnostics companies in South Africa.

Locally, Tanya sits on the Nappi Advisory Board (NAB) – responsible for setting policies that promote codes for reimbursement purposes for medtech products sold and used in the South African private healthcare sector. She is also a member of the steering committee of the recently launched South African Medical Research Council Medical Devices and Diagnostics Innovation Cluster (MeDDIC) – whose goal is that of supporting the development of innovative or improved diagnostics, medtech, vaccines, prevention strategies and treatments to address South Africa's major health problems.

Internationally Tanya is **SAVED's** representative on the Global Harmonisation Working Party (GHWP) – a nonprofit organization facilitating harmonization of medical device regulations in the Asia Pacific, Africa and South America regions. She is also a board member of the Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA). GMTA members are national medical technology associations from around the globe who focus on the development and advocacy of policies that support innovation and ethical business and marketing practices in the medtech arena.

Tanya has presented at a number of local and international conferences on a variety of topics including, the role of ethics and codes of practice in the medtech industry, trends in SA medical device industry and the role of industry in the development of consensus guidelines and health technology assessment. She has written a number of industry related articles for local and international magazines and journals and appeared on national TV and local radio stations. Tanya has been featured in the 2012/2013 edition of Most Inspiring & Powerful Women in Africa.