

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## AFTRA STATUTORY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - LUSAKA, ZAMBIA (12-13 September 2023)

The South Africa Council for Educators (SACE) is currently attending the African Federation of Teaching Regulatory Authorities (AFTRA) Statutory Executive Board Meeting. The 2 days meeting is currently taking place in Zambia, Lusaka from 12-13 September 2023.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters arising from the previous board meeting and new matters. The meeting will also commence with preparations for the upcoming AFTRA 11th Conference and 13th Roundtable to be hosted by Zambia next year 2024. The meeting is attended by at least 8 African member states and 30 international representatives.

In attendance to the meeting are the following AFTRA Executive Members - On Behalf of SACE, Mr L Cele (Council Chairperson), Ms E Mokgalane (CEO), Ms B Mbatha (Council Member) and Mr RM Nkuna (Communications Manager) and representative from Department of Education Mr AE Dhladhla (Directorate Teacher Development and Ms L Maje (Directorate Teacher Development). The special guest to the meeting is the Education Minister of Zambia, Hon. Douglas Syakalima who officially declared the opening of the AFTRA Executive Board Meeting.

The AFTRA conference will be open to all stakeholders in Africa and across the world, from government representatives to teaching professionals, academics, researchers, publishers, innovators, industry experts, digital giants, and post graduate students.

AFTRA is an intergovernmental organisation comprising of the national agencies regulating teaching in 54 African countries. AFTRA is also a member of the global network called the International Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities (IFTRA).

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