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## **Media Statement**

## BRIEFING OF THE MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION, HONOURABLE ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, ON THE UPCOMING AFTRA 9th TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE.

As part of the build-up to the upcoming Africa Federation for Teaching Regulatory Authorities (AFTRA)'s 9th Teaching and Learning Conference and 11th Roundtable, the SACE delegation met with the Minister of Basic Education, Ms. Angie Motshekga to brief her accordingly in Accra, Ghana. Both the conference and roundtable are scheduled to take place from the 30th May to 2nd June 2021 in the same country. Our Minister will be presenting on the South African teacher policies during a dedicated Ministerial session on the 30th May 2022.

As a member of AFTRA SACE is attending this conference and round table with a delegation led by Councillor Mabutho Cele as the SACE Council Chairperson and AFTRA President. Also representing Council in the conference and AFTRA Executive Board is Councillor Brenda Mbatha who chairs the SACE's Advocacy and Communication Committee, together with the CEO Ella Mokgalane. SACE will present a paper on Teachers' Safety and Security by the Research Manager, Ms Tuzana Sophethe. This presentation will use lessons from the SACE' Teachers' Rights Responsibilities and Safety research, teachers' inputs, and produced handbook to share the South African experiences of using teacher agency and voice in developing interventions and programmes that are responsive to teacher's needs.

Additionally, SACE plays an administrative role in AFTRA and the conference through its Communications and Stakeholder Relations Manager, Mr Risuna Nkuna, who will also be ensuring that the South African teaching profession is updated throughout the conference.

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