

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## SACE WISHES TO CONGRATULATE MS RASEMOLA FOLLOWING UNESCO INVITE

SACE wish to congratulate Ms Agnes Rasemola following her invitation to attend the UNESCO World Teachers' Day Panel discussion on the Role of Teacher Prizes in Enhancing the Status of the Profession, taking place on the 5th and 6th of October 2023 at UNESCO, Headquarters in Paris. This year's theme is "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".

The first day of the event will include a panel discussion entitled "Recognition and appreciation: the role of teacher prizes in enhancing the status of the profession", the two main objectives of which are to discuss the way in which teacher prizes improve the attractiveness of the teaching profession by raising its status through teacher recognition and appreciation; and to explore how teacher prizes encourage the implementation of best practices at national, regional, and global levels.

This follows UNESCO's statement that it was impressed by her different achievements and leadership throughout her career in South Africa in engaging in quality teaching, which resulted in high standards of learner achievement. Mme Rasessmola will also share her testimony as the 2021 Winner of the African Union Continental Teacher Prize, along with other International Prizes laureates. Her testimony is expected to make significant contribution in inspiring teachers worldwide and in helping improve and raise their status.

Wishing her all the best wishes, and also wish to thank her for instilling a credible teaching profession in the county !

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