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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**To: Journalists, Editors and Media Houses**

**For Immediate Use**

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### **SACE CONGRATULATE WINNER OF THE 2023 AU CONTINENTAL BEST TEACHER AWARD**

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) wishes to congratulate Ms Vasiliki Viki Mpompolas from Kimberly Technical High School, Northern Cape for being amongst the winners of the 2023 African Union Continental Best Teacher Award.

The Best Teacher Awards recognize outstanding teachers. These awards raises the appreciation of teachers in society while demonstrating that hard work and innovation by teachers makes a difference. The African Union Commission instituted the Continental Best Teacher Award in 2019. Winners receive cash gifts and are celebrated.

The Award is important to celebrate the unique contribution that teachers make to their students, their communities, and societies. The African Union Commission and UNESCO IICBA, the coordinating agency for the Teacher Development Cluster under the African Union's Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016-2025, encourage countries that have not yet done so to create national (as well as regional and local) teacher awards.

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