

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

To: Journalists, Editors and Media Date: 03 July 2023

SACE - DBE DELEGATION BRIEF DEPUTY MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION, DR REGINAH MHAULE ON THE UPCOMING AFTRA 10th CONFERENCE

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) and the Council on Higher Education (CHE) have agreed to collaborate in a historic Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), which will see both entities develop mutual protocols for minimising the possible duplication of functions and for providing mechanisms whereby the two partners collaborate on quality assurance processes, and other areas of mutual interest in higher education.

The agreement will also foster the establishment of formal channels of information sharing and communication between both entities, on quality-assurance outcomes related to accreditation, withdrawal of accreditation and the approval or amendment of the relevant qualification standards by the HEQC, as well as the approvals or review outcomes by the professional bodies.

Following the agreement by the CHE and SACE on the areas of cooperation and collaboration as per the MoA, both entities will host a Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony in Brummeria, Pretoria, on Tuesday, 04 July 2023.

The SACE and CHE hereby formally invite the media to attend and cover the Signing Ceremony, as per the schedule below:

Date: Tuesday, 04 July 2023 Time: 13h00 (programme starts) Venue: 1 Persequor Technopark, 1 Quintin Brand St, Persequor, Pretoria, 0020 (CHE Offices) For media enquiries, interview requests and attendance (RSVPs), please direct all communications to :

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Note that the Media Pack will be shared with you on the actual day of the ceremony.

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