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## **Media Statement**

### **SACE WELCOMES THE ECD FUNCTION SHIFT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) CEO, Ms Ella Mokgalane wishes to officially welcome President Ramaphosa's proclamation on the Early Childhood Development (ECD) function shift from the Department of Social Development (DSD) to Department of Basic Education (DBE).

As a custodian and voice of the teaching profession, SACE will be working collaboratively with the ECD sector, DBE, DHET, teacher unions, and other relevant stakeholders in enhancing the status, standing, esteem, and prestige of the sector and practitioners / educators alike through the professionalisation process.

More importantly, an internal ECD Task Team has already been established by Council to advise on and inform the ECD professionalisation process in consultation with the sector.

SACE takes this opportunity to warmly welcome the ECD sector in line with the function shift imperatives. As the home of the teaching profession too, SACE will support the sector.

We encourage the sector to use its voice and agency to inform SACE's mandate and processes on the relevant ECD Matters.

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