

The following matter forms part of the Environmental Scan for November 2018:

Department of Higher Education (DHET)

1) National Education Policy: Approval of Policy on Home Education

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/42037_gon1239.pdf

The Minister of Basic Education approves the Policy on Home Education

2) Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) Workplace Based Learning Programme Agreement Regulations, 2018

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/42037_gon1241.pdf

The Minister of Higher Education and Training after consultation with the National Skills Authority (NSA) published the SETAs Work Based Learning Programme Agreement Regulations for implementation

3) Western Cape Legislature passed Education Amendment Bill

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/education-amendment-bill-biggest-public-education-reform-package-1994-passed-western-cape>

"The Bill constitutes the biggest public education reform since 1994, and is designed to achieve excellence in education for every child, in every classroom, in every school in the Province, to open up opportunities for our youth, and to enable meaningful partnerships".

"The main focus areas of this Bill are:

- the establishment of an evaluation authority to be known as the Western Cape School Evaluation Authority (or "SEA");
- the specific provision for Collaboration Schools and Donor Funded Schools;
- the establishment of intervention facilities for learners who have been found guilty of serious misconduct, as an alternative to expulsion;
- the enabling of classroom observation, and;
- providing for an exception to the prohibition of alcohol on school premises, on application to the Head of Department, for adult events after hours".

4) Higher Education Act: Members for Council on Higher Education: Nominations invited

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/42026_gon1225.pdf

There are 13 vacancies at the CHE. Nominations close on 30 November 2018.

Council on Higher Education (CHE)

1) Call for Papers: Colloquium changes in patterns of student governance

<http://www.che.ac.za/sites/default/files/Call%20for%20papers.pdf>

“The Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) are jointly organising a colloquium, which will be held at the CHE's offices in Pretoria on 15 February 2019. The colloquium will include approximately seven presenters and fifty participants. Presentations and papers will address a range of matters:

- the changing student political landscape, structural changes in student governance and the effect on university leadership and governance
- the meanings of academic freedom
- the implications of policy and governance changes for institutional autonomy matters of institutional culture and governance culture”.

“The intention is to publish reviewed papers in the CHE's journal, Kagisano. Through the colloquium and publication, the CHE and HSRC intend to stimulate further reflection and debate on the implications of the changing patterns of student governance, to interrogate the change in relationships within the academic community - between students, university managements, academics - and to feed into discussions on the most appropriate forms of student representation”.

2) TVET Advanced Diploma Launch Speech by Dr Muki Moeng

<http://www.che.ac.za/sites/default/files/TVET%20Advance%20Diploma%20Launch%20Speech%20by%20Dr%20Muki%20Moeng.pdf>

Dr Muki Moeng launched the Advanced Diploma in Technical and Vocational teaching “in a direct response to and addresses the vision expressed in three national policy statements:

- White Paper for Post-School Education and Training
- National Development Plan
- Policy on Professional qualifications for Lecturers in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

NEWS24

1) Transformation in Accounting in the spotlight as top universities collaborate

<https://www.fin24.com/Economy/transformation-in-accounting-in-the-spotlight-as-top-universities-collaborate-20181117>

“Walter Sisulu University (WSU) and the University of Zululand (UniZulu) received the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) accreditation after collaborating with UCT's college of accounting, securing a high standard of accounting degrees for their students, according to a statement released by UCT on Wednesday”.

“Previously, students with three-year accounting degrees from WSU and UniZulu were required to complete a bridging course at another university to qualify for postgraduate accounting studies”.

“The partnership, funded by the Banking Sector Education and Training Authority (BankSETA), was designed to build sustainable capacity in these two leading institutions”.

HELTASA

1) International Consortium for Educational Development (ICED) and HELTASA joint Conference 22-25 November 2016 Cape Town, South Africa

<http://heltasa.org.za/iced-2016/>

The theme of this conference is Ethics, Care and Quality in Educational Development.