



1st annual Career Development
Services Stakeholders Conference
Lakes Hotel and Conference Centre in Benoni
7th and 8th April 2016
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The Ministry of Higher Education and Training will be hosting the first annual Career Development Services Stakeholders Conference at the Lake Hotel and Conference Centre on the 7th and 8th of April 2016.

The conference's theme is '*Sustainable Career Development Services for economic development in South Africa*'. The conference aims to bring together stakeholders to share practice and discuss the future of career development services in South Africa. It also aims to constitute the National Consultative Forum (NCF) as per the framework.

The Department of Higher Education and Training Minister Dr BE Nzimande, MP was tasked by Cabinet in 2010 to coordinate Career Development Services in South Africa. The department published the '*Framework for cooperation in the provision of Career Development Services in South Africa*' in 2012. The framework identified a need for a structured approach in coordinating career development services stakeholders.

Topics covered will include the *International trends and standard in Career Development Services, Career Development and the Economy* with panel discussions on day 2 with the Deputy Ministers from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET); Department of Basic Education (DBE) and the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME).

DAY 1: 7 April 2016 (Thursday)	
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR	
Director-General: Department of Higher Education and Training: Mr Gwebinkundla Qonde	
TIME	ACTIVITY
08:30 - 10:00	REGISTRATION AND TEA
PLENARY	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and purpose of the conference Director-General: Mr Gwebinkundla Qonde

10:10 – 10:30	International trends and standards in Career Development Services Head of Capacity Building and Policy Analysis at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): Mr Mark Keese
10:30 – 11:00	Career Development and the Economy Minister of Higher Education and Training: Dr Blade Nzimande, MP
11:00 – 11:15	TEA BREAK
11:15 – 12:00	National Policy on Career Development Services as an enabler for economic growth in the country Deputy Director-General: HRD, Planning and Monitoring Coordination: Mr Firoz Patel
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and Discussion Director-General: Mr Gwebinkundla Qonde
12:30-12:35	Setting up of commissions
12:35 – 13:30	LUNCH
COMMISSIONS	
13:30 – 15:30	COMMISSIONS
<i>Commission 1</i>	Professionalisation of Career Development: The role of Career Development Practitioners in CDS
<i>Commission 2</i>	Career Development Information: The importance of consistent, up-to-date and reliable information

DAY 2: 8 April 2016 (Friday)	
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR Deputy Director-General: HRD, Planning and Monitoring Coordination	
TIME	ACTIVITY
08:30 – 09:00	MORNING TEA
09:00 – 09:10	Recap of day 1 and announcement of the programme for the day
09:10 – 10:30 PANEL DISCUSSION	
	Career Development Services and Youth Development in South Africa Deputy Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation as well as Youth Development and Administration: Mr Buti Manamela, MP
	Career Development Services in South African schools Deputy Minister of Basic Education: Mr Mohamed Surty, MP
	Career Development Services in Post School Education and Training

	Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training: Mr Mduzuzi Manana, MP
10:30 – 11:00	TEA BREAK
COMMISSIONS	
11:00 – 13:00	
<i>Commission 3</i>	CDS Practices at provincial level
<i>Commission 4</i>	CDS in schools
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
PLENARY	
14:00 – 15:20	Report from commissions (Day 1 and 2)
15:20 – 15:50	Constitution of the NCF
15:50-16:00	Vote of thanks and closure

You are invited to participate by joining the discussion online.

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