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**MINISTER BUTI MANAMELA TO LAUNCH PUBLIC SECTOR RESEARCH
OBSERVATORY**

TO ALL MEDIA

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The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Buti Manamela will officially inaugurate the PSETA–UJ Public Sector Skills Planning Research Observatory. The initiative is a partnership between the Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority, the Johannesburg Business School, and the Centre for Public Policy and African Studies. The partnership aims to advance public sector-focused research and labour market intelligence.

The launch will be held under the theme: “Shaping the Future State: Intelligence-Driven Skills Planning for a Capable Public Service.”

The Observatory will also serve as a dedicated platform to support evidence-based skills planning, policy development, and public service reform through structured

research, forecasting, and analysis. The Minister will deliver the keynote address and formally unveil the Research Observatory.

The Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority was established to respond to skills demand and supply challenges within the public service by overseeing the provision of quality education and training that addresses the country's current and future developmental needs.

Friday, 8 May 2026

13:00 – 16:00

Johannesburg Business School Auditorium University of Johannesburg

To confirm your attendance, please contact lavhelesanim@pseta.org.za Mobile: 0836629621

Enquiries on the Minister's attendance, please contact Matshepo Seedat, Spokesperson to the Minister of Higher Education and Training on 082 679 9473.

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