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**MINISTER MANAMELA TO PARTICIPATE AT THE  
AFRICA UNIVERSITIES SUMMIT IN KENYA, NAIROBI**

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The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Buti Manamela, will deliver a keynote address at the 3rd Edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Africa Universities Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, on 30–31 March 2026.

The Summit is convened under the theme “Powering Africa’s future through talent development, innovation and inclusion” and will bring together higher education leaders, policymakers and sector stakeholders to engage on critical issues shaping the future of the continent. Key areas of focus include global challenges, innovation and entrepreneurship, start-up ecosystems, work readiness and skills development, and equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in higher education.

Minister Manamela will address the Summit on diversity and inclusion within African higher education systems. The Minister’s intervention will place particular emphasis on gender-disaggregated enrolment and completion data as a tool for policy planning, and on South Africa’s ongoing efforts to expand access for students with disabilities through the strengthening of inclusive access frameworks across the post-school education and training sector.

On the sidelines of the Summit, Minister Manamela will hold a bilateral meeting with Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba. The engagement will focus on areas of mutual interest, including Kenya's flagship Digitalisation for TVET programme — a €46.85 million initiative co-funded by Germany, France and the European Union to embed digital technologies, e-learning platforms and dual training models into Kenya's technical and vocational education system. The two ministers will also explore the prospect of a formal cooperation agreement between South Africa and Kenya on education and skills development, an instrument that does not yet exist within the bilateral framework between the two countries.

The Minister will further lead a focused technical engagement with the Kenya School of TVET (KSTVET) and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA), examining Kenya's digital learning content standards, open and distance learning architecture, and approaches to quality assurance in digitised TVET delivery. South Africa and Kenya

approach these engagements as equal partners, South Africa contributing its SETA levy model and qualifications framework, Kenya contributing its digital infrastructure investment and implementation experience.

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