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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Deputy Minister Dr Nomusa Dube-Ncube will today, 30th of January 2026 conduct an oversight visit at Richmond Skills Centre and visit Moses Kotane Research Institute Digital Centre in KwaZulu Natal

Deputy Minister Nomusa Dube-Ncube will on Friday, the 30th of January 2026 conduct an oversight visit to Richmond Skills Centre and visit the Moses Kotane Research Institute Digital Centre.

Following concerns over the underusage of the Richmond Skills Centre, the Deputy Minister will engage with the leadership and management of both institutions. The aim of the visit is to see what Deputy Minister can do to support institutions, to improve intake and for them to serve the students and communities adequately. The Deputy Minister will also visit the Moses Kotane Research Institute Digital Centre.

Both visits fall under the ongoing oversight visits to ensure that institutions are ready for the 2026 admissions and that there is an increase in industry-related skills. The underutilization of the Richmond Skills Centre is a concern to the Deputy Minister and the department. In a time when technology is at the helm of the needs for a future ready youth and populace, Deputy Minister hopes that her visit and support can aid in ensuring that there is a return on investment for the Centre and that it benefits the people intended.

The engagement will provide an opportunity for the Deputy Minister to engage directly with Management on operational challenges and areas requiring departmental support, including aspects related to preparedness for the 2026 academic year.

Members of the media are invited to join as follows:

Date: 30 January 2026

Time: 09:00-13:00

Venue: Richmond Skills Centre and Moses Kotane Research Digital Centre, KwaZulu-Natal

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