

MEDIA ALERT

DATE: Tuesday, 12 October 2021

TO: All media

ATTENTION: News Editors/ Reporters

For Immediate use:

**MINISTER NZIMANDE INVITES MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES  
SECTOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION CEREMONY**

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, invites members of the media to the Chemical Industries Sector Education and Training Authority (CHIETA) Certification Ceremony and the launch of the second phase of the Cooperatives Development Project involving 20 Cooperatives in Aloe Plant processing.

This project involves 20 Cooperatives from here at Ulundi.

CHIETA has partnered with African Alabaster Square, a soap and beauty products manufacturing company in KZN to train co-operatives in the district to make products using Aloe.

African Alabaster uses ingredients like tea tree, aloe and other agricultural products to make these products.

This training had basic educational entry requirements, it gave opportunities to those who did not enter formal schooling with skills to build up their own small businesses.

The skills acquired will enable candidates to grow their co-operatives and/or start small businesses using these products.

CHIETA has funded this project, including its 40 candidates from 20 co-operatives in the Zululand district. The candidates were divided into two groups with the first group having started training on the 27th September and another group will start on the 8th November 2021.

The ceremony will be held as follows:

Date: Today, 12 October 2021

Venue: Garden Court Ulundi

Time 11h00

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