

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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TO: All Media

ATTENTION: News Editors/ Reporters

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### MINISTER NZIMANDE TO LAUNCH THE SIBUSISO BENGU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande will officially launch the Sibusiso Bengu Development Programme (SB-DP).

Minister Nzimande rename the Historically Disadvantage Institution Development Programme after the first democratic Minister of Education, Professor Sibusiso Bengu.

The report of the Ministerial Committee for the review of funding of universities identified eight universities in South Africa as Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDIs). These are the University of Fort Hare (UFH), Walter Sisulu University (WSU), University of Limpopo (UL), University of Venda (UNIVEN), University of the Western Cape (UWC), University of Zululand (UNIZULU), Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), and Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) which constituted of the former Medunsa campus of the University of Limpopo.

HDIs in the South African university landscape account for a significant portion of students enrolled for university studies, which constitute a material amount of historic capital investment, and could play an important role in supporting the socio-economic development of the surrounding areas as anchor institutions, thus making them an instrumental part of the national post school education and training landscape.

The purpose of the SB-DP Framework is to shape and reimagine the eight universities that were viewed as less than adequate. The Framework outlines the purpose of the SB-DP as designed “to decisively redress the inequalities that have impacted the development of the HDIs and to contribute to their further development as strong universities in a diversified system.

Members of the media are invited to join Minister Nzimande, Former Minister Professor Sibusiso Bengu, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr Kwazi Mshengu and the leadership of eight Historically Disadvantaged Universities and many other dignitaries in the Post School Education and Training sector.

The launch will take place as follows:

Date: 22 July 2022

Venue: Zimbali Lodge ( 5 Zambali Drive, Ballito, KwaZulu Natal)

Time: 11H30

Virtual Links:

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