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# OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND INSTITUTES PROGRAMME

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**THEME:** ADVANCING INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION  
THROUGH CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND INSTITUTES

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 14:00 PM | **VENUE:** UNIVERSITY OF VENDA AUDITORIUM

## **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: DR TV DZAGA:**

Director: Marketing, Branding and Communication

**08:30 – 09:00:** Arrival and Registration

**09:00 – 09:50:** Dignitaries briefing session

## **CULTURAL PERFORMANCE**

### **OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS**

Mr LB Kraziya: Chief Operating Officer

### **BACKGROUND AND STRATEGIC ROLES OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND INSTITUTES**

Dr MS Ratombo: Director Strategy and Risk

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Guest of Honour – Dr M Makhafola: COO SAQA

## **BAND PERFORMANCE**

### **LAUNCH ADDRESS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL AND UNVEILING OF THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE AND INSTITUTES**

Prof NB Nthambeleni: Vice-Chancellor and Principal

## **CULTURAL PERFORMANCE**

### **MESSAGES OF SUPPORT**

Prof M Wanyama: Kabarak University | Dr R Zwane: South African Medical  
Research Council | Mr Mazibuko: NRF | Mazwiwa-Thovhele Vho MPK Tshivhase  
of the Tshivhase Royal Council

## **CULTURAL PERFORMANCE**

### **VOTE OF THANKS**

Prof FG Netswera: Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Postgraduate Studies

## **BAND PERFORMANCE**

### **NETWORKING LUNCH**