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**FOR PSA MEMBERS: FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES BARGAINING UNIT (FETCBU)**

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## Update: Preparatory CET summit meeting - 15 February 2022

The employer reported that the Department, through Minister Blade Nzimande, planned to host a CET summit on 8 and 9 March 2022. The aim of the summit is to position CET Colleges to bridge skills gaps in various communities. The Department intends to review the role of CET Colleges and reposition them to contribute meaningfully to training needs of various communities. A concept document was drafted to outline the rationale behind the review of CET Colleges and gave rise to the proposed inaugural summit to be held.

The PSA welcomed the concept to review and reposition CET Colleges to increase capacity of workers and empower surrounding communities. The PSA was disappointed by the exclusion of labour from the beginning of this process. The PSA demanded that the proposed summit must also address challenges related to working conditions of CET academic staff. The employer apologised for exclusion of labour in this process and committed to involve labour going forward. The concept document will be shared with labour for inputs.

Parties resolved to convene an urgent meeting between the principals of labour and the Minister before the date of the summit. The meeting will outline the clear purpose of the summit and the expected role to be played by labour. Members will be informed of developments.

*The PSA wants to take this opportunity to wish all employees who are unwell owing to COVID-19 a safe and speedy recovery.*

GENERAL MANAGER