



Higher Education Transformation Network

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PRESS: RELEASE: UNIVEN HIGH COURT INTERDICT

In compliance with the interdict order granted on the 16th May 2017 by Acting Judge Mushasha at the Limpopo High Court (Limpopo Local Division) in the legal case of **HETN and Others v Mbatlana and Others (Case No: 1378/ 2016)**, the Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN), hereby acting in compliance with the above-mentioned court order, hereby withdraws its Media Release published on the 23rd July 2016 from our website www.hetn.org.za.

Whilst we indicate our compliance with the above High Court order, and hereby submit our public apology to all Respondents in the case, we wish to state the following on record:-

1. The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) is an organ of civil society and non-profit organization and derives its freedom of speech and right to express its opinions from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and will continuously fight for the aforesaid rights of the poor relating to the transformation of higher education to the benefit of South African society.
2. We will not cower nor will we desist from our Constitutional mandate and will continue to highlight and fight alleged racism, sexism, poor leadership and alleged lack of transformation in the higher education sector wherever we find such.
3. The interdict granted by the above Honourable Court in favour of UNIVEN was not granted based on merits but was granted in our absence due to some oversight on the part of our legal team.
4. We further intend to appeal the interdict as we believe that poor communities on behalf of whom we advocate should not become afraid to raise pertinent issues which are in the interests of a democratic South African society due to the fear of punitive legal costs and legal executions by those who think they have the financial power to utilize the legal courts system in South Africa.

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Directors: SR. Legoabe; S. Kopung; ML. Seolonyane (Executive); L. Tlou; T. Phendla; DT. Molea; S. Malinga

5. The Network will also be lodging a complaint with the Judicial Services Commission for alleged judicial bias as it is our view that Acting Judge Mushasha should have recused himself as he has presided over numerous disciplinary panels of UNIVEN and was thus conflicted. Ends
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About the Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN):-

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) is an independent network of alumni and graduates from various higher education and further educational institutions across South Africa committed to the process of transformation of education and training to increase equitable and meaningful access to education, skills and learning to eliminate of socio-economic disparities.

