



Higher Education Transformation Network

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PRESS RELEASE: APPOINTMENT OF ES KGAKA ATTORNEYS

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN), hereby announces that **ES KGAKA Attorneys Inc** has been appointed as lead Attorney for the Network with effect from 19th May 2020. **ES KGAKA Attorneys Inc** will represent the Network in all legal fora in defence of transformation as the Network commences its campaign to ensure employment equity compliance by the higher education sector.

Commencing with the Council of the Sefako Makgatho University (SMU) which matter is already in Court, we intend issuing litigation papers against all errant higher education institutions who continue to fail to comply with the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 and the National Development Plan Vision 2030.

Our planned litigation is in line with the **Employment Equity Act of 1998** and the objectives of the **National Development Plan Vision 2030** which states that the *higher education sector must ensure that **black South Africans and women** make up 50% of the teaching and research staff of universities*".

It has been over 20 years since the commencement of employment equity reporting by public institutions of higher learning yet the workforce profiles of the higher education sector has remained unchanged with the sector remaining as one of the most untransformed workplaces in the country.

We call on all progressive legal practitioners and stakeholders to join us in our quest to transform the sector. 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 higher education to increase equitable and access to education, skills and learning to eliminate of socio-economic disparities.

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