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## **PRESS RELEASE: NETWORK FILES LEGAL PAPERS AGAINST SEFAKO MAKGATHO UNIVERSITY**

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) hereby confirms that it has lodged its court papers in the Gauteng High Court High Court against on the Council of University of Sefako Makgatho + 3 Others in terms of Case No 22756/2020.

The objective of our urgent judicial review application in the High Court, Gauteng Division is to urgently interdict, review and set aside the administrative action by the Council of University of Sefako Makgatho (SMU) to appoint Prof Peter Mbatlana as Vice-Chancellor in terms of the PAJA Act 3 of 2000.

Legal action is justified given the arrogant response received from the SMU Council and the refusal by SMU to furnish us with the relevant requested records in terms of the PAIA Act 2 of 2000 as well as give written reasons in terms of the PAJA Act 3 of 2000.

We reiterate our view that the SMU process is flawed and is in non-compliance with the **National Development Plan Vision 2030**.

Higher Education Managers and University Councils are not a law unto themselves and must comply with the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

We remain confident that our legal action will yield justice on the matter. 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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