



# Higher Education Transformation Network

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## PRESS RELEASE: APPOINTMENT OF PROF. Z. VILAKAZI AS NEW WITS VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) hereby welcomes the appointment of **Prof Zebulon Vilakazi** as the new Vice-Chancellor of the University of Witwatersrand (WITS).

We welcome the appointment of Prof Vilakazi which 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*”.

We encourage all University Councils to follow suit and comply with the letter of the law of the Republic or face strong legal action. We will continue our litigation campaign to enforce compliance by the higher education sector as already commenced with the Sefako Makgatho University (SMU).

We call on all roleplayers in the higher education sector to ensure that the objectives of the National Development Plan Vision 2030 are met.

We further encourage the Council for Higher Education (CHE) and Universities SA to fulfill their mandates to ensure that transformation within the echelons of senior academia is accelerated in line with the objectives of the NDP Vision 2030. 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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