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**Congratulations to Umalusi on the appointment of its 5<sup>th</sup> Council**

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The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) Board Chairperson, Dr Vuyelwa Toni-Penxa, and the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Joe Samuels, wish to congratulate the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi) on the appointment of its 5<sup>th</sup> Council.

As one of the three Quality Councils in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) family, Umalusi is responsible for qualifications in our schooling and further education sector. The other Quality Councils are the Council on Higher Education (CHE) dealing with higher education qualifications and the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) dealing with workplace qualifications.

The new Council members bring a wealth of experience from various sectors in South Africa's education and training landscape. The CEO of SAQA together with CEOs of the CHE and QCTO are also members of the Umalusi Council. The Department of Higher Education and Training as well as Heads of Education Departments Committee (Hedcom) are also represented on the Council.

The Umalusi Council has a four-year term and is responsible for the development and management of qualifications in general and further education from NQF Levels 1 to 4. It is also in charge of quality assurance, research and certification processes. The Council is also tasked with advising the Minister of Basic Education on matters relating to general and further education.

"Umalusi and SAQA have always enjoyed a good working relationship. I look forward to my continued positive contribution on the Council," said Mr Samuels.

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