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DEPUTY MINISTER MANAMELA TO ADDRESS HIGH-LEVEL SA & GERMAN COLLOQUIUM

This week, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Honourable Buti Manamela, will deliver the keynote address to a high-level delegation from the Technological Higher Education Network South Africa (THENSA) and the German University Consortium for International Collaboration (DHIK).

Honourable Buti Manamela's address will explore the collaboration between South Africa and Germany in science and innovation, and the role of universities in enabling South Africa's sustainable and inclusive development in the face of rapid technological change and innovation. The THENSA-DHIK Colloquium builds on a memorandum of understanding initially signed a year ago, which attempts to foster more significant opportunities for curriculum development, staff and student exchanges, research exchanges and joint funding applications, to name a few.

Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) Vice-Chancellor and also the THENSA Board Chairperson, Prof Chris Nhlapo, will open the event.

THENSA, which was initially named the South African Technology Network, was established in 2006 and is now a consortium of all technology-focused universities in South Africa. Its mission is to promote imperative and impactful qualifications, skills, and research globally by partnering with businesses, industries, and other research entities. As such, the visit by the DHIK is a crucial opportunity to strengthen cooperation between South African partner universities and their German counterparts.

The event is expected to be attended by roughly 50 delegates from thirteen universities in Germany, including Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Deans and other senior staff, and Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors of nine South African universities and the Namibia University of Science and Technology.

The event is closed to the public but further requests for information can be channelled to the Operations Manager of THENSA, Ms Christelle Venter, at christelle@thensa.co.za.

EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: 7 March 2024

TIME: 9:00 to 16:30

VENUE: Cape Town Marriott Hotel, Crystal Towers, Century City, Cape Town

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