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Technical and Vocational Education and Training

TVET IMBIZO 2017

Pre-Imbizo Workshop

Principals and Deputy Principals of TVET colleges are cordially invited to a Pre-Imbizo Workshop on Open Learning.

The purpose of the workshop is to:

1. Discuss the draft Open Learning Policy Framework and its implementation for the sector;
2. Present feedback on strategic issues pertaining to Open Learning (Malaysia Study Tour and Eighth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning); and
3. Report on progress on Open Learning initiatives in the DHET.

PTO for Draft Programme

Date: **2 October 2017**

Time: **09h00-17h00**

Venue: **The Lakes Hotel & Conference Centre | Benoni**

TVET Sector:

"Defining a shared vision, removing obstacles and charting a roadmap to our destination".



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Pre-Imbizo Workshop on Open Learning: Proposed Programme

Date: 2 October 2017

Time: 09:00 – 16:00

Venue: The Lakes Hotel, Benoni

Proposed Theme: Updating post-school education and training institutions on developments in Open Learning

The outcomes of the workshop are to:

1. Discuss the draft Open Learning Policy Framework and its implementation for the sector
2. Present feedback on strategic issues pertaining to Open Learning (Malaysia Study Tour and Eighth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning)
3. Report on progress in the Open Learning initiative in the DHET

Proposed Programme

Time	Activity
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and purpose of the workshop
09:15 – 09:45	Open Learning – Introduction
09:45 – 10:45	Panel discussion: Open Learning issues
10:45 – 11:15	Tea/Coffee
11:15 – 12:00	Open Learning Policy Framework
12:00 – 13:00	Policy Framework discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Finger Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Poster presentations: Strategic issues pertaining to Open Learning (Malaysia Study Tour and Eighth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning)
15:15 – 16:00	Open Learning initiative update
16:00 – 16:45	Discussion of the way forward
16:45 – 17:00	Closure



The purpose of the Pre-Imbizo Workshop on Open Learning is to:

- Discuss the draft Open Learning Policy Framework published this year, and its implications for implementation in the post-school education and training sector
- Present feedback on strategic issues related to Open Learning (from the recent Study Tour of Malaysia and attendance at the Eighth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning in Kuala Lumpur), and
- Report on progress in the Open Learning initiatives in the DHET.

The reasons for linking this workshop to the TVET Imbizo are that:

- Initially, much of the activity in the DHET's Open Learning initiative has been planned to focus on the TVET sector and the CET sectors – either to serve these sectors directly or to develop the capacity in universities to provide professional development programmes for college lecturers through open learning
- As the TVET sector grapples with various challenges in fulfilling its mandate, open learning offers a threefold contribution to meeting these challenges: increased access for learners, high quality provision in order to afford learners the best possible chance of success, and cost-effective provision
- The DHET Study Tour of Malaysia delegation included three TVET college representatives and one DHET TVET Branch representative, who have a specific TVET perspective to share on open, distance and online learning.

