

Dr. Blade Nzimande urges businesses and educational institutions to provide TVET students with job prospects.

The National Skills Authority sponsored a Hybrid Skills Conference at the Birchwood Hotel on the 28th and 29th of September, with the theme "Promoting innovation and digitization in the skills development ecosystem and contributing to a responsive future of inclusive growth."

In relation to social media, Fasset's Marketing and Communication Specialist Vusi Mahlangu was responsible for drafting the conference's social media strategy and content plan, coordinating the strategy and plan, and facilitating the first Facebook Live sessions at the National Skills Conference.

The financial services seta's Research Coordinator, Abongile Tsotsi, on the other hand, played a pivotal role in the conference, as he was responsible for a variety of tasks including being the commission's coordinator on the first day of the conference, ensuring the commission's effective running, including online delegates, and ensuring that the online platform is ready, including sound checks, video checks, network connection, and presentation slides. Tsotsi worked together to consolidate the Narrative report at the end of the session and pass it over to the overall coordinator before the commencement of the next day's feedback session.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the objective of the campaign is to formulate a plan for implementing agile skills development operations in the digital world. Fasset applauds and supports the Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology Dr. Blade Nzimande in calling for the growth of innovation and digitization in skills development as critical components of the country's economic recovery under the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP).

In support of Dr. Blade Nzimande's NSA conference address, Fasset has chosen to implement the Digital Skills Transformation program, which requires service providers to provide accredited digital skills training to identified beneficiaries enrolled in FASSET-funded internships, such as Microsoft Digital Literacy and Microsoft Data Analytics, to name a few examples.

"Now more than ever we need conversations about how to promote innovation and digitisation towards a responsive future of inclusive growth for the betterment of our society", said Dr Nzimande.

As per Dr Blade Nzimande's speech, a strong supporter of the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector, challenged businesses and educational institutions to form industrial collaborations to improve work-based learning.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) recognised the need to equip public TVET Colleges for them to become the preferred providers of vocational skills in South Africa in 2013. If job experience is available, it is expected that it will improve the employability of unemployed people. This program has been designated as one of the ministerial imperatives for assisting learners and connecting them with companies to help them get job experience.

The Accounting Authority originally authorized the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Strategy in March 2013 (financial year 2013/2014). Fasset funds a defined compensation to learners for their 18-month internship in support of Dr Blade Nzimande's speech, and this work experience placement programme centered on the objectives of both employers and learners.