



## Media Advisory

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### **US Government Provides Multi-Million Dollar Investment in FET Colleges**

The United States Diplomatic Mission to South Africa is pleased to announce the official launch of a new bilateral partnership aimed at strengthening academic programs, skills development training and student support services offered by 12 selected Further Education and Training (FET) colleges in South Africa. This partnership with the Department of Education is targeted to expand education opportunities and skills training for young people in South Africa through support to 12 FET colleges in three provinces. This partnership will be launched at an event on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 10:00am at Waterberg Further Education and Training College, Limpopo Province

This is a three-year, \$6.7 million program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in partnership with the Government of South Africa and implemented by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The event is expected to be hosted by His Excellency Dr. Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, as well as the Limpopo MEC for Education, Mr. Dickson Masemola. Deputy USAID Mission Director Cathy Moore will represent the United States.

The following FET colleges will participate in the program through a series of small grants and joint capacity building programs which will work to strengthen each college's institutional operations and services.

Limpopo Province	Capricorn FET College Lephalale FET College Letaba FET College Mopani South East FET College Sekhukhune FET College Vhembe FET College Waterberg FET College
Mpumalanga Province	Ehlanzeni FET College Gert Sibande FET College Nkangala FET College
Northern Cape Province	Northern Cape Rural FET College Northern Cape Urban FET College

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