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MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONGRATULATES MPHO MOOKAPELE ON SAICA AWARDS

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Blade Nzimande, congratulates Mpho Mookapele (35), the CFO and Acting CEO of one of our Sector Educational and Training Authorities, the Department of Education and Training, Energy and Water SETA (EW SETA), for being the overall winner of the 2019 Top 35 under -35 chartered accountants [CA (SA)] Award.

Mookapele was born in a small village of Dinokana in Zeerust, North West and later resided in Johannesburg. She studied towards a BCom Accounting degree with her career spanning more than ten (10) years in the finance and regulatory environment in both the private and the public sector

“For government to succeed, we require professional, effectively coordinated and well managed state institutions with highly skilled public servants who are committed to serving our people. Through these awards, Mpho proved herself to be amongst the best cadres in the public service and I am delighted that she is part of team higher education and training.

Minister Nzimande said Mpho with her financial and regulatory background will form a part of critical implementers of the new SETA landscape.

The Minister further said that Chapter 10 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa requires that the public service must, amongst others, maintain and promote a high standard of professional ethics and accountability, which is also a requirement of the Public Service Code of Conduct.

Minister Nzimande also said that government seeks to create a public service that provides a conducive working environment and a sense of belonging for all public servants.

“Through many of our other professional and innovative programs, we strive to position the public service as a career and employer of choice to young graduates and public servants in general,” emphasised Minister Nzimande.

Mpho epitomises the “Thuma Mina” principle as espoused by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

“I congratulate Mpho on her success and that of EWSETA. She has made us all proud and she must keep up the good work, and May her future ever shine brighter” said Minister Nzimande.

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