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INVITATION AND AGENDA

37th NSTF PLENARY MEETING

Focus of the meeting:
Higher Education matters
and
Recognition of Finalists – 2009/10 NSTF Awards

Monday, 3 May 2010

09h00 for 09h30 - 16h00

**The Gallagher Estate, Block C, Gallagher 3 Meeting Room,
18 Richards Drive, Midrand**

Undercover Parking: Block 2, level 2

RSVP: In order to ensure seating, please confirm your attendance and your **dietary requirements** with the NSTF Secretariat at the contact details above no later than 21 April 2010.

Please note an apology in case you cannot attend as official representative of your organization.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Member Organisations = Attendance, parking, refreshments and lunch are free of charge for NSTF Members – see the list of member organisations on the NSTF web site at www.nstf.org.za or enquire from the NSTF contact person mentioned above. Member organisations are allowed to send as many representatives as they wish to. However in the event that a vote is taken, only one representative per organization will be allowed to vote.
- Non-Member Organisations = Attendance is open for anyone interested but non-members are charged R1000.00 (VAT incl) registration fee which includes attendance, parking, refreshments and lunch. OR non-members are invited to become members at a nominal annual membership fee and then participate free of charge in all NSTF workshops and Plenary gatherings throughout the year – see the members section on the web site at www.nstf.org.za or enquire at the contact person mentioned below.
- Please note that if you do not RSVP to this address with your name, name of the organisation you represent and contact details, we cannot be held responsible for changes or cancellations of programmes.

09h00-09h30

**Registration & Refreshments
(Foyer of Gallagher 3 Meeting Room)**

Plenary meeting convenes at 9h30.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION – Administrative Matters			
NR	ITEM	TASK	TIME
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Purpose of the meeting:	Chair, Prof Brenda Wingfield	
2.	Confirmation of the minutes of the 36 th NSTF Plenary meeting of 8 October 2010 and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lobbying of Government on the issues discussed during 2008 namely the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) and State of the National System of Innovation ○ Recent Policy Developments within the Department of Science and Technology 	Prof Brenda Wingfield & Jansie Niehaus – Executive Director	09:30-09:40 (10 minutes)
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND FEEDBACK ON NSTF PROJECTS			
3.	Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Financial Management Report – 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 · Budget for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 · Audit to commence on 7 June 2010 for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 conducted by Malan Du Preez Auditors 	Ms Jansie Niehaus	09:40-09:45 (5 minutes)
4.	Executive Director's Report on Administrative Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Acceptance by Members of the Constitutional revisions presented at the AGM of 8 October 2009 · Memberships and Recruitment drive since October 2009 to date <u>Sector Meetings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Professional Bodies / proSET · Science Councils and Statutory Bodies 	Ms Jansie Niehaus	09:45-09:50 (5 minutes)
5.	NSTF Focus Areas, Partnerships and Collaborations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The NSTF Awards – Gala Dinner of 4 May 2010 · National Youth Service (NYS) · Incentive Scheme · FESTOC 	Ms Jansie Niehaus	09:50-10:00 (10 minutes)
6.	Outcomes of Workshops conducted since October 2009 to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ethics in Science and Technology – 21 October 2009 · Environmental issues – 3 November 2009 · Intellectual Property Rights – 26 November 2009 · Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education – 10 March in Cape Town and 16 April in KwaZulu-Natal 	Ms Jansie Niehaus	10:00-10:10 (10 minutes)

7.	NSTF Workshops in 2010-11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scarce Skills – 1 September 2010 ○ Accreditation of Professionals – 8 September 2010 ○ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education – 15 September in Gauteng ○ Science Councils Symposium – 21/22 September 2010 ○ Ethics in Science and Technology – 3 November 2010 ○ Environment – 10 November 2010 ○ Intellectual Property Rights – 17 November 2010 	Ms Jansie Niehaus	10:10-10:20 (10 minutes)
8.	General	Prof Brenda Wingfield	10:20-10:25 (5 minutes)
9.	Next NSTF AGM & Plenary meeting (38 th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 5 October 2010 – Gallagher Estate at 09h00 for 09h30-16h00 	Prof Brenda Wingfield	10:25-10:30 (5 minutes)
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2009/10 NSTF AWARDS FINALISTS			
10.	Announcement of the Finalists of the 2009/10 NSTF Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Individual over a Lifetime · Individual through Research and its outputs · Individual through activities other than Research and its outputs · TW Kambule NRF Senior Black Researcher (Male and Female) · TW Kambule NRF Distinguished Young Black Researcher (Male and Female) · Research for Innovation by teams/individuals through a corporate organization · Research for Innovation by teams/individuals through a SME · Research for Innovation by teams/individuals through a NGO/NPO/CBO · Eskom Research Capacity Developers (Male and Female) · SAASTA Science Communicator for Public Awareness 	Mr Denis Hunt, Head Adjudicator and Chairperson of the NSTF Adjudication Panel and Prof Brenda Wingfield, Chairperson of the NSTF	10:30-10:50 (20 minutes)
TEA TIME			10:50-11:00
SECOND PLENARY SESSION – Presentations and Focus Discussions			

11.	Higher Education	Ms Mary Metcalfe, Director General of the Department of Higher Education and Training	11:00-11:40 (40 minutes)
	Questions and Discussion	ALL	11:40-12h00 (20 minutes)
12.	Outcomes of the ASSAf study on 'Progress in Scholarly Publishing in South Africa: Journals and Books'	Prof Dave Woods and Susan Veldsman, Academy of Science of SA	12h00-12h40 (40 minutes)
	Questions and Discussion	ALL	12h40-13h00 (20 minutes)

LUNCH (13h00-13h45)

45 minutes

**(follow the signage from breakaway rooms through the garden
to the LOTUS Restaurant)**

Note: Notify us with your RSVP of any dietary requirements!!

Main Course Menu:

Greek salad

Mutton curry & poppadums

Chicken with paprika, cream and mushrooms

Sesame crusted linefish

Grilled seasonal vegetables

Basmati & lentil rice

Spinach and ricotta cannelloni with sun dried tomato sauce

Dessert Menu:

Custard slice

Lemon cheese cake

Caramel Panacotta with orange toffee sauce

Soft drinks included and available from the bar on request

13.	<p>Summary of the focus areas to be discussed during breakaway sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ø Higher Education; and Ø Outcomes of the ASSAf study on ‘Progress in Scholarly Publishing in South Africa: Journals Books’ Ø Sector issues and concerns 	Prof Brenda Wingfield	13h45-13h50 (5 minutes)
THIRD PLENARY SESSION – Sector Breakaways			
<u>Breakaway Venues:</u>	<p><u>Group A – Professional Bodies (proSET), Civil Society and Labour sectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson: Prof Stephanie Burton (NSTF Vice Chair and Immediate Past Chair of proSET) ○ Facilitator: Mr David Kramer / Mr Seliki Thlabane 	Venue: Gallagher Auditorium 3	13h50-15h00 (80 minutes)
	<p><u>Group B – Business and State Corporations sectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson: Dr Eric Khoza ○ Facilitator: Mr Denis Hunt 	Venue: Gallagher 2	
	<p><u>Group C – Higher Education sector:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson: Prof Johan Malherbe ○ Facilitator: Dr Prins Nevhutalu 	Venue: Gallagher 1	
	<p><u>Group D – Science Councils, Statutory Bodies and Government:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson: Dr Stanley Liphadzi ○ Facilitator: Mr Takalani Rambau 	Venue: Boardroom 4	
FOURTH SESSION – Plenary Feedback and Closure			
14.	<p>Feedback from Breakaway sessions, general discussions, summary and Plenary findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group A - Professional Bodies (SETAG), Civil Society and Labour ○ Group B - Business and State Corporations ○ Group C – Higher Education ○ Group D – Science Councils and Government 	<p>Chairpersons of the Breakaway Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof Stephanie Burton ○ Dr Eric Khoza ○ Prof Johan Malherbe ○ Dr Stanley Liphadzi 	15h00-15h55 (55 minutes)
NB Feedback summaries to be posted on NSTF Website by 12 May 2010			
15.	<p>General and Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · International Year of Chemistry 	Prof Brenda Wingfield Dr Mike Booth	16h00
REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER CLOSURE			