



You are cordially invited to an...

**NSTF Workshop
on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education**

10 March 2010

**MTN Sciencentre, 407 Canal Walk (Upper level, Entrance 5), Century City, Cape Town
9:00 for 9:30 to 14:00**

(PS: Follow-up workshop on STEM education will also be held in KZN during April)

What do Forum Members think of the recent developments in STEM Education at school level? Everyone knows by now that we are dealing with a crisis in Education, and that it affects South Africa's skills base of the future and our aspirations for a *knowledge economy*. But does everyone know what efforts the national government has been making to turn the system around? There are also numerous positive efforts at local level, by Provincial Education Departments, and private sector and NGO initiatives.

At this NSTF workshop, which forms part of an ongoing series of STEM workshops to promote dialogue with Government, we would like to hear your insights, your critical appraisal of government policies and recent developments, and your constructive ideas of how to take South Africa's young people forward towards a bright future.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

9:00-9:30 Registration (Foyer of the auditorium inside the MTN Sciencentre)
9:30-9:45 Welcome, announcements, introduction (Ms Jansie Niehaus, Executive Director: NSTF)
9:45-13:00 Presentations and discussions: Current National Education Initiatives

- Education Department representatives
- Prof Kobus Maree (Faculty of Education, University of Pretoria): The challenge of inadequate achievement in mathematics: Focus on a meta-approach
- Other speakers

13:00-13:15 Wrapping up and way forward

13:15- 14:00 Lunch (*buffet at Cattle Baron restaurant in the centre*)

We invite you to join us for lunch, and use the opportunity for further discussion and networking!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Member Organisations** = Attendance, parking, workshop 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 below. Member organisations are allowed to send as many representatives as they wish to.

- **Non-Member Organisations** = Attendance is open for anyone interested **but** non-members are charged **R1000.00 (VAT incl) registration fee** which include attendance, parking, workshop refreshments and lunch. **OR** non-members are **invited** to become members at a nominal annual membership fee and then participate free of charge 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 forward this invitation to your colleagues. It is however, essential to book!! **R.S.V.P. to Khathu Thusi at nstf@scientia.co.za or 012 8413987.**

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.