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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

No. 1035

20 December 2013

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) was established to enhance scholarship, research and ethical practice in the fields of the Human and Social Sciences within and through existing and future South African universities, the higher education system and within South African society in general.

Dr BE Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training published Regulations for the establishment of a National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences through Government Notice No. 952, Government Gazette No 37118 of 5 December 2013.

The NIHSS will be supported by its own professional secretariat, headed by the Chief Executive Officer, and will control its own operating budget. The ordinary members of the NIHSS must be appointed by the Minister on the basis of the following criteria –

- broadly representative of the higher education sector;
- racial, gender and disability representivity;
- deep knowledge, understanding and commitment to higher education; and
- appreciates the role of the humanities and social sciences in contributing to the social and economic development in the country.

The members of the NIHSS are appointed in their personal capacities and are expected to at all times act in the best interest of the sector as a whole. In terms of Regulation 14(2), the Director-General of the Department of Higher Education and Training is responsible for the constitution of the first NIHSS Board.

As the Acting Director-General, I, Firoz Yousef Patel, hereby request -

- a) the public;
- b) organisations representing academics;
- c) university management staff;
- d) appropriate government departments;
- e) research and science councils;
- f) others with interest in the humanities and social sciences; and
- g) relevant non-governmental organisations

to submit to me, **before 17 February 2014**, the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the aforesaid Board.

Nominations, accompanied by the *Curriculum Vitae* of the nominee and a *letter of consent indicating availability of the nominee* to serve on the Board, should be forwarded to:

To: The Director -General
The Department of Higher Education and Training
Attention: Ms P Whittle
Director: University Management Support.
E-mail: whittle.p@dhet.gov.za
Fax: 086 298 9856
or post: Private Bag X174
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