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**THE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SALUTES NATU FOR HOSTING A SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR FOR PRINCIPALS AND DEPUTY PRINCIPALS**

The Foundation for Education and Social Justice salutes the National Teachers Union (NATU) for hosting a successful seminar for principals and deputy principals from all nine provinces, held from October 10-11, 2024. This seminal event brought together educational leaders from across the country, providing a platform for meaningful engagement, knowledge sharing, and leadership development.

We extend our sincerest appreciation to NATU President, Mr. Malinga, and General Secretary, Mr. Ngema, for their visionary leadership and dedication to the advancement of education in South Africa. The Central Executive Board of NATU also deserves special recognition for their tireless efforts in organizing this seminar.

Professor Imenda, Director of the NATU Teacher Development Institute, warrants acknowledgement for his exceptional leadership in driving teacher development initiatives. The NATU Teacher Development Institute remains the only institution in the country deeply committed to the growth and empowerment of educators. Professor Imenda's tireless efforts have been instrumental in shaping the teaching profession.

NATU's initiatives have significantly contributed to the growth and development of educators, benefiting learners across the country. Their relentless pursuit of quality education is a beacon of hope for the future of South Africa. The principal's seminar served as a catalyst for innovative thinking, strategic planning, and collaborative problem-solving. By fostering a culture of excellence, NATU has empowered educational leaders to drive positive change within their institutions. Under the theme "Enhancing quality education through strategic resourcing that prioritises adequate staffing, school safety and effective school management," the seminar addressed many issues including child protection matters, particularly at a time when children are violated by some teachers within the country. It is encouraging that Dr Foca from the ELRC also made a thorough presentation on sexual harassment of learners by teachers and the consequences thereof.

As we acknowledge NATU's outstanding contributions, we issue a call to action to all stakeholders in the education sector. Let us join forces to promote teacher development and empowerment, foster a culture of excellence in education, and support initiatives that benefit learners and educators.

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