

Building a nation through education

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Compared with the other sectors in South Africa, education boasts the largest financial commitment and support from the government. With around 7% of the country's GDP going towards education and with well over R600 billion that will go to basic education alone over the next three years, it is clear that the government envisions great development and progress in this sector going forward. This support was reiterated at this year's budget speech where the State committed itself to collectively invest more in infrastructure. Among many key areas of infrastructure investment, education infrastructure in particular will receive R54 billion. As was highlighted by the Minister of Finance, Pravin Gordhan, in his Budget Speech, infrastructure in the education sector must improve to create an environment conducive to learning, in turn creating quality students who will drive the country forward.

In line with the National Development Plan (NDP), the State has recognised that improvements in the quality of education are the foundations of broad-based and sustainable growth. By driving initiatives and developments forward, the NDP will realise its vision to see drastic improvements in the education sector, such as a 70% increase in university enrolments, by 2030.

The Vision 2030 Summit is a platform for members of the Presidency, key government dignitaries and private sector leaders to share insights, engage and discuss the vision for the NDP. It highlights key aspects around Vision 2030 and how key organisations and individuals can contribute to make it a reality.

This year, the summit is proud to host some of the highest esteemed figures and companies in South African society, including the honourable Jeff Radebe and Matthews Phosa. It is with great pride to announce Curro Holdings as a sponsor of the "Education" breakaway session on 8 June during the course of the summit. Speaking, as panelists, are the CEO of Curro Holdings, Dr Chris van der Merwe; the Director of Curro Holdings, Dr Sibongile Muthwa; and the education visionary, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba from the National Planning Committee.

Curro Holdings has always been committed to the excellence of education and the key elements necessary in achieving success. In 2015, Curro Holdings invested around R1 billion in education and seeks to double that figure in 2016. This money will be used for construction of schools and sourcing property for more campuses. "Curro's mission is to make quality independent school education accessible to more learners."

Topco Media is proud to once again host the Vision 2030 Summit, at Emperors Palace, in Johannesburg on 8 and 9 June 2016. This summit promises to be an informative and productive experience for members of both the public and private sector. Attendees will gain practical insight, with opportunities to network and form partnerships.

For more information about the summit, the accompanying publication, or how you can be involved in this exciting initiative, please contact Micheline Frantz: Micheline.frantz@topco.co.za - 086 000 9590.

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