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To: SETA Chief Executive Officers

Skills Development Circular 24/2019

Support for British Council I-Work Project - Apprenticeship Strand

Dear Colleagues

Skills Development Circular 12/ 2019 dated 4 June 2019 was issued to all SETAs wherein the background and support for the British Council project entitled 'Improving work opportunities for young people in the Commonwealth or I-Work' was detailed – a copy is attached for reference.

The I-Work Project has progressed very well to the extent that Department is proud to announce that, with the support and collaboration of the British Council, it launched the A21 Digital Guideline on 7 October 2019 at https://nadsc.dhet.gov.za/A21#/

In addition to the web site, the A21 Digital Guideline is also available on all other digital devices on the following social media platforms;

- Facebook Page https://fb.me/A21Guidelines
- Message m.me/A21Guidelines
- WhatsApp Invite Link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/G2zLTFw52CH8z3DVKZRFiO
- Twitter: @AGuidelines: https://twitter.com/AGuidelines
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12301955/

The Department needs to gain maximum leverage from the A21 Digital Guideline to advocate awareness among employers to actively participate in the role out of the new quality apprenticeship system as is embodied in the Centres of Specialisation Programme. This is especially critical at this time as the Department is in the process of mobilising employers for the 2020 intake of apprentices.

We would therefore request all SETAs to share the above A21 Digital Guideline links with all their Skills Development Facilitators and encourage them to engage with the guideline to the end of enabling an exponential increase of apprentices in the system.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Director-General: Skills Development Date: 16/10/2019