

## **CLOSING ADDRESS**

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**Delegation from the European Union present**

**Distinguished international speakers from Uganda,  
France, and Ireland**

**Members of the PSTF Advisory Committee**

**Delegates from the length and breadth of South Africa**

Let me first start by thanking the provincial heads of departments (HODs) and the Directors-General who allowed you to attend this conference within the current cost containment measures.

I would also like to recognise the role of the PSTF Advisory Committee, sponsors, exhibitors, various session presenters and facilitators, support staff who prepared our lunches and teas, as well as all of you for your active participation in this Conference.

Let me also acknowledge the efforts of our staff at the NSG which has again successfully managed and organised a big event of this nature from the beginning up to its conclusion today.

Programme director, Ladies and Gentlemen, when one looks at the topics covered over the three days of the conference, it is clear that the conference objectives were achieved because the topics related to the steps necessary to achieve the goals of the National Development Plan. The deliberations managed to reflect on the policies of Government that are relevant in this sector.

One needs to also acknowledge that some of the aspects of this conference were not perfect, I therefore call upon the Advisory Committee and the NSG team to relook at those areas where we could have done better and improve in the next edition of this conference.

What was discussed in this conference should not end today. Let us go back as individuals and a collective to deliberate on how we implement the lessons learned from this conference. People within the HRD space perceive learning as a lifelong activity. Go back and continue with the skills development revolution to ensure that Government performs better in accordance to the expectations of the people of South Africa. The work that the public servants you train do, must change the lives of ordinary people in the country.

As the NSG, we are thankful to the European Union which has seen it fit to support the ideals of South Africa's creation of a capable developmental state by specifically supporting the NSG in those four key result areas that were contained in the speech of the Minister on Day 1 as well the video clip during the launch of this programme.

I want to particularly thank the speakers from Uganda, France and Ireland for sharing with South Africa what is working in their respective countries.

We have also lined up a few sessions for those around Pretoria to engage further with the three international speakers in interactive discussion on their areas of expertise and topics covered in this conference.

I am pleased that the conference organisers chose the theme for this conference to focus on the Vision: 2030 because we need all spheres of government (national, provincial, and local) to function effectively within the skill development system of our country.

Programme Director, in closing, I would to thank all who contributed towards the success of the 19<sup>th</sup> PSTF Conference. To HRD Practitioners and Managers, continue to be agents of change in shaping and improving the HRD space. Ladies and

Gentlemen, I wish you well as your travel to your different destinations.

*Thank You,*

*hambani kahle*

*tsamayang sentle*