

WELCOME ADDRESS

The CEO of SAQA

Monitors

Coordinators

SAB&T Officials

It is an honour for me to welcome you to the fifth year of the Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign. It is a great achievement on the part of the Campaign that it has had this long relationship with you and can still count on you for your dedicated service and commitment.

Last year my predecessor, Prof McKay informed you about a new baby that was born in the system, the Learner Workbooks for schools. She has nurtured that process together with some of us and in the process she was appointed Executive Deputy Dean for the School (college?) of Education at UNISA. The Teacher Education Directorate within the Department of Education has requested that we compile a teacher training manual similar to the KRG manual. We are hoping to utilize some of you in the training of teachers because of the extensive experience you have gained over the years through KRG.

This workshop is an important event in the Kha Ri Gude Calendar as it affords the unit the opportunity to meet with Monitors and Coordinators simultaneously face to face to chart the way forward for the programme. It is also an opportunity to work with you not only in KRG but in other programmes as well. The Department of Basic Education has contracted UNISA to do research and come up with recommendations to assist non-performing schools. They are hoping to acquire funding to survey 1000 schools and so when they receive the funds (which have been committed before the end of the financial year), they will be able to pay the field workers in 5 provinces namely GP, EC, KZN, LP and MP or FS

UNISA needs to brief interested monitors and coordinators on how to administer the instrument and how to select schools from a list that will be provided by the DBE of 80% of underperforming schools and 20% of performing schools.

As some of the instrument will need a bit of time to explain they have asked for a slot of about 2 hours tomorrow night so that they can divide the 5 provinces into teams that will look at the schools lists and then each group can be taken through the survey by one of the people from UNISA. Mrs. Madiye, Dr. Ngoepe, Dr. Manyike, Dr. Soane Mohapi and Prof Veronica McKay will address you tomorrow night.

I hope you will assist the college and you will not be paid by SAB&T this time but by UNISA. I wish to commend and to thank Prof Aitchison and Mr Sekgobela who started KRG from its inception to date. At a political level we have support from the Minister and Deputy Minister including parliament and at administrative level the Director General Mr Bobby Soobrayan is giving us full support.

I want to thank SAQA for their commitment and support in the verification process which is also spearheaded by Prof Aitchison and I hope your moderation and verification workshop will be a success. To Paul Jooste and the Team thank you very much for being part of this family, you have made this process easier for the Department of Basic Education and I hope you will be able to address the challenges you are facing this weekend. It is the end of the financial year in Government and it is going to be difficult for some of us to be with you tomorrow because if we do not sign documents SAB&T you will not be able to pay you.

Thank you and have a lovely verification workshop.