



SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA)

On behalf of the Chairman, Georg C. Umbricht, we are very pleased to invite you, your colleagues and friends to a presentation by

H.E. DR. BONGINKOSI EMMANUEL (BLADE) NZIMANDE, MP

South African Minister of Higher Education and Training

«The Strategic Framework for Education and Development in South Africa 2011 – 2025»

and

KEN DUNCAN

CEO of the Swiss-South African Co-operation Initiative (SSACI)

«SSACI Activities in South Africa»

Date: **Tuesday, 31st May, 2011**

Time: **18:30 h Registration and Aperitif**

19:00 h Speech followed by Dinner

21:30 h End of the Event

Venue: **Haus zum Rüden**, Limmatquai 42, 8001 Zurich



DR. BONGINKOSI EMMANUEL (BLADE) NZIMANDE was born in 1958 in Edenvale, Pietermaritzburg. He holds a Degree as Doctor in Philosophy from the University of Zululand, South Africa where he was also lecturer in 1985.

While lecturing at the University of Natal, Durban, in 1987 in the Psychology Department, Nzimande became involved in the Culture and Working Life Project. He initiated the cultural activities of the Dumbuzo Cultural Organisation which produced a play on violence, Koze Kube Nini, which was performed in the townships. He also wrote various articles on violence, and assisted in the presentation of seminars.

Dr. Blade Nzimande is the Minister of Higher Education and Training in South Africa. He has also chaired the ANC Parliamentary Study Group on Education and the Select Committee on Education in Parliament. He served as director of the Education Policy Unit at the University of Natal. Nzimande is a member of the ANC and SACP top structures and has been the General Secretary of the South African Communist Party Employees & Directors (SACP) since 1998.

KEN DUNCAN is CEO of the Swiss-South African Co-operation Initiative (SSACI), a development agency in the field of vocational training and job creation for young South Africans. SSACI has a special interest in artisanal skills in the engineering industry. Amongst its current projects are the implementation of accelerated apprenticeships in engineering trades and a four-year collaboration with Government to align the training in public colleges more closely with the needs of industry through a combination of in-service training for college lecturers and workplace-based experience for students.



Before establishing SSACI, Ken Duncan was a consultant in education and training, providing research and evaluation services to international and local development agencies, as well as to SA Government departments. He also has years of experience in the educational NGO sector throughout Southern Africa, including Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland and RSA.

Ken Duncan has a Masters degree from Rhodes University, specializing in the evaluation of educational projects, and a Higher Diploma in Education from the University of the Witwatersrand.

We look forward to welcoming you to these presentations, which will no doubt be full of insight and interest.

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