



**SOUTH AFRICAN
COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

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MOVING FORWARD - Not for ourselves

On 8 and 9 February 2023, Council together with Professional Board for Social Work, Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work and Secretariat (staff) gathered for their *five-year strategic planning session*. The goal of the strategic planning session was to develop an integrated strategic framework against clear benchmarks/indicators that will provide for a collective vision, mission and strategic objectives from 2023/2024 to 2027/2028 to ensure that the SACSSP mandate in terms of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978, Regulations and Rules as well as the SACSSP's policies are implemented through annual performance plans of the period. In his opening remarks at the start of the strategic planning session, the President of the SACSSP, Dr Paul Mbedzi, reminded Members and staff:

"This strategic planning session, as with our role as Members and staff, is about the noble professions of social work and child and youth care work and the public that we serve – not for ourselves (Non Nobis). Our mandates as Council and Professional Boards are clear as set out in the Act in that it calls upon us to not only protect and promote the interests of the professions, but also maintain and enhance the prestige, status, integrity and dignity of the professions of social work and child and youth care work".

A finalised strategic plan will be published once approved by Council.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: On 17 November 2022, the Durban University of Technology (DUT) announced a new opportunity called the *Portfolio Development Course (PDC)* through funding from the Health and Welfare SETA (HWSETA) (in collaboration with the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work and the NACCW). This is aimed at enabling currently registered and employed auxiliary child and youth care workers to apply for the Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Care on completion of the PDC. *Unfortunately, there has been a delay in finalising financial logistics between the funder and the DUT.* The advertisement and related information on the PDC, including all the details about eligibility, will be published as soon as the aforementioned is finalised.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARTICIPATE: To understand the current needs when working with LGBT+ clients UNISA is inviting registered mental health professionals in South Africa. Earn 2 CEU points, complete by 15 March 2023 via link <https://tinyurl.com/surveyforsa>

REMINDER: Annual fees for 2023/2024 are payable no later than 31 March 2023. The amounts payable are available on the SACSSP's website www.sacssp.co.za under *Registration (Payments–Fees payable)*.

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