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NSFAS Chief Corporate Services Officer, Mrs Sibongile Mncwabe addressing the students during the EDHE Studentpreneur Indaba.

NSFAS Donates 600 Digital Devices to Support Student Innovators

Tshepo Boshiane

08 October 2025 - Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to meaningful and sustainable student development, the National Student Financial Aid

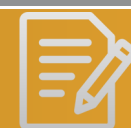
Scheme (NSFAS) proudly donated over 600 laptops to the Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE). The handover took place at the Studentpreneurs Indaba hosted by the

University of South Africa (UNISA), Muckleneuck Campus in Pretoria.

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NSFAS
2026
Applications
Access Today. Success Tomorrow.

NSFAS HAS OFFICIALLY **CLOSED** APPLICATIONS FOR **2026 FUNDING!**



NSFAS will start communicating application results via the myNSFAS portal from the 15th of December 2025.



Applicants are encouraged to monitor their myNSFAS accounts for important updates related to their application.



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THANK YOU to our hardworking and dedicated staff members, and to those all that have applied.



One click away to a brighter future

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These laptops represent more than technological tools—they symbolize empowerment, opportunity, and NSFAS’s firm belief in the creative potential of young South Africans. They will directly assist student innovators in expanding their ventures and building solutions that contribute to economic growth.

The Indaba preceded the 8th Annual EDHE Lekgotla, held from 8–9 October 2025, under the theme “Entrepreneurship for Sustainability.” This year’s programme was hosted in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Alliance for Entrepreneurial Universities in Africa.

During the handover, NSFAS Chief Corporate Services Officer Ms Sibongile Mncwabe remarked:

“By supporting this initiative, NSFAS not only addresses the immediate needs of aspiring entrepreneurs but also contributes meaningfully to South Africa’s broader goal.”

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Nomusa Dube-Ncube, also attended the Lekgotla, engaging with student exhibitors and celebrating South Africa’s growing innovation ecosystem.



NSFAS welcome Dr. Mugwena Maluleke as Acting Board Chairperson



Former NSFAS Board Chairperson: Dr Karen Stander



NSFAS Acting Board Chairperson: Dr. Mugwena Maluleke



MEDIA CORNER

MEDIA STATEMENT: ANELE NTSWAYI ON BEHALF OF NSFAS

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) warmly welcomes Dr. Mugwena Maluleke on his appointment as the Acting Chairperson of the NSFAS Board, effective 10 November 2025. This appointment follows the announcement by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr. Buti Manamela, and is made in accordance with section 5(1)(iii) of the NSFAS Act (1999), subsequent to the resignation of the previous Chairperson.

Dr Maluleke, who is currently serving as a member of the NSFAS Board,

brings a wealth of leadership and governance experience to his new role. He is widely recognised for his longstanding commitment to education and social justice in South Africa. Dr Maluleke is a seasoned educationist, trade unionist, and academic.

His academic credentials include a Doctorate in Education, and he has contributed extensively to advancing educational transformation in the country.

Dr Maluleke's expertise in policy development, stakeholder engagement, and organisational leadership is well

regarded, and NSFAS is confident that his guidance will further strengthen the organisation's commitment to supporting students in need. We wish Dr Maluleke every success in his new role and look forward to his leadership as NSFAS continues its mandate to provide financial assistance to deserving students across South Africa.

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Minister of Higher Education, Buti Manamela, during his visit at NSFAS offices in Cape Town.

Minister Manamela meets with NSFAS management

2026 Applications at the heart of Minister’s visit

Tshepo Boshiane

16 October 2025 - The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Buti Manamela, paid a courtesy visit to the NSFAS head office, receiving a focused operational briefing on the status of student registration preparations for the 2026 academic year.

With applications already well underway, the Minister engaged with management on application volumes, appeals, operational readiness, and key system improvements designed to enhance student support.

His visit concluded with a walkabout across

several operational units, including the case management teams, Core Business department, disability support unit, and the contact centre— where he interacted warmly with staff and acknowledged the essential role they play in serving students nationwide.



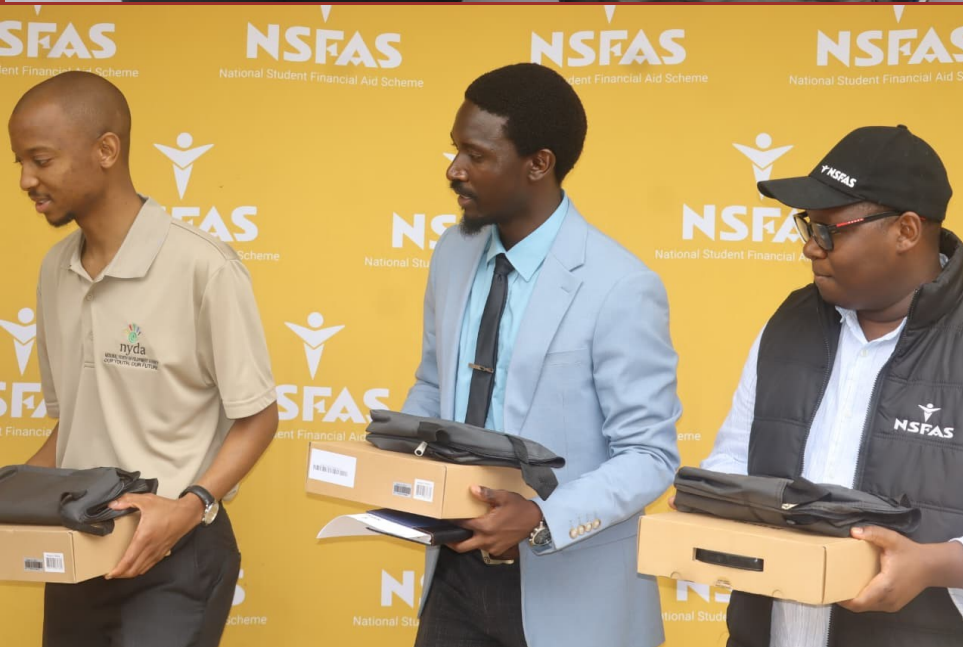
Out and About - NSFAS applications drives

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Outreach Team assisting students with 2026 Applications



Out and About - NSFAS applications digital access campaign

Recognising the challenges of digital access and data costs, this year's applications drive has been integrated with a Digital Access Campaign — supported by NSFAS Board and Executive Management; through which NSFAS donated laptops to high-achieving learners in selected schools across the country. This initiative not only celebrates excellence but also helps bridge the digital divide and inspire other learners to pursue their studies with confidence. Over **150 laptops** were donated to different schools around the country.



NSFAS engages stakeholders on student accommodation

Tshepo Boshiane

November 11, 2025 - NSFAS Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Waseem Carrim participated in the ACUHO-I Southern Africa Chapter (SAC) Annual Conference in Johannesburg, engaging directly with university and TVET housing leaders on accommodation processes, guidelines, and payment readiness for the 2026 academic year.

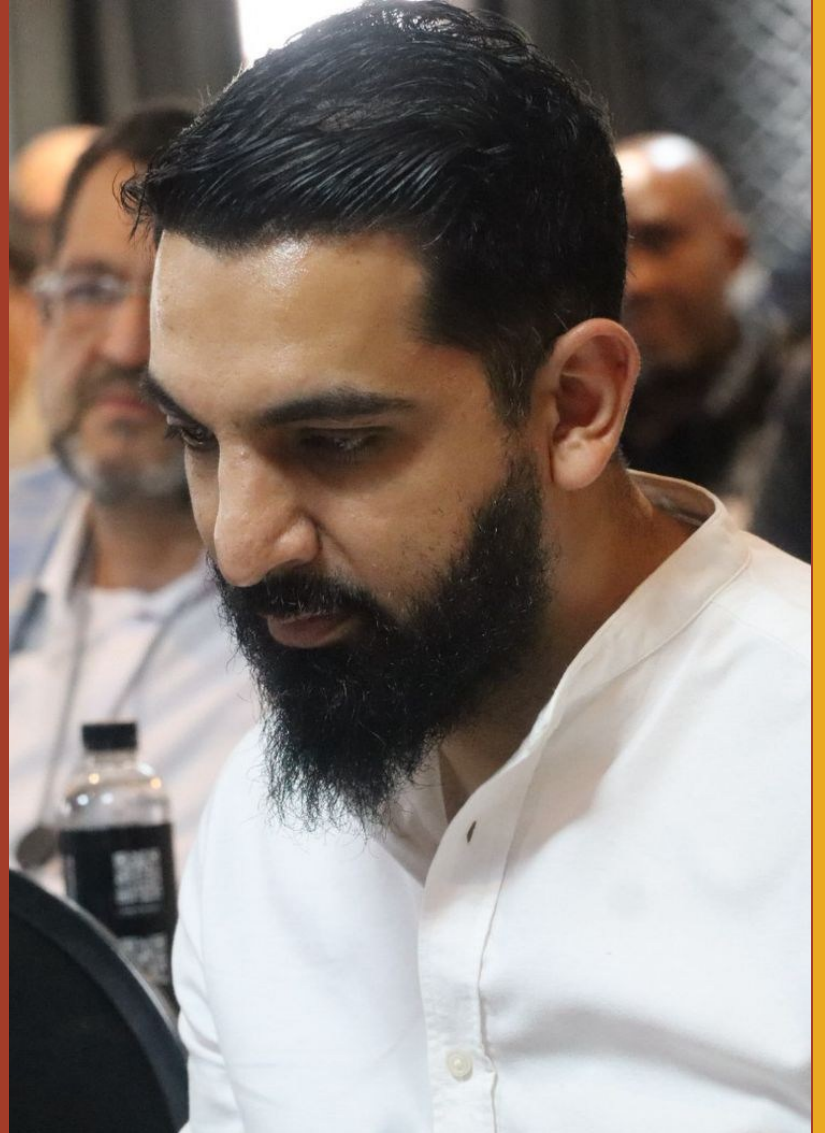
Hosted by the Association of College and University Housing Officers–International, the conference brings together senior accommodation experts to share

best practices and align on improving student living standards across the region.

Mr Carrim's participation reaffirmed NSFAS' commitment to:

- Collaboration with institutions
- Operational efficiency
- Improved student housing experiences
- Strengthened strategic partnerships

At NSFAS, every initiative, partnership, and engagement is grounded in a single purpose: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has the tools, support, and environment they need to succeed.



NSFAS Management engages in strategic workshop

Tshepo Boshiane

Yesterday, November 21, 2025, marked the last day of a three-day strategic workshop held by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Management in Franschhoek, Cape Town.

The workshop aimed to create a focused environment for reflection on the mandate and strategic intent of NSFAS, alignment on expectations, and forward planning.

The engagement aimed to provide a clear insight to the current state of NSFAS, a platform to review

performance, address challenges, and chart the strategic direction over the short-term for 2026 academic year.

Furthermore, the workshop aimed to review the risk plan and important audit findings, as well as engage around the 2026 NSFAS Operations plan.





NSFAS HALF-A-MILLION MARK CELEBRATION:

THANK YOU, for your hard work and for the amazing job that you do every day in securing the future of our students and the youth of South Africa. It is through you that the doors of teaching and learning remains open, building a solid foundation in our socio-economic standing.

