



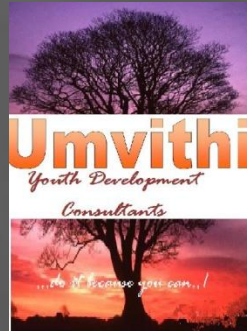
# RYDFSA

*Rural Youth Development Foundation - SA*

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Developing our communities with passion and pride...!

# Umvithi Youth Development *Consultants*



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**..do it because you can...!**

# Introduction

- ▣ Umvithi a youth development consultants, is the organisation of variety in youth development, education, mentoring and growth in business.
- ▣ The organisation, which has shown a great amount of effort from its stakeholders and executive members, is directed to the public at all levels in South African societies.
- ▣ Umvithi has establish a long history of offering support to community projects through its vision and programmes to better the lives of young people,

# Vision

- To target young people from the rural and disadvantaged South African communities,
- Assist them to combine the understanding of talent, education, career and social living within their communities.

## The Name “Umvithi “ – What is it?

- A tree
- Shepherds tree,
- Grows in the rocky, dry, deserted areas,
- Gives shelter to shepherds during sunny or stormy days,
- Nutritious leaves, good for nature





**Also known as : shepherd's tree ( Eng. ); witgat (Afr.); siPhiso (Swati), Mohlôpi (Northern Sotho); Xukutsi (Tswana); Muthobi (Venda )**

- **It is an evergreen tree**
- **Native to Southern and Tropical Africa,**
- **Living in the hot, dry, and often brackish low-lying areas,**
- **Sometimes on abundant lime and occasionally found in rocky terrain.**
- **It is common tree of the Bushveld and Lowveld**
- **A decoction of the roots is used to treat hemorrhoids**
- **when dried, cut up and roasted, the roots make a substitute for coffee.**
- **Nutritious leaves for animals,**

# Our Goals

**The goal of Umvithi Youth Development Consultants is to promote a vibrant and inclusive youth cultural environment in South African; Rural and disadvantaged communities**

**To be an organization that cultivate the creativity amongst young people,**

# Our development Initiatives

## BASTE

- B** - beauty & fashion
- A** - arts (performing & visual)
- S** - sports
- T** - tourism
- E** - education & skills

Baste meaning to sew pieces of fabric together in order to join the pieces together and make them something of a certain value.

e.g - A QUILT

- A** - agriculture
- B** - business development



Umvithi combine the concepts of;

**1. BASTE - AB**

**2. Talent**

**3. Career guidance**

...to enable those from rural and disadvantaged communities, to gain access in the world of; Beauty & Fashion, Arts, Sports, Tourism, Education & skills, Agriculture and Business development and relate all of this to career opportunities.

# Our partners

- UMgungundlovu District Municipality
- Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business
- The national Youth Agency
- University of Kwa Zulu natal
- Durban University of Technology
- Irene of (Irene's Models)
- Kwa Mpumuza traditional Authority
- uMgungundlovu FET college
- The BAT center
- The Natal Museum
- Tatham Art Gallery
- The Playhouse Company
- The Hexagon theater (UKZN)
- Impendle Local Municipality
- Msunduzi Local Municipality
- Mkhambathini Local Municipality
- uMngeni Local Municipality
- UMshwathi Local Municipality
- Mpofana local municipality
- Richmond Local Municipality

and more,

# HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL  
[B16-2011]**



This submission presents an overview of the situation on rural youth state of academic development affairs, in terms of their economic situation and the main issues that previously challenged them and thus the development of the Higher education and training bill, prior and post to the proposed change.

# Developing the bill

- The document serves as a good sign of - sustainable growth in our country,
- Portray our government's vision of a country full of opportunities and balance growth,
- Great move, and a big stepping stone towards the sustainable development of rural youth,

# A public policy for youth

- Seeks to identify the objectives, implementation strategies, results and impacts for opportunities directed at young population,
- Strategic actor in rural youth development,
- Revises and analyzes the attention focused at youth development,
- Serves as a strategic development initiative that utilizes the advantage of good link and partnership between the government and ordinary citizens,



# The transition stage

- The idea of amending the bill so as to define certain words or expressions and to delete certain obsolete definitions]
- Will provoke researchers, writers, critiques and individuals to focus at how they can play a vital role in making a difference.
- Will result in the establishment of many academic development Programmes, associated with youth skills development.. “as center of attention”
- This kind of attention will provide platforms for academic development that is accessible to all..

# Economic development and opportunities

The amendments on High Education and Training Bill, has potential in –

- Maximizing funding opportunities for rural based organisations,
- Elite branding of rural communities,
- Attracting donors for potential sponsorships,
- Improving market and promotional strategies,
- Minimizing risk of exploitation of rural businesses,
- Classifying the unfortunate as also part of our countries growth,

# Amalgamation and dissolution of SETA's

- many South African especially youth, and mostly those from rural communities have limited to no education of SETA's,
  - the importance of SETA's and their role in assisting with skills development...
- The move to amalgamate them will allow for platforms that will start educating SA citizens about the importance of SETA's
- If the SETA's are grouped together, it will make it possible for the information to be designed in such a way that it becomes more meaningful even to ordinary citizens at grass-root level.

- This will also create unlimited access to information, specially in the rural and disadvantaged communities.
- It will expand the endeavors and growth as the focus will now be on subsector dealing with various issues.
- The lack of skills is not an issue but the continuous duplication of information, that has been expanded in such a way that when it gets to the attention of the reader it becomes impossible for the reader to combine the meaning.
- Hence the proposed amendment, describes a holistic approach on youth development at all levels.

# To provide for the approval of a constitution for every SETA

- Based on the research conducted by RYDFSA and Umvith Youth Development
  - it was discovered that; many institutions in SA rural or semi-rural communities, depend on one or no policy document for referencing their day to day operations...
  - The proposal for amendment of the Bill must open up for more platforms of discussion, in working towards policies that doesn't only bind but also provide a flexible approach for institutions and governments.

➤ This means that if every SETA has its own constitution, and document that speaks directly on its vision and mission...

1. It will make things more easier for the people who work in developing day to day operation of that SETA...
2. The SETA will continuously develop initiatives that will talk directly to the people that it is meant to serve.
3. The document will be directly accessed by its members, which will mean growth and more initiatives and sustainable development for youth..



# Elimination of unnecessary duplication

- There will be continuous engagement of staff,
- Members and ordinary citizens will clearly find their roles to play,
- There will be more referencing of the way in which the SETAs operate,
- This will also provide further information that will assist with the elimination of duplication of information, as all the information relating to the conflict of interest will be disclosed there and then,

# Economic development and opportunities

- The proposed amendments is being considered following research from institutions, Local youth clubs, NPO's and NGO's and any other associations,
- The ammendment of the Bill has a potential in terms of Maximizing the pottential of funding opportunities for programs relating to Skills development, and for the benefit of youth and organisations herein..
- Elite branding of Skills development for rural communities, organisations and associations that work in association with the department of Higher Education and Training in terms of .....

- Attracting donors for potential sponsorships,
- Improvement of marketing and promotional strategies for local skills development opportunities,
- It will help minimize the risk of exploitation of youth trying to enhance their skills in the Higher academic institutions,
- Categorizes that the unfortunate are also part of our countries' growth...

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# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- The submission is also serves as a result of a study on youth development, their needs potential at local and national level.
- The findings were obtained through interviews with Rural youth representatives,
- One of the findings were that; the previous rural youth development policies, did not focus enough on rural youth skills development and their needs.
- The ammendment of the Bill dipicts the attention that will accommodate the RURAL YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

➤ the above, is a general perspective that reflects awareness on significant differences between rural and urban youth skills development initiatives... and the growing disparities between the rural and urban areas.

➤ There will be so much explicit focus on rural youth skills development national policy, regarding how they can contribute youth in agriculture and rural youth development.

# Rural Academies - a brand for rural youth development

- More rural youth were opting to migrate to urban areas for work and a better life
- Due to their limited education and experience, they often end up in low-paid jobs

That is changing,

- The Development of Rural Communities is bringing hope to rural youth and highlights them as problem solvers than problems to be solved,



# Youth and Power to change their communities

- Rural youth programmes has a mission to provide rural communities with the tools and support needed to sustain individuals, and take part in the fight against hunger within rural communities,
- To be effective, the rural youth efforts needs to be guided by accurate data on rural academic development, which at present has a strong linkage with the power associated with the -  
Minister of Higher Education and Training

# Conclusion

Goal 1 - Of a Higher Academic and Training Bill, that develops strategies to benefit rural youth,

Goal 2 - Reflect the findings of a study looking at rural youth and thus rural communities, are missing out on development opportunities more readily available to urban Youth and what can be done to turn the situation around?

Goal 3 - Improving access to basic needs and to vocational training is critically needed..

- Use agriculture education to improve rural youth's livelihoods if they are taught new techniques, how to grow new crops and how to sell crops locally,
- Rural youth are open-minded and have ideas on how to improve the current situation, let's get them involved in the planning meetings not as ward councilors and izinduna's but as specialists in rural development.
- They need basic support and improved knowledge and skills to begin their development.
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- Culminated in this submission it is our hope that these amendments, together with other developments to the “bill”, will successfully guide and continue to stimulate action within the Rural Communities as well as within all the regions of South Africa.
- I hope that this submission, will serve as a sustainable Contribution towards the changes and strategic developments made towards improving lives of our fellow citizens in the rural areas,

# Our Pride will always be the results of

- ❖ **Responsible Community Engagement**
- ❖ **Excellence in teaching and learning**
- ❖ **Partnerships for consultation and progress**
- ❖ **Ongoing Evaluations**

# Thank you...!

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