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HERS-SA ACADEMY 2019 – REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Dear Stakeholder

The Higher Education Resource Services South Africa (HERS-SA) will once again host its annual ACADEMY for Women Leaders in Higher Education at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Upper East Side, Woodstock, Cape Town from Sunday, 15th September to Thursday, 19th September 2019.

HERS-SA was founded in 2003 to address the critical shortage of women in senior positions in Higher Education, a major area of concern within the sector. The organisation has been providing professional and leadership development opportunities for women in Higher Education in South Africa at its ACADEMY for 15 years, and has had over 1 000 women to date attend this prestigious leadership development programme.

This year **there are only 80 spots available** and institutions are encouraged to select worthy candidates from their university as soon as possible to attend the week-long residential ACADEMY. The HERS-SA ACADEMY offers a unique opportunity to women to shape their own learning according to their development needs by selecting to participate in a range of plenary sessions, development workshops, breakaway activities and attending talks by well-known leaders within the Higher Education sector from our set programme. Our breakfast, lunch and evening dinners offer further informal networking opportunities.

You are hereby invited to nominate and sponsor women from your institution who are currently employed in or who possess the potential to be employed in senior positions to attend the 2019 HERS-SA ACADEMY.

This includes women who:

- currently hold a senior management position in a HE institution;
- wish to prepare for a senior management position in a HE institution;
- are keen to develop strategic management skills;

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- would benefit from the opportunity to reflect on their own professional development;
- would value the opportunity to meet and network with other senior women employed in HE in Southern Africa and in other international institutions.

Enclosed please find information on the **Application Process**. The final **2019 Programme** will follow as we secure our last few speakers. You may however circulate this announcement to relevant line managers and senior women in your institution.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 13 May 2019.

Yours in gender transformation



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