



END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM JET EDUCATION SERVICES

Looking back at 2016, JET has come a long way. We have repositioned the organisation and ensured that its relevance and contribution to all things educational in South Africa has been strengthened. We have built new relationships and also revived some of our longstanding engagements across the globe.

SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES IN 2016

JET has been appointed by JP Morgan as the New Skills for Youth lead agency in South Africa. New employability initiatives will be researched in 2017 that include partnerships with MSC Artisan Academy, Discovery, the City of Johannesburg and the Catholic Institute of Education.

NEW SKILLS FOR YOUTH

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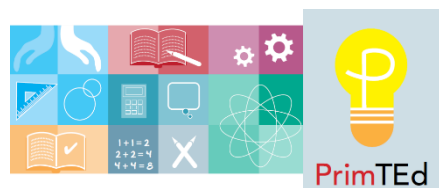
As a recognised UNEVOC Centre in South Africa, JET has been involved in the delivery of the UNEVOC TVET Leadership Programme that provides capacity building to TVET leaders from across the world.

JET was commissioned by the Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation and the Department of Basic Education to conduct an implementation evaluation to ascertain the effectiveness of the Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme. The evaluation was finalised in 2016 and JET has received a very positive response on the quality of its work. JET was also commissioned to evaluate the National School Nutrition Programme, and is in the final stages of completing an implementation evaluation of CAPS.



In 2016 JET completed the impact assessment of the second phase of the DBE-JICA Mathematics Primary Education Improvement Project. Statistically significant pre-post gains were identified, and JICA intends to build on these in 2017.

JET was appointed as the management body of new multiyear DHET initiative to improve primary teacher education. The DHET has selected JET for this role given our involvement in the [Initial Teacher Education Research Programme \(ITERP\)](#) over the last six years.



We also continued longstanding relationships in the following areas:

- Expert support to the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT)
- Managing agent of the SADTU Curtis Nkondo Professional Development Institute
- Ongoing school improvement partnership with the MRP Foundation which has grown into a fully-fledged ICT solution for disadvantaged and rural schools
- Secretariat to the Gauteng Education Development Trust (GEDT)
- Research with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
- Regional projects with the UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa in global citizenship education, qualifications frameworks and TVET
- International involvement with the United Arab Emirates, the Commonwealth of Learning and the Commonwealth Secretariat.



JET turns 25 in 2017. This is a significant achievement in an ever-changing context and we will be sharing more of the events and activities planned for 2017 in due course.

We wish all our local, regional and international partners a blessed and enjoyable festive season. We look forward to working with you in 2017 as we build on 25 years of "transformation through knowledge".

As has become the custom, we are including a link to a new publication for some holiday reading. [The Education Sector Landscape Mapping of South Africa](#) was commissioned by one of our international benefactors as part of the development of their new global strategy. They have graciously allowed us to make this available to all JET's clients and stakeholders. You will find this a very useful and insightful contribution.

Allow me to thank the JET Board of Directors, the JET management team, our staff and also our many associates and partners for making 2016 the good year it has been. It is only through you that JET can achieve the successes it has been able to.

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