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### Passing of Prof Narend Baijnath (former CHE CEO)



*Prof Narend Baijnath*

It is with profound shock and sadness that the Council on Higher Education (CHE) received the news of the passing of our friend, colleague, and former Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Professor Narend Baijnath.

Prof Baijnath faithfully served the CHE for five years, fully committed to the work of the organization through application of his extensive knowledge and experience within the higher education sector. Prof Baijnath leaves an outstanding legacy in quality assurance specifically and in higher education generally. During his tenure and under his leadership, the CHE navigated a complex transition of supporting higher education institutions to align all their qualifications and programmes with the revised Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework. It was also during this time that a new Quality Assurance Framework for Higher Education in South Africa was developed and approved by Council, and which will revitalise quality assurance in higher education in the coming years.

Prof Baijnath was the consummate professional, but much more than that, he was a great friend and a supportive colleague and mentor, always willing to share his time, and always engaged and interested in the people he met.

He will be greatly missed.

We extend our most heartfelt condolences and sympathy to Prof Baijnath's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this most difficult time.

May his soul rest in peace.

Kind regards,

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