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To: All higher education stakeholders and interested persons

Subject: Clarification of the accreditation status of the SADC University of African Medicine programmes

The Higher Education Act 101 of 1997, as amended, assigns the responsibility for quality assurance in higher education to the Council on Higher Education. The National Qualifications Framework Act No, 67 of 2008, establishes the Council on Higher Education (CHE) as the sole Quality Council for higher education in South Africa. The Council on Higher Education is the custodian of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework, and it is the only organisation that can accredit higher education programmes to be offered in South Africa.

The SADC University of African Medicine is not accredited by the CHE to offer any higher education qualifications in South Africa. If any higher education qualifications have been awarded, these have been awarded illegally and have no standing. They are fraudulent qualifications that are not recognized.

Furthermore, this organization, or any other organization, cannot accredit or “franchise” any other institution and so enable that institution to offer higher education qualifications in South Africa. The so-called accredited institution would also be operating illegally and offering fraudulent qualifications.

The South African public is urged to take care not to enrol with any organization that claims to have been accredited by any entity other than the Council on Higher Education if they are seeking to study legitimate, recognised qualifications in the country. Members of the public can check whether a programme is accredited or not by emailing accreditation@che.ac.za.



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