

**NUUSBRIEF 44 NEWSLETTER**

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**DIE MOONTLIKE BOIKOT VAN DIE 2015 JNA'S**  
**THE POSSIBLE BOYCOTT OF THE 2015 ANAs**

**MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SAOU**

**3 September 2015**

**To write, or not to write the ANA**

The SAOU has noted the recent developments regarding the writing of the ANA this year and the stated intention of some teacher unions to boycott the process.

The SAOU has engaged in high level talks with the other national unions to discuss the implications and possible results of such an action. No final decisions emanated from the discussions. It was, however, agreed by all parties, that an urgent meeting with the Director General and the Minister of Basic Education would be requested. Only after that meeting has been held will a decision be taken in response to the current problems surrounding the writing of the ANA.

"The SAOU has always maintained that the ANA, in its current form, does not achieve what the Department of Basic Education says it does. More specifically stated it is neither diagnostic nor formative and contributes little if anything to an accurate assessment of either the curriculum or the learner's achievement. By extension, therefore, it is also of limited value when assessing classroom practice," Chris Klopper, CEO of the SAOU said. "In other words it is not a systemic assessment as claimed by the DBE because the results are also not comparable year on year. We advocate a much more scientific approach that will use the results of a particular year on which to base remedial work for learners and in-service training for teachers. Ideally, systemic testing must be conducted at the very least on a triennial basis. We record that we are not opposed to the principles of contemporaneous testing and accountability, but we plead for a more scientific and educationally accountable approach," he concluded.

The SAOU will only make a final decision regarding its own response to the current move to boycott the writing of the ANA this year following the requested meeting with the Director General and Minister.

END OF STATEMENT

In die lig van voormelde kan daar bevestig word dat die volgende vergaderings gereël is:

- Direkteur-Generaal van die Departement van Basiese Onderwys op Maandag 7 September 2015; en
- Minister van Basiese Onderwys op Dinsdag 8 September 2015.

Die Dagbestuur van die SAOU sal die uitkoms van voormelde vergaderings oorweeg en die toepaslike besluite neem met betrekking tot die respons van die SAOU en die moontlike

In light of the above it can now be confirmed that the following meetings have been arranged:

- Meeting with the Director General of the Department of Basic Education on Monday 7 September 2015; and
- Meeting with the Minister of Basic Education on Tuesday 8 September 2015.

The Standing Committee of the SAOU will consider the outcome of the above meetings and resolve with regard to the appropriate response of the SAOU and the participation or non-participation

deelname of nie-deelname van SAOU lede. Daar sal gepoog word om gemelde besluite voor of teen 16:00 op Donderdag 10 September 2015 aan lede te kommunikeer.

of SAOU members. All attempts will be made to communicate said resolution by no later than 16:00 on Thursday 10 September 2015.