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FOREWORD

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to welcome you all to the 14th Southern Africa Association for Educational Assessment (SAAEA) Conference hosted by the Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA).

Aptly themed 'Transforming Educational Assessment for Quality, Equality and Fairness in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)', the Conference comes at a time when many assessment bodies grapple with a balanced approach of embracing modern technologies for equitable use. I trust the Conference will be an ideal avenue for assessment bodies, curriculum developers, researchers, assessment professionals and all participants to candidly share best practices, new trends in assessment and challenges. I am confident that the Conference will provide an opportunity to benchmark on such issues.

The success of the 14th SAAEA Conference is a result of collaborative efforts between primary member countries and various stakeholders. On behalf of ECESWA, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Training for its support and guidance. May I also sincerely thank the Chairman of the Board, Dr Sipho S. Shongwe, members of the Board and ECESWA staff.

Allow me to express my appreciation to the following for their contribution and cooperation towards the successful hosting of the Conference:

1. members of the SAAEA Executive Committee under the leadership of Dr M Thobega
2. Presenters of papers
3. Keynote Speakers, Guest Speakers and Corporate Guests
4. Sponsors: Cambridge University Press and Assessment, Stephen Austin & Sons, Macmillan Education Eswatini, Coltech Systems International and Eswatini Posts & Telecommunications Corporation.
5. Members of the 14th SAAEA Local Organising Committee
6. All delegates.

I trust you will all enjoy the hospitality and warmth of Eswatini. ECESWA wishes to assure all attendees of a happy and peaceful stay in the Kingdom.