



<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>2023 CAMPROSA ANNUAL REPORT</b>
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## **1. PURPOSE**

This report aims to give members an overview of the accomplishments, challenges, and high-priority suggestions for improvements in 2024 and beyond.

## **2. MILESTONES**

### **2.1. Stakeholder engagement to enhance capacity building.**

To add value to CAMPROSA constituents, the EXCO approached potential stakeholders to enhance development and efficiency.

### **2.2. Higher Health**

#### **i. Gender-based violence GBV**

GBV remains a pandemic; regrettably, Universities are not immune to this type of incident, even on university premises. The GBV challenge was noted during the EXCO strategy session as a primary challenge that needs to be addressed.

In addressing this pandemic, CAMPROSA leveraged the relationship with Higher Health, created by the previous leadership, to enhance its capacity building to combat GBV within institutions and the communities surrounding the universities. On 8 August 2023, CAMPROSA attended the Webinar on Higher Health's GBV Framework & Protocols. For this reason, DHET was once again invited to outline the GBV protocols

during this year's conference to ensure implementation and compliance with the new regulation relating to our responsibility in dealing with GBV on our campuses.

CAMPROSA will partner with Higher Health in rolling out the GBV Awareness campaign as a mitigation measure to combat GBV and ensure support to survivors.

**ii. Development of minimum physical security standards, Blueprint for Universities.**

CAMPROSA attended the DHET safety and security workshop at SMU on 26 June 2026. The workshop resolved that CAMPROSA, among others, actively participate in developing the Safety and Security Blueprint for Universities, which will serve as a framework for universities to have minimum norms and standards for providing safety and security measures at the universities. DHET established a Steering Committee for this project in which CAMPROSA will participate. A kick-off meeting scheduled for 20 September 2023 was rescheduled to a date to be communicated. Information on expectations from this project will be shared with the members accordingly.

**2.3. SIU**

CAMPROSA approached the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to create a stakeholder relationship. The primary mandate of the SIU is to investigate serious allegations of corruption, malpractice, and maladministration in the administration of State institutions, State assets, and public money, as well as any conduct which may seriously harm the interests of the public, and to recover any financial losses suffered by State institutions through civil litigation. SIU also has an Accredited Training Centre and conducts research projects.

The relationship with SUI will enhance capacity building and training of investigators and first responders within CAMPROSA members. The MOU is to be signed before the 2023 academic year. If the MOU is concluded earlier, the first training will be available to members sometime in November 2023. CAMPROSA, through the clusters, will manage the execution of the MOU.

**2.4. The Association of University Chief Security Officers (AUCSO)**

AUCSO is an organisation for security professionals in higher and further education. In 2022, CAMPOSA signed a Memorandum of Association (MOU) with AUCSO. The president received and honoured an invite to the 2023 AUCSO annual conference in the UK. The conference's theme was 'The Changing Face of Security in Higher Education'.

The president noted the strong stakeholder relationship that the AUCSO had with government and other law enforcement agencies and the benefit thereof to universities in ensuring the safety of the university community.

The use of Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) and Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT) was a highlight during the conference, which led to CAMPROSA approaching SIU to leverage their MOU with France on the OSINT and SOCMINT to enhance early security risk detection, mainly student protest risk.

The possibility of exchange programmes between CAMPROSA and AUCSO member universities will be discussed at CAMPROSA cluster level. This partnership will create a platform for sharing good practices in the coming year.

The president also benchmarked with the conference host, Heriot-Watt University and noted that their challenge related to student mental health as opposed to crime-related challenges.

### **3. STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIP UNDERWAY.**

CAMPROSA is currently engaging the South African Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC) on possible partnerships to support and empower members in combating banking-related crimes. SABRIC conducts training on the modus operandi for banking/financial crime (card fraud, schemes & scams, digital banking crime, etc.) and the investigation methodology for these crimes. Feedback will be provided in due course.

### **4. CLUSTER REPORT**

Cluster reports will be dealt with specifically by cluster chairs. It must also be pointed out that some cluster chairpersons indicated they could not host cluster seminars due to some operation commitments. However, WC hosted a cluster seminar in August 2023. Details of the planned 2024 cluster seminars are outlined in the cluster reports.

### **5. FINANCES**

CAMPROSA is a non-profit organisation and relies mainly on membership fees and sponsorships; members are encouraged to make membership payments early in the year to enable the timeous execution of responsibilities and plans. A detailed financial report is covered in the Treasure General's report.

## 6. Focus Areas

CAMPROSA will focus on the following, among others:

- a) Collaborate with Higher Health to roll out the GBV protocols to CAMPROSA members to ensure compliance.
- b) Actively participate in the development of minimum physical security standards Blueprint for Universities.
- c) Finalise the MOU with SIU and allow university members.
- d) Execute the MOU with AUCSO.
- e) Finalise the partnership agreement with SABRIC.
- f) Lobby Universities and TVET colleges to take up CAMPROSA membership.
- g) Host Cluster Seminars and ensure collaboration among member universities.

## 7. Conclusion

The EXCO appreciates the support received in ensuring that the EXCO brings value to its members. CAMPROSA will remain focused on ensuring capacity-building and proactive response to the safety and security of the university community.

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