



2026 CENTRAL CLUSTER REPORT

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Cluster could not elect a Cluster Chair at the 2025 CAMPROSA elective AGM, as no one had a letter of support from their principals.

As the 2026 AGM was approaching, Ms Busisiwe Mtsweni, the current Treasurer General, volunteered to care for the Central Cluster. Ms Mtsweni updated the Central Cluster contact data and set up an online meeting.

The meeting focused on Members highlighting high-level common security challenges at their universities and best practices for addressing them. Members identified security challenges, mainly off-campus robberies, student victimisation, theft of personal belongings on campus due to neglect and lack of due care by owners, event-related security risks, and disruptions associated with construction projects.

Institutions shared various interventions, including partnerships with SAPS, Community Policing Forums, and municipalities, as well as increased patrols, CCTV expansion projects, and safety awareness initiatives.

The meeting acknowledged that off-campus safety remains a national challenge requiring coordinated action. Participants agreed that collaboration, technological solutions, and the sharing of best practices are essential to improving security outcomes across institutions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The meeting noted, among others, the following:

- a) Strengthen collaborative partnerships between universities, law enforcement agencies, municipalities, and private stakeholders to address off-campus safety risks.
- b) Expand the use of technology-driven security solutions, including surveillance and data-informed crime prevention initiatives.
- c) Establish a structured platform within CAMPROSA for the regular sharing of security trends, lessons learnt, and best practices.

- d) Continue targeted student safety awareness programmes focusing on high-risk off-campus areas.
- e) Conduct project-specific security risk assessments before construction begins.
- f) Develop rapid response protocols for site invasions, protests, and acts of intimidation.

These measures will support the sector's collective effort to enhance campus and off-campus safety while strengthening governance and collaboration across member institutions.

In-depth, actionable and monitoring risk related issues will be engaged in detail at the conference and the cluster seminar in 2027.

3. CONFERENCE PREPARATION

- a. Discussions focused on the conference theme, "Safety and Security Reimagined," with emphasis on enhancing the safety and security of students and staff beyond campus boundaries through collaboration, information sharing, and the implementation of effective mitigation measures.
- b. Members were encouraged to finalise their conference registrations and make the necessary payments to facilitate accommodation allocation.
- c. Institutions were also requested to bring their flags and branding materials to the conference, where available.
- d. Ms Busisiwe Mtsweni informed members to be on the lookout for a survey for completion in preparation for a presentation at the conference.

4. GENERAL

Members were encouraged to make themselves available to serve as Central Cluster Chair and prioritise appointing a Central Cluster Chair to strengthen coordination and leadership within the cluster.

Governance discussions included a proposal to consider voting rights for associate members and to recognise sponsor contributions.

Kind Regards,



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