



CLUSTER CHAIRPERSON REPORTING

Reporting Period: 01 January 2026 to 30 September 2026

Cluster: Northern Cluster

Cluster Chairperson: Mr M Andries Satege

Date of Submission: 29 September 2026

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Northern Cluster meeting, held on **19 August 2026**, reviewed preparations for the **CAMPROSA AGM**, scheduled for **4–8 October 2026 at ANEW Resort Hotel**, and considered emerging risks affecting campus safety, security, student welfare, and institutional stability.

The meeting identified **NSFAS-related funding constraints, student accommodation shortages, and registration challenges** as key areas of concern. These pressures may contribute to delayed registration, outstanding student debt, delays in student allowance payments and increased student dissatisfaction. Collectively, these challenges could place additional pressure on institutional resources, student-support services, campus security, and management structures.

The Cluster highlighted the potential for these pressures to contribute to **student protests, disruptions to academic activities and increased operational and administrative demands**, particularly during registration and allowance-payment DURING 2027 academic year. Institutions were therefore encouraged to strengthen early-warning mechanisms, maintain effective coordination between student affairs, management, and Campus Protection Services, and ensure preparedness to respond to emerging student-related risks.

The **CAMPROSA Exco** is encouraged to maintain focused oversight of the impact of funding, accommodation and registration challenges on campus safety and institutional stability, while facilitating the sharing of good practices among members. Continued coordination and logistical preparations for the upcoming **CAMPROSA AGM** were also noted as priorities.

Overall, the meeting emphasized the importance of **proactive risk monitoring, timely institutional interventions and coordinated stakeholder engagement** to prevent student welfare and funding pressures from escalating into campus disruptions or security incidents.

2. CLUSTER INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION

No.	Institution	CAMPROSA Membership	Cluster Representative	Participation/Engagement
1	UNISA	2	Mr Omar Abdullah	5
2	University of Mpumalanga	3	Mr Moses Mbata	3
3	SMU	3	Mr. Andries Satege	3
4	University of Venda	4	Mr. Mathanya S	5
5	University of Limpopo	7	Mr Mampuru Man	7

3. CLUSTER MEETINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Date	Meeting/Engagement	Host/Institution	Key Matters Discussed	Resolutions
19/08/2026	Online Meeting	SMU		

4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Organization/Service Provider	Services/Area of Specialization	Status	Recruitment/Engagement Initiative	Follow-up Action
HikVision	Technical Security i.e., access control and surveillance system	Potential Member	Yes	
		Potential Member		
		Potential Member		

Membership Development:

- 4.1. Direct stakeholder engagement: Targeted engagement was undertaken with security service providers, technology companies, consultants, training institutions, and other organizations operating within or supporting the security sector. Prospective members

were informed of CAMPROSA's objectives, membership benefits, networking opportunities, and opportunities to contribute to the development of the industry.

- 4.2. Promotion of Associate Membership: Membership opportunities were promoted through direct communication and other stakeholder-facing platforms, highlighting the value of joining CAMPROSA as an Associate Member, including access to industry networks, knowledge sharing, collaboration opportunities, visibility, and participation in relevant industry initiatives.

5. KEY CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

5.1. Key Issues Identified:

- 5.1.1. NSFAS funding environment remains a material issue across the institutions of Higher Learning .
- 5.1.2. Limited institutional capacity and student funding
- 5.2.3. Student accommodation pressures, which can translate into registration problems, student dissatisfaction, and disruption.
- 5.2.4. GBV Incidents
- 5.2.5. Contract crime
- 5.2.6. Establishment of the Campus Community Forum at the following institutions:
 - 5.2.6.1. University of Limpopo
 - 5.2.6.2. Sefako Makgatho Health Science University

5.2. Emerging Trends/Risks

Potential consequences include:

- 5.2.1. delayed registration; student debt and registration blocks.
- 5.2.2. delayed allowances.
- 5.2.3. Campus protests.

6. BENCHMARKING AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Indicate areas where institutions have shared practices, policies, technologies, systems, or approaches.

Institution	Area of Benchmarking	Key Learning/Best Practice	Potential Application
UNISA	G4S U UP FS	Truck Looting Technology to aid in fighting such crime Technology enhancement	

		Tag valuable items for electronic tracing	
University of Mpumalanga	Information not provided		
SMU			
University of Venda	University of Pretoria	Panic button for staff and students on and off campus	The system was not fully operational
University of Limpopo	Security Policy and Standard Operating Procedures()SOP	Policy Development	

7. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

7.1. Provide an overview of the status of reported GBV cases within each institution in the cluster during the reporting period. Where available, indicate the number and general categories of cases reported, trends observed, institutional interventions and any significant challenges or emerging concerns.

Note: Personal or identifying information relating to complainants, victims, alleged perpetrators, or other affected persons should not be included.

Institution	GBV Cases Reported	General Nature/Category	Institutional Response/Intervention	Status/Trend	Support Required
UNISA	Information not available				
University of Mpumalanga	Information not available				
SMU	5	Sexual Harassments	GBV Office, Legal Services and Student Affairs as well SAPS	5 Case reported to SPAS	Support from Other Support Service
University of Venda	15 cases reported from q1 to q3	Relationship related incidents and sexual harassment	Security awareness GBV conducted, started GBV help desk, perpetrators reported to SAPS and legal services	10 reported to legal and 5 reported to SAPS	Financial support
University of Limpopo	19 x GBV Cases reported and 1 murder incident	19 GBV Cases which 13 female and 5 male students 1 incident of murder female staff member	Centre for Student Counselling and Development Mankweng Thuthuzela Care Centre Mankweng SAPS	Cases reported to SAPs and Student Affairs.	Support from other Support Services

The table above indicates the GBV from various institutions:

7.2. GBV Awareness Campaigns

Provide details of GBV awareness, prevention and educational campaigns conducted by institutions within the cluster during the reporting period, including seminars, workshops, awareness drives, orientation programmes, residence-based initiatives, and collaborations with relevant stakeholders.

Institution	Campaign/Initiative	Date	Target Audience	Partners/Stakeholders	Outcome
UNISA	Information not available				
University of Mpumalanga				Office of the GBV, Student Affairs Security Services ,SRC	
SMU	Code Bar sexual offence AND Harassment. GBV awareness campaign on campus	14,21 August 2026 23 September 2026	Off Campus Student accommodations.	GBV Office, SAPS	Successful
University of Venda	Q1	Q1X1 Q2 x 2,q3x1Total 5	Students and staff	SAPS, The department of social development, correctional services, Univen campus CPf, Campus health , CHETL, campus transformation desk and SRC	successful
University of Limpopo	Information not available				

7.3. Cluster GBV Summary:

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The data reflects GBV incidents reported at selected South African universities, although reporting is incomplete across institutions. Of the universities providing data, University of Limpopo reported the highest number of GBV cases (19), followed by University of Venda (15 cases) and SMU (5 cases). UNISA and the University of Mpumalanga indicated that information was not available.

The available information indicates that GBV remains a significant concern across the institutions reporting data, but differences in reporting periods, definitions, case categories, and levels of detail make direct comparisons difficult. A more consistent reporting framework would improve monitoring of trends, referrals, support provided and case outcomes.

8. CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

Identify challenges affecting the cluster, including institutional participation, resources, security risks, operational constraints, or other matters requiring attention.

Challenge	Impact	Action Taken	Support Required
Student Accommodation	University Operations/Student Protest	University Lease Facilities	Universities
Campus Protest	University Operations	Stakeholder engagement SRC, University Management, SAPS(POPS)	SAPS(POPS)
GBV	unsafe environment	reported to police, referred to social workers, medical attention, counselling, safety plan	Psychosocial support from GBV Office and Student Affairs
Damage to Essential Infrastructure	Disruption or loss of critical services, potentially affecting universities	Protection of essential infrastructure typically involves physical security, cybersecurity, access controls, surveillance, rapid response .by Security Officials	Visible policing with the universities
NSFAS	Student protest	Access to higher education or student defunding	Interventions by DHET
Off Campus Student Accommodations	Student safety and security compromised	Provide additional private security services to provide security services.	Appointment of the accommodation service provider who meets the norms and standards of DHET.
Campus Protection Services reporting	Lack of understanding from the executive manager	Remain a critical challenge	Clear reporting to the CPS to the VC or Office of the Registrar

The table above reflects a multi-dimensional set of student-related challenges affecting university operations, student safety, access to education, and institutional stability. The issues are interconnected and require coordinated interventions between universities, SAPS,

9. KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND CATCH OF THE YEAR

Provide a summary of what can be considered as key highlights, achievements/successes etc. This must include a Catch of the Year which will be assessed by EXCO for an award during Gala.

- 9.1. At UNISA, we have established an open-door policy for unions and student formations, creating an environment where Executive Management and these key stakeholders can communicate openly, engage constructively, and work through differences before frustration escalates into conflict.

The aim is to encourage dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaborative problem-solving, ensuring that concerns are addressed early and responsibly before anger becomes a danger to constructive engagement. UNISA, we have created an open-door policy for the Unions and Students Formation, an environment that allows for Executive Management and such Stakeholders to communicate and work out the differences before anger becomes a danger.

- 9.2. At Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, the Security Services Department has successfully completed the installation of biometric access control and surveillance systems across campus residences and public spaces as per norms and standards of DHET. The system is fully operational and contributes to strengthening security, access management, and the safety of students and staff.

In addition, the 2026/2027 SRC elections were successfully conducted and completed without any security-related incidents. The successful completion of the elections reflects effective coordination and security arrangements throughout the electoral process.

10. MATTERS REQUIRING NATIONAL EXCO ATTENTION

Recruitment of TVET Colleges by All Cluster Chairpersons

All Cluster Chairpersons are requested to coordinate and facilitate the recruitment of TVET colleges within their respective clusters.

11. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Planned Activity	Proposed Date	Institution(s)	Purpose/Expected Outcome
Seminar	TBA	SMU	Strengthen collaboration between institutions within the cluster
Online meeting	TBA	Teams	Information sharing on best security practice

The planned activities **focus on strengthening institutional collaboration and enhancing security practices within the cluster**. The proposed seminar at SMU will facilitate direct

engagement, knowledge sharing, and identification of opportunities for cooperation. The online Teams meeting will support **continuous communication and the sharing of effective**

security practices. Collectively, these activities are expected to improve coordination, strengthen institutional relationships, and promote the adoption of effective security

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on cluster activities and engagements, identified challenges, membership development, and emerging safety and security concerns, the following recommendations are proposed:

- 12.1. Strengthen coordination and information sharing:** Maintain regular cluster meetings and engagement platforms to improve coordination, reduce duplication, and facilitate timely sharing of relevant information among members and partners.
- 12.2. Enhance member participation:** Develop targeted approaches to attract, retain, and actively engage members, including improved communication, orientation for new members, and opportunities for members to contribute to cluster activities.
- 12.3. Address identified operational challenges:** Establish a mechanism for documenting key challenges raised during cluster engagements, assigning responsible stakeholders, and tracking agreed actions to ensure that issues are addressed within defined timelines.
- 12.4. Improve stakeholder engagement:** Strengthen collaboration with relevant Community Policing Forum(CPF) Tshwane Metro Police, SAPS,SSA, SIU and Student Representative Council (SRC) to support joint planning, resource mobilization, and coordinated responses.
- 12.5. Enhance safety and security awareness:** Regularly assess emerging safety and security risks affecting members and operations, and ensure that relevant risk information, alerts, and preventive measures are communicated promptly.
- 12.6. Strengthen incident reporting and response:** Establish clear channels for reporting safety and security incidents and ensure that significant incidents are documented, escalated, and followed up appropriately.
- 12.7. Monitor emerging risks:** Introduce a standing agenda item on emerging safety, security, and operational risks so that trends can be identified early and appropriate mitigation measures developed.
- 12.8. Improve follow-up and accountability:** Maintain an action tracker capturing recommendations, responsible persons or organizations, deadlines, and progress status, with regular reviews during subsequent cluster meetings.
- 12.9. Review progress periodically:** Conduct periodic reviews of cluster membership, activities, challenges, and security risks to ensure that priorities remain aligned with the evolving operating environment.

13. CONCLUSION

The reporting period reflected a **proactive and coordinated security response** to student protests, contact crime, copper cable theft, GBVF incidents, institutional events, and emerging security risks. Key efforts included strengthened visible patrols, incident management, stakeholder engagement, risk management, and the increased use of technology to complement physical security operations.

The next reporting period will focus on **crime prevention, effective protest and event management, university infrastructure protection, GBVF prevention and response, improved risk and incident reporting, and further integration of security technology.** Continued Executive Management support and clearer Campus Protection Services reporting structures will be essential to strengthen accountability, coordination, and security governance.

Overall, the cluster remains committed to a **proactive, integrated, risk-based, and technology-enabled security approach** aimed at protecting people, assets and institutional operations while supporting a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.

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