


RECONFIGURATION : COMBINATION EXAMPLES

Region	Combination	Advantages
1. KwaZulu-Natal	Universities Natal/Durban Westville.	Enhance response to regional needs. Address unnecessary progress duplication. Use physical and human resources more effectively.
2. KwaZulu-Natal	Already proposed combination Natal Technikon/M L Shultan Technikon should have Mangosotho Technikon incorporated and possibly Umlazi Campus of University of Zululand (geographically close to Mangosotho Technikon).	Could lead to more rational provision and economies of scale.
3. Eastern Cape	Universities Rhodes, Fort Hare and Transkei.	 <p>University Fort Hare and Transkei do not qualify as independent institutions. Region cannot sustain 3 independent institutions and single multi-campus would be adequate, offering a broader range of fields and enhanced management and administrative capacities. The new institution could offer extensive programmes up to a master's level and doctoral programmes in select fields. Over time, it could become a comprehensive postgraduate institution and play a vital role in Eastern Cape. More effective use of human resources, elimination of unnecessary programme duplication.</p>
4. Eastern Cape	Eastern Cape Technikon and Border Technikon.	Neither would qualify as independent institutions. Already proposed merging. Economy of scale, reduce duplication and competition for students, and enhance capacity to respond to social needs.
5. Eastern Cape	University of Port Elizabeth and Port Elizabeth Technikon.	The close geographical proximity of the two institutions renders numerous benefits through combination. Broadening of areas of study and programmes and the efficient and effective use of physical infrastructure, facilities and human resources.
6. Western Cape	Possibility of combinations should not be ruled out, but immediate objective should be institutional rationalization.	Regional-level rationalization can eliminate unnecessary duplication of competition, mission and programme drift. More effective and efficient utilization of infrastructure and human resources.

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7. Free State	University of Free State and Qwa Qwa Campus of University of the North.	Consolidation of provision. Enhancement of academic and administrative effectiveness and efficiency.
8. Gauteng and North West	Technikon Northern Gauteng and North West Technikon.	The close proximity of these institutions could result in many advantages through combination, such as a reduction of programme duplication, a balanced programme mix, enhanced management capacities and greater economies of scale.
9. North West	Universities of North West and Potchefstroom.	Consolidation of provision. Rationalization of programme offerings, enhancement of management and administrative capacities and thus economies of scale.
10. All regions: DISTANCE EDUCATION	University of South Africa, Technikon South Africa and Vista Distance Education Campus.	Rationalization of programme offerings and focusing of investment in quality enhancement, information and communication technologies and development of materials. Rationalization of learning-centres country-wide. Enhancement of management capacities.
11. All regions: UNBUNDLING	Each Vista University Campus with university or technikon closest and offering similar programmes.	Improvement of cost-efficiency ratio for small campuses which are dispersed around the country.
12.	Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) with appropriate multi-purpose higher education institution, after consultation with Department of Health.	Single-purpose institution will become part of a multi-purpose institution, with all the concomitant benefits.

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