

**Recommendations of the Landscape Report which have been agreed to
by the Minister of Education**

- The establishment of a single distance education institution through the merger of the University of South Africa (Unisa) and Technikon South Africa and the incorporation of the distance education centre of Vista University into the merged institution (2001:50).
- The strengthening of the registration and accreditation processes of private higher education institutions, which must, where appropriate, comply with the same requirements as public higher education institutions (2000:52).
- The strengthening of research capacity, but this is to be concentrated in institutions where there is demonstrated capacity or potential based on approved mission and programme profiles.
- The merger of Natal Technikon and M L Sultan Technikon, where the Councils have agreed in principle to merge and have conducted a feasibility study into the modalities of the merger.
- The incorporation of the Qwa-Qwa branch of the University of the North into the University of the Free State due to its distance and at the request of the University of the North.
- The unbundling of Vista University, which, after its section of Distance Education merger with Unisa and Technikon South Africa, leaves 7 satellite campuses in 3 provinces. These 7 campuses will be incorporated into existing higher education institutions within each region.