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# Improving Quality in South African Further Education and Training Colleges

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# Understanding Quality in South African FET Colleges

- **Current Policy Framework**
- **The History of Technical Colleges in South Africa**
- **International Discourses of FET Quality**
- **Defining Quality in the South African Context**



# International Discourses on Quality in VET & FET

- **The Context**
  - **The Global Crisis of Keynesianism and the Rise of Neo-Liberalism**
  - **The Youth Unemployment Crisis**
  - **Deindustrialisation and Post-Fordism**
  - **Culture of Blame**



# International Discourses on Quality in VET & FET (2)

- **Key Elements**
  - **Efficiency and Effectiveness**
  - **Employability**
  - **Responsiveness**



# Seven Dimensions of College Quality in South Africa

- **Values and Vision**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Knowledge Sharing and  
Communication**
- **Institutional Health**
- **Responsiveness**
- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Learner Support**



## Conclusion

**South African FET Colleges are making progress in their mission of providing good quality, relevant education and training. However, they are still only at an early stage on the road to high quality.**

**UMALUSI has an important role to play in supporting their progress.**

