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**Capacity Building and announcements**

1. After a thorough consultative process on the training workshop, the AMFISA will finally be holding its first capacity building workshop from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006. The training will be held at the WDB training centre in Acornhoek. We are grateful that the WDB is offering the AMFISA to use the training centre for free. This will assist our members who are experiencing financial difficulties to send staff for training at minimal cost.

We have attached the draft: training workshop schedule and the rsvp form.

2. As AMFISA and its members increase their fundraising activities it is important that the sector begins to realize and ensure that high standards of financial and operational management are maintained. This will ultimately create an attractive environment for potential donors. To attain these standards members are encouraged to take the training workshops seriously as it is through these that we can collectively share experiences and develop.
3. The AMFISA has been invited to participate in the Microfinance Working Group set up by the Umsobomvu Youth Fund. Other organizations represented in the working group include the National Treasury, The Presidency, MEA, MFSA and the University of Pretoria. We have attached a document titled "Microfinance Round Table: Towards a Responsive Country Strategy for Microfinance" by the Umsobomvu Youth Fund. We recommend that you read the document and give your input to the Executive Director of AMFISA before the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006.
4. The AMFISA was invited to attend the launch of the new National Credit Regulator on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. We would like to congratulate the new National Credit Regulator its staff and leadership and wish them the best in enforcing the ACT and regulations. The AMFISA commits itself to work with the regulator to ensure that consumers are protected and that responsible lending becomes the order of the day in South Africa.
5. Members are requested to visit the AMFISA website for future regular updates at [www.amfisa.org.za](http://www.amfisa.org.za)

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