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**AMFISA INTERNET BULLETIN**

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**Highlights and Announcements**

1. The AMFISA will be hosting a capacity building workshop from the 11th to the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006 at the WDB Training Centre in Acornhoek, Limpopo. The capacity building workshop will provide training on the New Credit Act; Business Planning; Financial Management; and Operations Management.

The AMFISA requests that its member organizations send bookkeepers, administrators and other middle to senior management staff to the workshop. All transportation costs must be covered by the individual MFI's. The AMFISA will cover the costs for the training, food and accommodation only at the WDB training centre. First preference for the capacity building workshop will be given to AMFISA members. Non AMFISA members will be charged a fee.

2. We would like to congratulate the Small Enterprise Foundation (SEF) on the screening on SABC 1 on the program Latitudde, the SEF IMAGE project on HIV Aids. As an association determined to improve the lives of the poor in our country we are humbled that we have in our membership the caliber of the Small Enterprise Foundation led by John DeWit. An organization that continues to lead in the most difficult of terrains and yet excelling in resilience and success.
3. The leadership of AMFISA declares the annual general meeting held in July 2006 a success and would like to thank its members for attending, participating fully and contributing to the realization of a strong and united association.
4. In celebration of the Womens month, the AMFISA participated at the launch of the Progressive Womens Movement in Bloemfontein. This launch was attended by women from Government, Private Sector and Civil society. The association was represented by its Chairperson, Mrs. Yvonne Radinku.
5. The AMFISA participated and made a presentation at the TIGF symposium: innovations in the provision of development finance in Southern Africa – 14 to 16 August 2006. The association was represented by Mrs. Yvonne Radinku. We would like encourage our members to participate in such events so as to network and gain exposure to other possibilities and opportunities.

6. The AMFISA would like to pass its condolences to the family and staff of Ncedisizwe on the fateful passing of Mr. B. P. Maphalala the Chairman of Ncedisizwe. The funeral will be held on Saturday the 02 September 2006. For further enquiries kindly contact Mr. Simphiwe Nkabinde on 036 448 2633 or 072 659 0779.
7. The AMFISA would like to note the passing of one of its Board Members, Ms. Lindiwe Mfeti. She was buried in the Eastern Cape. The AMFISA spoke at her memorial service held in Johannesburg. She will be missed by all. May her soul rest in peace.
8. Members are requested to visit the AMFISA website for regular updates at [www.amfisa.org.za](http://www.amfisa.org.za).

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