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## **UFS Business School and NickOlivier.Org involved in Fraud Awareness Seminar**

Bloemfontein, Free State. As a university we do not have the ability to combat fraud, to investigate alarming matters (except our own), or investigate where we believe things are going wrong. What we can do, however, is to empower people with knowledge to equip them to go out into the world where they can do all the above. To quote our late President Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

In our quest to educate people to gain knowledge to combat fraud, the UFS Business School and NickOlivier.Org formed a collaboration in order to introduce the Advanced Certificate in Fraud Examination to the Free State. The aim of this programme is to train individuals to become international accredited Certified Fraud Examiners.

The collaboration presents the Advanced Certificate in Fraud Examination is a formal certificate programme registered with SAQA, on NQF level 7, with 120 credits, comprising of the following modules:

- Law
- Investigation
- Fraud Prevention, Detection & Ethics
- Financial Transactions and Fraud Schemes

Students are assisted with preparation for, and writing of the ACFE board examination, in order to become internationally accredited Certified Fraud Examiners. The methodology used for this programme, has been reviewed in 2016. Previously, students had to spend 10 days out of the workplace to attend the programme, which increased the opportunity cost of obtaining the designation. E learning has been introduced, which decreased the valuable time spent away from the workplace with more than 50%.

We are proud to announce that we already have 26 International accredited Certified Fraud Examiners in the Free State, as well as 34 associates, preparing to write the international examinations to also obtain this designation.

We are also proud to be a co-sponsor of the International Fraud Awareness Week seminars, and believe together we will keep on changing the world.

### **About the UFS Business School:**

The UFS Business School helps both individuals and companies to stay competitive, by bridging the gap between their existing skills and competencies and those required. The Business School makes it a priority to ensure that individuals and companies meet the challenges and opportunities presented, distinguish themselves from their competitors and achieve higher performance.

### **About NickOlivier.Org**

NickOlivier.Org specializes in practice directed forensic education. NickOlivier.Org offers consulting services focusing on the fields of Forensics Science, Fraud Examinations, Forensic/Compliance Review, and Risk Assessment. NickOlivier.Org strongly believe that high-quality client engagement is a key contributor to the growth of any society anchored by ethics and honesty.

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