

17 April 2015

## Media Release

### HESA CONDEMNS XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

HESA strongly condemns all forms of xenophobia and the brutal acts of violence taking place throughout our country. These acts are unacceptable, inhumane and a clear violation of basic human rights. We are shocked that 20 years into our democracy, our country is witnessing these violent and outrageous acts which are inconsistent with the values expressed in, and the founding provisions of our, Constitution. These incidents undermine the efforts of our Higher Education sector to recruit to, and retain international students, staff and scholars at our universities.

We call upon all South Africans, government and all sectors of society to stop the xenophobic acts and violence against foreign nationals. HESA urges all our member institutions to continue to use teaching, research and scholarship to promote peace and security for all in South Africa.

**END**

For more information, kindly contact:

**Dr Jeffrey Mabelebele, Chief Executive Officer of HESA**  
**(012) 481 2842**