

SEMINAR

RESEARCH ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA

Thursday, 5 March 2009

9h30-12h45

Senate and Council Room, University of Mauritius

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The aims of this seminar are twofold:

- The first is to provide information about the research programmes co-ordinated by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation in South Africa;
- The second is to present the findings of two of the research projects, and to invite discussion and input from the seminar participants in relation to these findings.

The first programme is the *Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA)*. The research component of HERANA is investigating the complex relationships between higher education and development in the African context. These relationships are being explored through the lens of three forms of 'development'; namely, economic development, poverty reduction and democratic development. Dr Nico Cloete will provide a brief overview of the Network and its programmes. Dr Pundy Pillay will present the findings of the macro component of the project Higher Education and Economic Development: Macro and micro perspectives. The macro component comprises three case studies of successful practices, namely Finland, South Korea and North Carolina in the United States.

The second research programme is the *Cross-National Higher Education Performance (Efficiency) Indicators*. This project entails an intellectual endeavour to better understand efficiency measurements in higher education in Africa, accompanied by the building of capacity and an increased awareness of efficiency issues in participating countries. The project will, with international participation, do an analysis of data in a number of African countries (Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda), build capacity through experts working together, and raise awareness of the issues through country specific seminars and the distribution of reports. Dr Charles Sheppard will present the draft institutional profile of the University of Mauritius compared to a selection of other universities for discussion.



SEMINAR PROGRAMME

9h30-9h40	Welcome <i>Prof I Fagoonee (Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius)</i>
9h45-10h00	Overview of the Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA) <i>Dr Nico Cloete (Director: Centre for Higher Education Transformation, South Africa)</i>
10h05-10h35	Higher Education and Economic Development in Africa: Presentation of three successful cases (Finland, South Korea and North Carolina) <i>Dr Pundy Pillay (Consultant, South Africa)</i>
10h35-11h00	Discussion
11h00-11h15	Tea and coffee
11h15-11h30	Overview of the Higher Education and Poverty Reduction project <i>Dr James Nkata (Makerere University, Uganda)</i>
11h30-12h00	Cross-National Higher Education Performance (Efficiency) Indicators: Institutional profile of the University of Mauritius <i>Dr Charles Sheppard (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa)</i>
12h00-12h30	Discussion
12h30-12h45	Closing remarks <i>Dr Kishore Baguant (Quality Assurance, University of Mauritius)</i>
12h45	Lunch

