

SEMINAR

Higher Education, Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Africa

Thursday, 30 April 2009

10h00-12h30

Gaborone International Conference Center

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Tertiary Education Council of Botswana and the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET) in South Africa invite you to attend a seminar on research that is currently being undertaken by the *Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA)*.

HERANA is co-ordinated by CHET. Other key partners include Makerere University (Uganda) and the University of Oslo (Norway).

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.

The aim of this seminar is to present the preliminary findings of the economic development and poverty reduction research projects, and to invite discussion and input from the seminar participants in relation to these findings.



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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

10h00-10h10	Welcome <i>Dr Theophilus Mooko (Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Botswana)</i>
10h10-10h25	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>
10h25-10h50	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>
10h50-11h10	Discussion
11h10-11h25	Tea and coffee
11h25-11h40	Higher Education and Poverty Reduction in Africa: Some preliminary observations <i>Dr James Nkata (Makerere University, Uganda)</i>
11h40-11h55	Reflections on the Botswana context <i>Dr Nico Cloete (Director: Centre for Higher Education Transformation, South Africa)</i>
11h55-12h20	Discussion
12h20-12h30	Closing remarks <i>Mr Richard Neill (Director of Policy and Planning, Tertiary Education Council, Botswana)</i>
12h30	Lunch

