

Higher Education and Economic Development in Africa: Findings and Implications for Development Aid

Date: 7 June 2010

Time: 09h00 – 15h30

Place: Norad, Ruseløkkveien 26, Oslo

Background and Aims of Meeting

The Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA) was established in 2007 and is coordinated by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation in Cape Town, South Africa. Key partners include the University of the Western Cape (South Africa), Makerere University (Uganda) and the University of Oslo (Norway). The aims of the project, which covers 8 African countries, are to explore the relationship between economic policy and institutions, on the one hand, and the institutionalization of development, on the other. The research and advocacy components of HERANA are funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Kresge Foundation. Norad's Programme for Master Studies (funded by Norad).

The main aims of the meeting will be to:

- Do a brief overview of the project and its analytical framework
- Report on the main findings – focusing on Makerere and Dar-es-Salaam
- Comment on some implications for funders/development agencies
- Reflect on the experiences of five US Foundations in 'partnership' funding in Africa
- Lessons learnt from the SANTED Norway/SA Access to HE Project?

This seminar will provide a unique opportunity to bring together an evidence based reflection on development aid in higher education in Africa.

Programme

09h00	Registration & Coffee/Tea
09h15	Welcome and Introduction
09h30	Project Overview and Analytical Framework – Peter Maassen (Professor of Higher Education, University of Oslo) and Pundy Pillay (Visiting Erasmus Mundus Professor, Oslo)
10h00	Main Findings – Nico Cloete (Director of the Centre for Higher Education Transformation and Professor, University of Western Cape) and Gerald Ouma (Senior Lecturer, Higher Education Studies, University of Western Cape)



10h30	Discussion
11h00	Some Implications for funders – Peter Maassen and Nico Cloete
11h35	Discussion
12H00	Lunch
12h30	Reflections about the US Foundation Partnership for Higher Education in Africa – John Butler-Adam (Senior Programme Officer, Ford Foundation)
13h00	Discussion
13h30	Lessons from the SANTED programme - Trish Gibbon (Former Director of SANTED / now: Director of Academic Planning and Policy Implementation, University of Johannesburg) and Zamo Shongwe (SANTED Manager) and Brenda Swart (Acting chief Director: Financial Planning, Department of Higher Education and Training, South Africa)
14h15	Discussion
14h30	General Discussion
15h15	Wrapping Up & Closing Remarks

