

UNESCO / CHET SEMINAR

on the HERANA Project “Towards the Establishment of a Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa”

Date/time: 16 March 2011, 09h30 to 12h30

Venue: Room XIII, 2nd Basement, UNESCO Bonvin Building, 1 rue Miollis

The seminar will start with a presentation and discussion on the findings of the CHET HERANA study on higher education and economic development with a specific focus on answering the following key questions:

- Is there a role for knowledge production and for universities in the national development plan? How do the relevant national authorities and institutional stakeholders talk about and conceptualise the role of universities?
- What is the strength of the academic cores of these universities? Has there been a strengthening or weakening of these academic cores?
- Does government coordinate policies and steering mechanisms that enable the university to contribute to development? Do the universities connect to external groupings in ways that promote development? Do development activities in the universities strengthen or weaken the academic core?

One of the main findings of the HERANA study is that the flagship universities are not enrolling and graduating sufficient PhDs to reproduce themselves and provide well-qualified academics for other universities. A second part of the presentation will therefore deal with a Ford Foundation funded project which attempts to address some of the issues raised in the HERANA study.

09h00– 09h45	Welcome and Introductory Comments Dr Lidia Brito (Director: Division of Science Policy and Sustainable Development, UNESCO), Dr Mmantsetsa Marope (Director: Division for Basic to Higher Education and Learning, UNESCO) and Dr Heide Hackmann (Secretary-General, International Social Science Council)
09h45– 10h00	Introduction to the HERANA Project Prof. Teboho Moja (Chair of CHET Board / New York University)
10h00– 10h30	HERANA Synthesis Report: Main Findings Dr Nico Cloete (Director of CHET), Tracy Bailey (HERANA, Project Manager) and Peter Maassen (University of Oslo)
10h30– 10h45	Doctoral Scholarship in South Africa Prof. Cheryl de la Rey (University Pretoria) and Prof. Johann Mouton (University of Stellenbosch)
10h45– 11h00	Comments on the HERANA Findings in Relation to UNESCO’s Higher Education Commitments Dr Mmantsetsa Marope (Director: Division for Basic to Higher Education and Learning, UNESCO) and Dr Juma Shabani (Director: Bamako Office, Higher Education Section, UNESCO) [TBC]
11h00– 12h00	Discussion Chaired by Dr Goolam Mohamedbhai (Former Secretary-General, AAU)
12h15– 12h30	Closure Dr Lidia Brito (Director: Division of Science Policy and Sustainable Development, UNESCO),

