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MARCH 16TH

14h CET/ 16h EAT/ 09h BOT/ 18:30 IST

Challenges for higher education reform in South Africa. Public launch event: HERE-SA

Webinar organised in the framework of the Erasmus+ Project HERE-SA.

*This webinar will be conducted in English.

The HERE-SA project is an Erasmus+ Capacity Building Project for Higher Education (CBHE), which was awarded to THENSA and OBREAL-Global Observatory in 2020. The project aims at developing a network of Higher Education Reform Experts in South Africa, inspired by the important practice of the Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE) in the EU neighbourhood region (funded by the European Commission), which have been influencing policy change in their respective countries for approximately a decade. HERE-SA, based in the member universities of the South African Technology Network (now THENSA), will form a similar network of South African technology-focussed universities, which will focus on the revision and reinvigoration of teaching and learning strategies, especially when it comes to Work-Integrated learning (WIL), entrepreneurship and teaching for the fourth industrial revolution (4IR). The project has special significance in light of the global pandemic and its dramatic impact on South African universities and the South African higher education sector in general. It is also an important opportunity to strengthen EU-South African university cooperation in teaching and learning and eventually assess the prospects of expanding the HERE concept to other countries in Africa.

The online public launch event is intended for the wider higher education and policy-making audience in South Africa as well as more broadly in the SADC region, as well universities, associations and higher education organisation in Europe and further afield – notably the members of the association OBREAL-Global Observatory, which co-coordinates the project with THENSA. The event will assess the HERE as a mechanism for policy change and EU-Partner country relations, and look at the policy context in South Africa and opportunities the project affords.

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction

Anshu Padayachee, Technological Higher Education Network South Africa -THENSA- (South Africa)
Nicolas Patrici, OBREAL Global (Spain)

Panel Discussion 1: EU – Africa Cooperation For Higher Education Reform: Building Capacities And Sharing Experiences

The Experience of the Higher Education Reform Experts Network

Anila Troshani, Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture, European Commission

The impact of the HERE in Egypt

Youhansen Eid, NAQAAE/HERE (Egypt)

Contributing to the AFRICA-EU dialogue and capacity building: The HERE-Network and continental initiatives

Michael Gaebel, Higher Education Policy Unit, European University Association -EUA-, (Brussels)

Chair: Nicolas Patrici, OBREAL Global (Spain)

Panel Discussion 2: HERE-SA as a tool to re-conceive South African higher education in the 4IR and a post-pandemic world.

A discussion with leadership from South African partner universities, South African policymakers and EU partners

Heidi Bolton, South African Qualifications Authority -SAQA- (South Africa)

Judy Peter, Cape Peninsula University of Technology -CPUT- (South Africa)

Kirsi Viskari, Tampere University of Applied Science -TAMK-, (Finland)

Vathi Papu-Zamxaka, Tshwane University of Technology - TUT- (South Africa)

Chair: Sershen Naidoo, Technological Higher Education Network South Africa -THENSA- and HERE
-SA Project (South Africa)

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