

# Higher Education and Economic Development: Mauritius and Seven Other African Countries Seminar

25 March 2010  
Lecture Theatre 2, University of Mauritius, Reduit  
09.30 to 12.35 hrs

## Aims of Meeting

The main aim of the meeting is to present preliminary findings of the Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA) on Higher Education and Economic Development in eight African countries. The report compares, to an African context, the principles of three systems from OECD regions that have successfully connected higher education to development. It proposes a framework – the ‘development triangle’ – that explores the dynamics between the national, the institutional and the funders. It does this by looking at the strength of the ‘pact’ amongst key stakeholders about the role of the university in development, and analyses the extent to which economic development projects contribute to strengthening the academic core or to fragmenting the institution.

## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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| 09.30 – 09.35 | Welcome Address<br><b>Assoc Prof Kishore Baguant</b> , <i>Director, Quality Assurance</i> , University of Mauritius    |
| 09.35 – 09.40 | Address<br><b>Prof Konrad Morgan</b> , <i>Vice-Chancellor</i> , University of Mauritius                                |
| 09.40 – 09.45 | Introduction to the CHET Board<br><b>Prof Teboho Moja</b> , <i>Chair</i> , CHET Board                                  |
| 09.45 – 09.55 | Address<br><b>Mr Ali Mansoor</b> , <i>Financial Secretary</i> , Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment           |
| 09.55 – 10.05 | Opening Address<br><b>Dr The Hon Vasant Kumar Bunwaree</b> , <i>Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources</i> |
| 10.05 – 10.20 | Tea Break  |



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| 10.20 – 10.45 | International lessons, the national policy framework of Mauritius and some funding lessons<br><b>Dr Pundy Pillay</b> , <i>Consultant and Extra-ordinary Professor</i> , University of the Western Cape |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Discussion   |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | The development triangle: Narrative, strategy and practice<br><b>Dr Nico Cloete</b> , <i>Director</i> , CHET   |
| 11.30 – 11.55 | Discussion   |
| 11.55 – 12.15 | Development projects: Strengthening the academic core or fragmenting the institution<br><b>Tracy Bailey</b> , <i>Project Manager</i> , CHET  |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Discussion   |
| 12.30 – 12.35 | Closure  |
| 12.35         | Lunch  |

