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Building Higher Education Scenarios, 2025: A Strategic Agenda for Higher Education Development in SADC

SARUA is convening a high level higher education leadership dialogue on Building Higher Education Scenarios, 2025: A Strategic Agenda for Development in SADC to discuss this challenge. This timely conversation among higher education leaders from government, the private sector, funders and the university sector will aim to construct a vision of higher education in SADC in 2025 by exploring and building plausible scenarios for the development of the sector.

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Africa

Distance Learning in Africa 'Struggling'

Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in Africa is still struggling with credibility issues as governments have put very little policies for quality assurance, it has been observed.

There is seemingly lack of interest in establishing national quality assurance systems by the authorities to improve education in the continent. However, like the rest of the world, the continent also needs to have a flexible tailor-made delivery of instruction taking advantage of emerging technological changes.

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The availability of academic journals

Research requires a good flow of the latest scholarly information - books, journals, data - and Sub-Saharan universities have long faced particular challenges. Academics frequently comment that a major impediment to their own work, including their ability to publish, is the lack of access to the work of their peers elsewhere. Anecdotes of researchers working hard to complete a paper for submission, only to find something similar was published the previous year or that they have failed to acknowledge important new debates or data, are not uncommon.

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EAC Education Curricula Set for Harmonisation

The East African Community (EAC) is set to harmonise its educational systems and training curricula in the fields of Education, Science and Technology, as well as Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs. Ministers from the partner states approved a regional report on the initiative. The document will now be forwarded to the highest policy making organ of the EAC, the Council of Ministers, for endorsement.

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Science and Technology

Professor Yanda - Authority On Environment, Climate Change

Vice-President Dr Mohammed Bilal called for concerted efforts in addressing natural disasters resulting from environmental challenges which cause untold misery to the people. Dr Bilal said this in Dar es Salaam when he launched the Mwalimu Nyerere Professorial Chair on Environment and Climate Changes as part of the University of Dar es Salaam's 50th anniversary celebrations. The first holder of the chair is Pius Yanda, a Professor in Physical Geography at the Institute of Resource Assessment, University of Dar Es Salaam.

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SKA Selection Process Unveiled

The founding board of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope project has announced the process and timeline for selection of the host site for the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope. Sites in South Africa and Australia have been short-listed to host the central core of the SKA telescope. The SKA board of directors is expected to make a final decision on the location in early 2012.

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Angola

Agostinho Neto University Delegation in Cuba for Cooperation

A delegation from the chancellorship of Agostinho Neto University (UAN), led by vice-chancellor for Scientific matters, José Pedro Domingos, is paying a visit to Cuba as part of friendship and cooperation ties between the higher education and research institutions of the two countries. The visit is a result of the UAN's interest in drafting a project aimed at establishing a Biotechnology Research Centre.

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Lesotho

National University of Lesotho - Press Conference

The National University of Lesotho held a Press Conference in which the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Sharon Siverts gave an overview of the university, its current situation, and future plans. Prof Siverts cited the challenges the University has experienced and the changes that are being made to assist the institution to return to its former status as an education Powerhouse in the region.

SOURCE: National University of Lesotho

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South Africa

Skills, Education Agreements to Boost Country

Skills development and education have received a significant boost through the signing of two accords that will, among others, see 30 000 new artisans receive training. The accords are a partnership by business, government, labour as well as the community. This follows on engagements following the release of the New Growth Path, designed to create five million jobs in the next decade. Skills and education are key elements in the growth path.

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Intellectual property rights failing

South Africa's current intellectual property rights regime is failing to support the national system of innovation and is actively disadvantaging local inventors while facilitating exploitation by foreign interests, according to new research to be published in the September edition of the *South African Journal of Science*. The hard-hitting paper, argues that while foreign inventors are able to protect their inventions in South Africa very cheaply, the same does not apply to local researchers who battle to protect their inventions abroad owing to far higher costs.

SOURCE: University World News

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Seychelles

More than a honeymoon destination

It may just be the smallest university in the world but its aspirations are big, and the need it is filling for its equally small country of 86,000 people runs deep. Inaugurated late last year and with only 300 students registered and 12 degree programmes, the University of Seychelles is hoping to turn the 155-island tourist destination off Africa's east coast into a knowledge economy for the region.

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Tanzania

Kudos for OUT's Move to Set Up More Centres

According to statistics, there were 1,745 secondary schools in the country in 2005 of which 1,202 were public and 543 private. But the figures in 2009 were 4,102 secondary schools, 3,282 of them public and 819 private. The number of young people enrolling for A-Level has gone up as well, which means demand for places in universities is correspondingly growing. As things stand now, there is no way the mainstream universities can cope with the demand, and that is where the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) comes in.

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Act On Loans Recovery

The importance of higher education cannot be overstated. Education dictates the pace and magnitude of development of countries the world over, and Tanzania is no exception.

It is thus not difficult to understand why reports that the Higher Education Students' Loans Board collects a meagre three per cent in outstanding loans annually from former university students are worrying.

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Tanzania leading recipient of aid from Denmark

Dar es Salaam. Tanzania last year received over \$140 million (about Sh210 billion) from Denmark, once again making it the top recipient of Danish aid in the world, the Scandinavian country said in a statement this week. The Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam said that Tanzania got the development assistance because it needed the support, and had the potential to meaningfully use it. According to the latest annual report of the Danish International Development Assistance (Danida), Tanzania has once again been the country that received most development assistance from Denmark.

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<http://www.thecitizen.co.tz/sunday-citizen/41-sunday-citizen-business/12893-tanzania-leading-recipient-of-aid-from-denmark.html>

Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE: Higher education, science plan launched

Zimbabwe's unity government has launched an ambitious five-year science and higher education plan that it hopes will reverse the brain drain and arrest falling standards emanating from a political and economic crisis that has rocked the country for a decade. The plan includes funding, integration of research efforts, strategic partnerships and boosting universities' capacity in science and technology.

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