

# Higher Education in the News



## Africa

### African can ensure sustainable development through knowledge sharing

Professor Olugbemiro Jegede, Secretary General of the Association of African Universities (AAU) on Tuesday stated that Africa cannot attain sustainable development without access to knowledge and information sharing. Prof. Jegede was speaking at a two-day workshop on Open Access Institutional Repositories Sensitization Capacity building themed, “Harnessing and Disseminating Research Information as a key to the Development of Knowledge-based Economies in Africa”.

SOURCE: Business Ghana  
Posted to the web 14 July 2011  
[http://www.businessghana.com/portal/news/index.php?op=getNews&news\\_cat\\_id=&id=149097](http://www.businessghana.com/portal/news/index.php?op=getNews&news_cat_id=&id=149097)

### Africa Analysis: Don't reject R&D measures too quickly

The publication in May of the first [African Innovation Outlook](#), charting the investment of 19 African countries in research and innovation, was a [landmark event because of the lack of hard data for these activities](#). But the project also raised questions about how best to measure the success of science and innovation in boosting social and economic development on the continent. Some have challenged whether the indicators measured by the Outlook — in particular, those used to capture research and development (R&D) performance — tell us anything of value about whether R&D activity has tangible benefits for Africans.

SOURCE: SciDev.Net  
Posted to the web 4 August 2011  
<http://www.scidev.net/en/opinions/africa-analysis-don-t-reject-r-d-measures-too-quickly.html>

## Science and Technology

### Women Academic Numbers Need to Grow

African universities have few female students opting for 'hard sciences'. And despite the availability of funds, attracting female science lecturers is even more challenging. These were among concerns discussed recently in Cape Town by senior women from universities in Botswana, Mauritius and Tanzania attending the HERS-SA academy. The consensus was that the problem boils down to a shortage of role models.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108021547.html>

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## Seacom claims world 1st with 500GB/s

Cable operator and broadband services provider Seacom and US-based digital optical networking equipment supplier, Infinera, claimed a world first on Monday by successfully trialling five 100 Gigabit per second (100Gb/s) channels of coherent optical transmission over a distance of 1 732km. The 500Gb/s trial was run over and looped back across Seacom's newly built 930km Dark Fibre Africa (DFA) fibre route which links the Seacom Mtunzini cable landing station in KwaZulu-Natal to the Teraco datacentre in Johannesburg.

SOURCE: News24

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<http://www.news24.com/SciTech/News/Seacom-claims-world-1st-with-500GBs-20110801>

## Angola

### Country's First Five Media Libraries to Open in 2012

The first phase of Angola Media Library (REMA), which includes construction, training of people and equipping of five, out of a total of 25 Media Libraries, are to be concluded by July 2012, announced in Luanda the vice minister of Telecommunications for Information Technology, Pedro Teta. 25 media libraries are to be built until 2015, in various parts of the country, five of which are already under construction.

SOURCE: Angola Press

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108030948.html>

### Building Capacity of Angolan Civil Society

The project aims to promote the culture and education of Human Rights in Angola by strengthening the skills and capacity human rights defenders through short term internship programmes with Brazilian NGOs and a Human Rights Masters Programme course at the Universidade Federal da Para ba (UFPB) in Brazil.

SOURCE: Angola Press

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## Mauritius

### UoM 35th in Africa

The arrival of a foreign Vice-Chancellor has proved to be beneficial for UoM. Since Professor Konrad Morgan has taken the reins of the administration of the Réduit campus in 2010, the standard of the institution has gradually improved. This is evident from the latest report which ranks UoM 3,431st on 12,000 universities in the world. Among the 100 universities in the African continent, UoM is ranked 35th.

SOURCE: Le Defi

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<http://www.defimedia.info/articles/8224/1/UoM-35th-in-Africa/Page1.html>

## South Africa

### Students Get Lesson in Foreign Policy

The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ebrahim Ebrahim, has urged students at the University of Venda (Univen) to help popularise South Africa's foreign policies.

The deputy minister's address was in the form of a public lecture on the position of South Africa on the United Nation's resolutions on Libya and its ensuing crisis. Univen vice-chancellor and principal, Professor Peter Mbat, said the university has about 600 students who have enrolled for International Relations degrees and masters.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108031319.html>

### The university nobody wants to touch

The future of medical university Medunsa is under threat after an investigation determined it should separate from the University of Limpopo, putting its R50 million a year funding in jeopardy. A task team has recommended that Tshwane-based Medunsa (Medical University of SA), which has been part of the University of Limpopo since 2005, return to being a stand-alone institution.

SOURCE: City Press

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<http://www.citypress.co.za/SouthAfrica/News/The-university-nobody-wants-to-touch-20110723>

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## Seychelles

### Financing for submarine cable project finalised

The loan agreement for the financing of the Seychelles East Africa System (SEAS) – the high-power submarine cable system that will significantly improve broadband internet connection – has been finalised. The agreement was signed between AfDB (African Development Bank) and SCS (Seychelles Cable Systems Ltd.). The loan will partially fund the 1,930km submarine fibre optic cable from the main island of Mahé, from Beau Vallon beach, to the existing Eastern Africa Submarine Cable System in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

SOURCE: Seychelles Weekly

Posted to the web 05 August 2011

[http://www.seychellesweekly.com/July%202011/econ1\\_financing\\_for.html](http://www.seychellesweekly.com/July%202011/econ1_financing_for.html)

## Tanzania

### Dar Es Salaam University Turns to Alumni for Funding

As bigger student numbers into tertiary education continue to pose funding challenges to governments, public universities around East Africa have been left at the mercy of endowment funds from foreign sources, but also lately, the institutions are turning to their alumni to close these funding gaps. The University of Dar es Salaam is the latest institution to take this path, having recently turned to Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni and some 800 of its Ugandan alumni in high profile political, civil service and business circles.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201107261671.html>

### Mandela Institute to promote Tanzania

TANZANIA intends to use the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), which will be opened soon, in re-branding its image internationally. The Chief Secretary, Mr Philemon Luhanjo, said here the government plans to make NM-AIST an exemplary hi-tech institution that would offer unmatched quality training. He said the goal was to attract students, scholars, researchers and trainers from all over the world to Arusha where the campus is located.

SOURCE: The Citizen

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<http://www.dailynews.co.tz/home/?n=22351>

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## Zambia

### CBU Chancellor Calls for Quality Education

COPPERBELT University (CBU) Chancellor Muyunda Mwanalushi has said the development of the education system requires a wide review to determine its quality and relevance to society.

Speaking during the CBU 20th graduation ceremony in Kitwe yesterday, Professor Mwanalushi said it was important to maximise efforts to ensure the quality of education of those responsible for the education of learners.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201107250118.html>

## Zimbabwe

### Gwanda Varsity Plans Advanced

Plans for the establishment of the Gwanda State University have reached an advanced stage, a senior government official has said. In an interview recently, Matabeleland South provincial administrator, Mr David Mpfu, said feasibility studies had since been committed. He said Government in June set up a committee to work on the logistics into the project.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108021241.html>

### UZ Halls of Residence to Re-open in September

The University of Zimbabwe will admit students into halls of residence in September after building a 2,5-megalitre water reservoir at the institution, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education Stan Mudenge said yesterday. Erratic water supplies hampered the re-opening of the halls of residence, forcing many students to find alternative accommodation in surrounding suburbs.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201107271132.html>