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## Africa News

### World Bank to Release New Strategy for Africa in March 2011

The World Bank will in March release a new strategy, outlining how it plans to revise its approach and deepen its partnership with Africa in the five years to 2016. The strategy known as “Africa's future and World Bank support to it” has been informed by consultations, input and feedback provided by more than two thousand Africans and others who participated in an eight-month-long series of face-to-face and on-line consultations.

SOURCE: The World Bank  
Page Last Accessed 3 February 2011  
<http://web.worldbank.org>

### Makerere University is Tenth Best in Africa

MAKERERE University has risen from the 15th to the 10th position in the best performing institutions of higher learning in Africa. The top nine universities are in south Africa, with the University of Cape Town at number one. Makerere is now one of the best African universities and the improvement is an indicator of the university's commitment to disseminate research outcomes.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
Posted to the web 2 February 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102030095.html>

### AfDB, Partners Promote Infrastructure Development at AU Summit

Africa has a unique opportunity to provide solutions for the global problem of climate change, says Professor Sir David King, former science adviser to the British government. King, currently the director of Cambridge University's Smith School of Enterprise and Development, was speaking on the opening day of the 40th South African Chemical Institute Conference at Wits University.

SOURCE: African Development Bank  
Posted to the web 30 January 2011  
<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-events/article/afdb-partners-promote-infrastructure-development-at-au-summit-7677/>

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## Science and Technology

### Seacom unaffected by Egypt shutdown

EGYPT'S shutdown of the internet does not affect Seacom, a privately owned submarine cable used by several South African telecommunications companies to reach Europe. Seacom uses another cable operator, SEA-ME-WE 4 Consortium, to carry its telecommunications traffic from the Indian port city of Mumbai to Europe via Egypt. The Seacom spokesman said the portion was merely to transport the traffic and that none of it terminated in Egypt.

SOURCE: The Businessday  
Posted to the web 1 February 2011  
<http://www.businessday.co.za/Articles/Content.aspx?id=133058>

### Technology transfer trends boost universities

The Ethiopia-based United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, ECA, has found evidence of rapid growth in the rate of Africa's industrial technology acquisition, which could support the current drive to promote investment in research and development and higher education through enhancing university-industry-government partnerships. The evidence was documented in a comprehensive study, *A Technological Resurgence: Africa in the global flow of technology*, released on 21 January.

SOURCE: UniversityWorldNews  
Posted to the web 30 January 2011  
<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20110128225526701>

### Special universities plan raises the bar for Africa's technology growth quest

Africa is slowly, but steadily starting to recognise the importance of innovation (viewed as the transformation of knowledge into goods and services for the marketplace) in development. Africa has become increasingly aware of the role that innovation in the transformation of contemporary economies in other parts of the world, especially in South East Asia. Even closer to home, countries such as Mauritius have enjoyed sustained growth because of innovation. Second, Africa is now dominated by relatively young people who are more conversant with new technologies.

SOURCE: The Citizen Tanzania  
Posted to the web 2 February 2011  
<http://www.thecitizen.co.tz/magazines/31-business-week>

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## World Bank Group Consults on ICT strategy

The World Bank Group is launching a global consultation to gather inputs from a wide range of individuals and organizations for a new strategy that will guide how it helps developing countries mobilize information and communication technologies (ICT) for poverty reduction and growth.

SOURCE: The World Bank

Posted to the web 17 January 2011

<http://web.worldbank.org>

## Angola

### Angolan and South African technical delegations meet

Delegations from Angola and South Africa met on Thursday in Luanda to discuss the techniques on the dossiers related to the mutual understanding of the national systems of technological innovation, training of staff and technology transfer. The main objective of this meeting is to strengthen relations and boost partnerships, in the framework of agreements signed by two southern Africa countries in April in 2008.

SOURCE: AngolP

Posted to the web 3 February 2011

<http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en>

## Malawi

### What good will the new World Bank Education Strategy bring to Malawi

The World Bank is later this year launching a new Education Sector Strategy 2020. An Executive meeting was scheduled for 24 January 2011 to make final touches. Strategies for the bank are very influential not only to national policies and priorities but also policies and priorities of multilateral and bilateral cooperating partners and agencies. Malawi has benefitted in loans and grants from previous sector strategies, notably the 2000 strategy and its updated 2005 version. This time around, what is in it for Malawi?

SOURCE: Nyasa Times

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<http://www.nyasatimes.com/columns/what-good-will-new-world-bank-education-strategy-bring-to-malawi.html>

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## Swaziland

### Only 1395 qualify for college

Only 1 395 pupils who sat for the Form 5 IGCSE/SGCSE examinations in 2010 will qualify to go to university or college. Over 10 142 candidates sat for the exams last year, but only a small fraction of 13.75% are eligible for tertiary education. The statistics were conveyed by the Minister of Education and Training Wilson Future Ntshangase in a press conference held at the ministry.

SOURCE: UniversityWorldNews  
Posted to the web on 2February 2011  
<http://www.observer.org.sz/index.php?news=20467>

## South Africa

### Doctoral Academy to counter Africa's brain drain

"With Africa's contribution to world science on the decline and escalating numbers of students choosing to further their education and careers overseas, the time has come to strengthen the capacity of Africa to generate new knowledge." This is the view of Professor Johann Mouton, Director of the African Doctoral Academy (ADA) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Stellenbosch University. The ADA was officially launched on 26 January 2011. The ADA aims to deliver world-class doctoral graduates focused, initially, on the humanities and social sciences. It provides support in research, scholarship, supervision and management.

SOURCE: The Good News  
Posted to web on 30 January 2011  
[http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/education/doctoral\\_academy\\_to\\_counter\\_africas\\_brain\\_drain.html](http://www.sagoodnews.co.za/education/doctoral_academy_to_counter_africas_brain_drain.html)

### Why China invited SA to join BRIC

Access to the resource-rich Southern African Development Community (SADC) region is one of the main reasons behind China's invitation to SA to join the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) group of countries. This is according to independent economic analyst Roelof Botha who says SADC is destined to become a region like the European Union, sharing a single currency.

SOURCE: Business Report  
Posted to web on 12 January 2011  
<http://www.iol.co.za/business/business-news/why-china-invited-sa-to-join-bric-1.1017796>

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## Matric not good enough for university

A senior government official has acknowledged that pupils who have passed the matric maths and science exams are often not proficient enough to continue studying these subjects at first-year university level. Kirti Menon, acting deputy director-general for universities in the Department of Higher Education and Training, said national senior certificate holders who passed maths and science might have to take bridging courses before enrolling at university to reduce the high first-year failure rate.

SOURCE: News Updates

Posted to the web 25 January 2011

<http://newsupdates.co.za/matric-not-good-enough-for-university-227598.htm>

## Tanzania

### Mauritius to Boost Peoples' Skills

The Mauritius government has expressed willingness to collaborate with Tanzania in enhancing the vocational training sector. Mauritius' minister for Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology, Dr Rajesh Jeetah, said in a meeting with the management of the Vocational Education and Training Authority (Veta) in Dar es Salaam that his country was eager to help Tanzania create linkages between technical and vocational skills and labour market demands.

SOURCE: The Citizen Tanzania

Posted to the web 29 January 2011

<http://www.thecitizen.co.tz/business/13-local-business/7649-mauritius-to-boost-tanzanians-skills.html>

### Universities Plan to Offer Doctorates

Three colleges have teamed up to award doctorate degrees from this month to ease the problem of lack of such courses in the country's higher education institutions. The Institute of Finance Management (IFM) and Open University of Tanzania (OUT) will this month sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a Netherlands-based university, Groningen, to cement the partnership. The MoU will pave the way for establishing the programme at OUT.

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## Zambia

### Building and upgrading set to widen access

Zambia has started constructing a science university. This was revealed in the 2011 education policy, which also detailed the establishment of new universities and massive construction and upgrading at institutions across the country aimed at increasing access to higher education.

In the policy document the education minister added that the Zambian government had classified education as an economic sector and has thus created various incentives under the Zambia Development Agency.

SOURCE: iZambia

Posted to the web on 30 January 2011

<http://www.izambia.co.zm/index.php?option=com>

## Zimbabwe

### Scramble for Varsity Places

A combination of factors means that an increasing number of students are eligible for higher education, but the number of places available is not expanding as quickly. Statistics show that about 5 000 more students wrote public exams last year than in 2009 when some 22 000 candidates were registered. The country's three biggest universities -- the University of Zimbabwe, Midlands State University and the National University of Science and Technology -- can only accommodate about 5 000 new students this year.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102010170.html>

### Students Offered Reprieve in SA

Hundreds of Zimbabwean students in South Africa have been granted permission to enroll at local universities, despite their study permits still not being issued by that country's Home Affairs department. Students have been turned away from registering at various tertiary institutions, which have been insisting that the students produce valid study permits.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

Posted to the web on 26 January 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101270090.html>

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## Zim to hold research and intellectual expo

Zimbabwe will hold its inaugural Research and Intellectual Expo (RIE) in Harare from the 16th to the 18th of February. Briefing journalists in the capital Thursday, Herbert Chimhundu, explained that the Expo will bring together Zimbabwe's scholars, including scientists, doctors, lawyers, social researchers, cultural practitioners and political scientists. "There will be presentations of papers by experts and exhibitions by higher and tertiary education institutions

SOURCE: UniversityWorldNews

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<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20110114223522313>