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## SARUA

### Minister Phiri speaks at SARUA Event

Government has expressed concern at the low number of school leavers accessing tertiary education. Education, Science and Vocational Training Minister John Phiri says only eight percent of school leavers access public universities every year. Dr Phiri was speaking at the Gala Dinner for the Southern African Regional Universities Association event; Building Higher Education Scenarios, 2025: A Strategic Agenda for Development in SADC" .

SOURCE: ZNBC

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<http://www.znbc.co.zm/media/news/viewnews.cgi?category=11&id=1318598043>

## Africa

### Call to translate research spend into results

African governments have been called on to make it mandatory for higher education institutions to have policies on research. There also needs to be increased focus on the link between research spend and results, and on making research findings available to policy-makers and the general public to inform their decisions. These were among the arguments of Professor Olugbemiro Jegede, secretary general of the Association of African Universities (AAU), speaking at the opening of the second Mobilising Regional Capacity Initiative (MRCI) workshop held in Accra, Ghana earlier this month.

SOURCE: University World News

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<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20111014213306162>

### Call for Applications: African Higher Education Harmonisation and Tuning Project (Tuning Africa)

African Higher Education Harmonisation and Tuning Project (Tuning Africa) The African Higher Education system is undergoing a tremendous transformation process. This includes a number of national, regional and continental initiatives which are the Nyerere programme, the African higher Education Harmonisation and Quality Assurance programme, the Pan-African University and many others. One initiative which links institutional, national, regional, continental and international endeavours is the African Higher Education Harmonisation and Tuning Project (Tuning Africa), which is part of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership.

SOURCE: Tuning Africa

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[www.tuningafrica.org](http://www.tuningafrica.org)

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## EU commits EUR14.6m for African capacity building

The International Monetary Fund and the European Union today expanded their partnership in support of IMF capacity building in Africa through the exchange of two Contribution Agreements totalling EUR 14.6 million (about US\$20 million). The agreements, signed recently, will support the IMF's Africa Regional Technical Assistance Centers for Eastern (AFRITAC East) and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region (AFRITAC South).

SOURCE: Business Live

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[http://www.businesslive.co.za/world/int\\_markets/2011/10/17/eu-commits-eur14.6m-for-african-capacity-building](http://www.businesslive.co.za/world/int_markets/2011/10/17/eu-commits-eur14.6m-for-african-capacity-building)

## University rankings are inapplicable to the developing world and risk doing damage there, argues Adam Habib

Publication of the 2011-12 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings has provoked the usual celebrations and handwringing among university executives around the world, including in my home country. But some of my colleagues and I will continue to observe this bemusedly and to hope that my fellow executives in South Africa and in the rest of the continent do not get so carried away in their enthusiasm that they allow such league tables to determine their strategic decision-making.

SOURCE: University of Johannesburg

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<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Newsroom/News/Pages/Aleagueapart201110191.aspx>

## Foreign funding critical for NGO survival

In 2002, when British and South African researchers first started to study the voluntary sector in Uganda, there were about 3,500 NGOs registered in the country. Six years later, in 2008, there were 7,000 - a similar proliferation seen all over East Africa. Trudy Owens from Nottingham University and Ronelle Burger, from the University of Stellenbosch, set out to investigate whether foreign funding was the main reason some NGOs collapsed while others survived and why some attracted foreign donors.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://www.speroforum.com/a/WMPXXALITB58/Africa---Foreign-funding>

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## AFRITAC South - Building Capacity for Growth

A Regional Technical Assistance Centre for Southern Africa (AFRITAC South) has officially opened in Port Louis, Mauritius. AFRITAC is the fourth Regional Technical Assistance Centre established in Africa under the International Monetary Fund's Capacity Building Initiative for Africa. Three other centres are already operational in Tanzania, Mali, and Gabon, and another is planned in West Africa. To the IMF, this is an important milestone in its response to the call from African leaders, including under the African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), to develop capacity building and help African countries to meet their economic and development challenges.

SOURCE: Business Live  
Posted to the web 28 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110241064.html>

## Science and Technology

### Young scientists' academy launched

An early-career scientists' academy aimed at nurturing the development of top young academics and unlocking their collective potential to tackle national and global problems, has been launched in South Africa. It is the latest offshoot of the rapidly growing Global Young Academy.

The South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS), with 20 founding members, was inaugurated recently by the Department of Science and Technology and the Academy of Science of South Africa.

SOURCE: University World News  
Posted to the web 16 October 2011  
<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20111014203359953>

## Angola

### Chancellor Challenges Lecturers Over Creation of Doctoral Programmes

The chancellor of Agostinho Neto University (UAN), Orlando da Mata challenged the lecturers of the institution, in education and scientific research department, to create doctoral programmes.

Speaking at the first Workshop on Scientific Production, Orlando da Mata said that the programmes of graduate courses have already been consolidated and those related to the Master's degree are being expanded.

SOURCE: Angola Press  
Posted to the web 26 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110270269.html>

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## Head of State Highlights Higher Education

The Angolan president, José Eduardo dos Santos, Tuesday in Luanda, said that the higher education has experienced since 2008 a remarkable growth, as it currently has a network of training institutions expanded in all provinces. Speaking on the State of the Nation, at the opening of the 4th legislative year of the 2nd Legislature of the National Assembly, José Eduardo dos Santos said that nationwide there are 17 public institutions, seven universities, seven higher institutes and three higher schools.

SOURCE: Angola Press  
Posted to the web 18 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110190432.html>

## Agostinho Neto University Presents Scientific Research Works

Agostinho Neto University (UAN) will present 44 scientific research works by the lecturers and students, under the scientific production policy, José Pedro Domingos the vice-chancellor for scientific affairs of the institution said. The move is also intended to divulge and boost the research policy, scientific capacity, the review of scientific research, with a view to update the curricular programmes and adapt them to the country reality.

SOURCE: Angola Press  
Posted to the web 26 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110270262.html>

## Botswana

### 3055 graduate from UB

The University of Botswana (UB) hosted its annual graduation ceremony last Saturday at the national stadium, which attracted masses of people from all corners of Botswana and beyond. Out of the total 3055 students, 2870 graduated from the university while 185 graduated from the Botswana College of Agriculture (BCA). Nine of the UB graduates were awarded PhDs; four, Master of Philosophy degrees (M.Phil); and 206, Masters Degrees.

SOURCE: The Botswana Gazette  
Posted to the web 16 October 2011  
[http://www.gazettebw.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=11601:3055-graduate-from-ub&catid=18:headlines&Itemid=2](http://www.gazettebw.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11601:3055-graduate-from-ub&catid=18:headlines&Itemid=2)

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## DRC

### Minister sets out plans for academic year

The Democratic Republic of Congo's minister for higher education and university education, Léonard Mashako Mamba (pictured), presented his plans for 2011-12 to heads of higher education institutions in the run-up to the academic year that starts this weekend. Among issues he raised were efforts to achieve international standards and extending the teaching of English in higher education, reported [Le Potentiel](#) of Kinshasa.

SOURCE: University World News

Posted to the web 16 October 2011

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20111014211747920>

### Congo set to launch its first science journal

The government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has agreed to launch the country's first scientific journal, which they expect to attain international standards and become a reference point within central Africa. The multidisciplinary scientific journal is aimed at giving the country's researchers a common platform to share ideas and communicate their research results. The government created the quarterly peer-reviewed journal, *Revue Congolaise de la Science et Technologie (Congoles Review of Science and Technology)* last month (5 September) by ministerial order. The first issue is expected by early 2012.

SOURCE: SciDev.Net

Posted to the web 26 October 2011

<http://www.scidev.net/en/sub-suهران-africa/news/congo-set-to-launch-its-first-science-journal.html>

## Malawi

### Mutharika opens college at donors' behest

The Open University of Mauritius Bill was passed in Parliament last year and it was decided that the Mauritius College of the Air will be the learning centre for the Open University. It is the third Government-funded tertiary institution after the University of Mauritius and University of Technology, Mauritius.

SOURCE: Maravi Post

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<http://www.maravipost.com/scope/74-general/5975-mutharika-opens-college-at-donors-behest.html>

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## Mauritius

### Open University - How will it work?

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SOURCE: Défi

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<http://www.defimedia.info/articles/12103/1/Open-University---How-will-it-work/Page1.html>

## Mozambique

### UEM Reverses Degree Length Decision

Mozambique's largest university, the Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), has decided that in the forthcoming academic year it will revert to its previous academic curriculum. Three years ago, UEM decided to cut a year from its four year undergraduate courses to fit in with the international standard of three years. It also decided to reduce medical training from seven to six years.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110180871.html>

## Namibia

### Agriculture Faculty Planned At Unam's Katima Campus

The University of Namibia (Unam) has approved the establishment of a Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources at its Katima Mulilo campus. The Katima Mulilo campus currently only offers a Bachelor's in Education. Katima Mulilo campus deputy dean, Dr Bennett Kangumu, said on Tuesday that as from 2013, the campus will start offering the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

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<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110270867.html>

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## 476 Graduate From Polytechnic

The Polytechnic of Namibia held its 16th graduation ceremony which saw 476 students diplomas and undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in academic areas ranging from business and management to information technology and engineering. Iyambo said that while the role and importance of higher education is undeniable in Namibia's quest to become a knowledge-based economy, "success in higher education squarely depends on the strength of the foundation that was laid earlier".

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
Posted to the web 17 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110200928.html>

## Seychelles

### UniSey launches senate

The senate was officially launched recently at the UniSey Anse Royale campus in the presence of deans of the faculties, members of the governing board, professors and other stakeholders. The senate will rule on academic and educational matters and serve as a deliberative body on educational policies and other professional matters for the UniSey.

SOURCE: Seychelles Nation  
Posted to the web 25 October 2011  
<http://www.nation.sc/index.php?art=25433>

## South Africa

### Gauteng Launches Executive Leadership Development Programme for HODs and DDGs

Gauteng Education MEC Barbara Creecy last month launched the Executive Leadership Development Programme specially designed for our HODs and DDGs at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS). The programme will be facilitated by the Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) through GIBS. The programme is intended among others to refine and polish critical leadership skills and competencies needed for executives to lead the province strategically.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
Posted to the web 25 October 2011  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110251017.html>

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## R58 Million Bursaries for No Fee Schools Learners

More than one thousand Grade 12 top learners in Gauteng are to benefit from bursaries worth R58 million to help them further their studies at the higher education institutions next year.

Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane announced on Monday that this year, the provincial government, through the Gauteng City Region Academy awarded 1 050 bursaries to top learners from Quintiles 1, 2 and 3 schools, which are no fee paying schools worth R58 million.

SOURCE: BuaNews

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<http://www.buanews.gov.za/news/11/11101809551003>

## Nzimande sees collaborative research key to shift to knowledge-based economy

Higher Education and Training Minister **Blade Nzimande** says funding for collaborative research and development programmes will take precedence over single-body project funding because universities and research bodies must help to broaden and develop the skills of students and people in other organisations to change South Africa from a resource-based economy to a knowledge-based economy.

SOURCE: The Businessday

Posted to the web 6 October 2011

<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=155244>

## Tanzania

### We need 52bn/- yearly for higher education plan - JK

President Jakaya Kikwete has said the government requires a minimum investment of 52bn/- annually to implement its five-year Higher Education Development Programme (HEDP 2010/15).

The president revealed this yesterday at the University of Dar es Salaam 50th anniversary ceremony. "We are aware that this is a tall order for a poor country like ours with a GDP of merely USD25billion. But we are determined to fund this programme as we did with PEDP and SEDP," Kikwete told the gathering who included Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who is an alumni of the university.

SOURCE: The Citizen

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## Zambia

### Climate Change Education Fair Effects

ADDRESSING effects of climate change is a must because of harsh repercussions it has on the environment especially agricultural production. Countries world over have realised that Climate Change if not addressed will bring a lot of damage to the environment which supports life. One of the most effective ways of achieving this objective is by including youth agenda in the developmental plans for each country as well as ensuring participation in decision-making processes and at negotiations concerning climate change at regional and international forums.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)

Posted to the web 25 October 2011

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201110240222.html>

## Zimbabwe

### New institute for development opens

The National University of Science and Technology has started a specialist institute for development, in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo. It offers extensive research as its core business, with teaching as a secondary focus. The Institute for Development Studies, or IDS, which is the brainchild of Milton Webb Ndlovu, the university's executive dean of the faculty of commerce, was opened last month. Ndlovu said the desire to see efficient use of resources nationally was behind the creation of the institute.

SOURCE: University World News

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<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20111014212641267>

### ICT boom: Zimbabwe's chance to catch up

ZIMBABWE must take advantage of the boom in the information and communication technologies (ICTs) sector to speed up economic development, experts have said. Developed societies have taken advantage of advances in ITCs by gaining broad access to modern digital networks and significant economic as well as social spin-offs for their communication and business sectors.

SOURCE: The Standard

Posted to the web 12 October 2011

<http://www.thestandard.co.zw/business/32023-ict-boom-zimbabwes-chance-to-catch-up.html>