



# Higher Education in the News

## SADC Ministerial Summit

### [PERSPECTIVE: 'Rushing is not arriving'](#)

SOURCE: New Straits Times, Posted to the web 1 July 2012

The recent Vice Chancellors Leadership Dialogue, organised by the International Association of Universities (IAU) and the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA), was hosted by Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo. The event was themed Internationalisation Of Higher Education -- Implications For The Knowledge Project In The Global South. SARUA chief executive officer Piyushi Kotecha stated that despite "clear evidence of a rising demand for higher education", the challenges faced by university leaders in Southern Africa, in particular, are "dwindling numbers of academic staff, an ageing professoriate and low levels of research output".

## Global

### [World Bank Hails Poverty Reduction Efforts](#)

SOURCE: News from Africa, Posted to the web 3 July 2012

Kenya and many other African countries have improved the policy environment for poverty reduction, says a new assessment released by the World Bank today. The latest Bank review of policies and institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa shows a positive trend for poverty reduction, which is especially important given the difficult economic environment in the global economy.

### [Building Excellence](#)

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com), Posted to the web 5 July 2012

With the world's sights increasingly set on opportunities in Africa, the continent is working hard to create world-class business schools; requiring the right mix of global and local, of academic and vocational perspectives. "It's not easy to find business schools with expertise in both academic and industry spheres," says Sarah Tinsley-Myerscough, programme director, Association of African Business Schools. "AABS is working towards it with... programmes designed to develop business school professors. But institutions also need to foster opportunities for academics to engage with industry through consulting programmes."

## Science and Technology

### [Science, technology can solve COMESA challenges](#)

SOURCE: BizTech Africa, Posted to the web 2 July 2012

Zambia's vice president, Guy Scott, says harnessing science and technology can provide solutions to challenges facing countries in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). Scott said the COMESA region is beset by a number of challenges but that science and technology can provide solutions to the challenges facing the region.



### [SKA benefits rolling in - DST official](#)

SOURCE: African Investor , Posted to the web 9 July 2012

A number of benefits are materialising from the selection of South Africa as the major location for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope, a government official said in Pretoria on Sunday.

"These spin-offs are in the area of human capital development. There have been new bursaries, a number of them, that have been introduced into the system (towards the study of astronomy)," Department of Science and Technology deputy director-general Thomas Auf der Heyde said.

## Angola

### [Civil Engineering Graduates Return From China](#)

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com), Posted to the web 9 July 2012

Twenty nine Angolan students of the 31 that graduated in civil engineering from China's universities, returned on Monday in Luanda, after five years of training. the students graduated from the Chang Sha University of Science and Technology, with their specialities focusing mainly on building of roads and bridges.

## Mozambique

### [Mozambique and Germany sign technical accord](#)

SOURCE: Club of Mozambique, Posted to the web 3 July 2012

Foreign Minister Oldemiro Baloi and German Ambassador Ulrik Klockner on Monday in Maputo signed a technical cooperation agreement on measures to help Mozambique adapt to climate change. Under the agreement Germany will give 5.6 million euros to support the Mozambican government's strategic plan for mitigating the effects of climate change.

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## South Africa

### [Bidvest invests R18m into UCT-pioneered heart valve concept](#)

SOURCE: Engineering News, Posted to the web 3 July 2012

JSE-listed trading and distribution group Bidvest on Monday announced that it is to invest R18-million into a University of Cape Town- (UCT-) pioneered heart valve concept with the potential to save countless African lives every year. Southern Access Technologies Holdings (SATH) and Southern Access Technologies (SAT), along with UCT's Christiaan Barnard department of cardiothoracic surgery head professor Peter Zilla, and research partners Dr Deon Bezuidenhout and Professor David Williams, who have pioneered the developmental work, are working on alternatives to costly open-heart surgery.

### [Distance-learning degree-level course in Environmental Engineering](#)

SOURCE: iNamibia, Posted to the web 1 July 2012

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), in conjunction with DLIST invite applications from suitably qualified or experienced individuals to pursue a distance learning degree-level course in Environmental Engineering.

### [UJ to host National Science Week](#)

SOURCE: The New Age, Posted to the web 3 July 2012

The Minister of Science and Technology (DST) Naledi Pandor, will launch the National Science Week (NSW) at University of Johannesburg Soweto Campus. National Science Week (NSW), is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and a countrywide annual week-long event aimed at highlighting the important role that science plays in everyday life and encouraging more youth to participate in science, mathematics, engineering and technology related studies and careers.

### [SA needs R90bn for broadband ambition](#)

SOURCE: IT Web, Posted to the web 4 July 2012

SA's ambitious plan to roll out broadband for all by 2020 could require an investment of as much as R90 billion by the state and the private sector, communications minister Dina Pule said yesterday. Pule was speaking at the African Networking Academy Safari, at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The minister noted that the target could only be met in partnership with the private sector, which has already spent millions in rolling out infrastructure. In August last year, former communications minister Roy Padayachie signed an ICT Industry competitiveness and Job Creation Compact that committed to 100% broadband penetration by 2020.



## Tanzania

### [Need for effective strategies to curb challenges in country's education sector](#)

SOURCE: IPP Media, Posted to the web 9 July 2012

The education sector in Tanzania is facing many challenges including inadequate resources, lack of teaching and learning facilities and inadequate infrastructure. Others are low enrolment rate at various levels of education, low transition rate, gender disparity and outdated curricula.

The overall national target set in 2005 by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, is to ensure provision of quality education at all levels.

### [Regional Integration - Education System Overhaul a Must](#)

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com), Posted to the web 9 July 2012

AS Tanzanians wait with morbid anticipation to the now inevitable East African Federation, things are not as bright as they look on the Tanzanian side, literally. What worries some Tanzanians is the fact that with the kind of education offered, it would drastically affect their integration into the federation, with countries like Kenya and Uganda boasting of excellent education background. For the past decades, there has been a steady flow of warnings from parents, the government, the private sector and the civil society about the falling standard of education in Tanzania.

## Zambia

### [UNZA to Open On July 8th](#)

SOURCE: Muvi TV, Posted to the web 5 July 2012

A sigh of relief has finally come to the University of Zambia-UNZA- Great East Road Campus following the calling off of the strike action by lecturers. This follows the decision by government to release additional funds to supplement lecturers' salaries at the institution

### [State assures private universities of support](#)

SOURCE: Zambia Daily Mail, Posted to the web 30 June 2012

EDUCATION Minister, John Phiri has said Government will explore further avenues of working with the private sector involved in tertiary education. The minister said private universities were key players in national development. Dr Phiri reiterated government's commitment to supporting private universities through the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model needed for the country to achieve developmental goals.

## Zimbabwe

### [Zimbabwe's gold sector to import skilled labour](#)

SOURCE: Mining News, Posted to the web 4 July 2012

The gold mining sector, employing about 20 000 people, will soon be forced to import skilled labour after experiencing massive brain drain during the economic meltdown that heightened in 2007 amid disclosures that there is now only one geology lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe.