



Higher Education in the News

Global

[EU pumps millions into SADC](#)

SOURCE: Informante, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

The European Union (EU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have signed multimillion Euro agreements in support of regional integration in Southern Africa.

The EU approved 36 million Euro (about N\$410 million) in grants. Support will also be provided to develop the capacity of the SADC Secretariat as well as Member States, including civil society.

[Private education's public benefits](#)

SOURCE: The Independent, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

Study shows that, for the same cost, pupils in private schools perform better than in public ones

Africa's economies are finally beginning to roar. In 2000-2010, after decades of sluggish growth, six of the world's ten fastest-growing economies were in sub-Saharan Africa. By 2060, Africa's population could reach 2.7 billion, with a billion-strong middle class.

[CLAYSS Service-Learning Capacity Building Program for Higher Education, 2013](#)

SOURCE: CLAYSS, Posted to the web 20 November 2012

CLAYSS, the Latin American Centre for Service Learning (www.clayss.org), recently announced the Service-Learning Capacity Building Program for Higher Education, 2013 Edition, opening its faculty development and technical assistance programs to universities in Africa, South East Asia and Eastern Europe. Grants are offered up to 80-90% of the total cost of the two-semester long program, which includes on-site and on-line training, and scholarships to participate in the 16th International Service-learning Conference to be held in Buenos Aires in August, 2013.

Science and Technology

[Africa opens up](#)

SOURCE: Financial Mail, Posted to the web 15 November 2012

A concerted effort by African leaders to form a mega African free trade area made up of three major African regions - Southern African Development Community (SADC), the East African Community (EAC) and the Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa (Comesa) - is under way. Once established, this integrated regional bloc will have a market of about 600m people. This is more than half of the continent's population, covering 26 countries with a combined GDP of US\$1,3trillion.



[e-Learning has the potential to solve Africa's human resource gap](#)

SOURCE: University World News, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

Although the number of students enrolling in tertiary education has been growing, the proportions are still dismally low, with only 6% of school-leavers in Sub-Saharan Africa entering tertiary institutions. Educationists and economists have observed that if Africa is going to compete in the global economy, at least 12% to 15% of the continent's workforce should have attained tertiary education.

[Fostering global sustainability in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

SOURCE: The Green Times, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

Minister of Science and Technology Derek Hanekom delivered a keynote address at a panel discussion that will explore how science and technology can provide solutions to meet emerging challenges regarding global sustainability in sub-Saharan Africa. Hosted by the International Council for Science (ICSU), in partnership with the University of Cape Town (UCT), the event brought together renowned experts, educators, development agencies, and scientists working on global environmental change research in a range of disciplines.

Botswana

[BIH officially launched](#)

SOURCE: BizTech Africa, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

Botswana's Innovation Hub (BIH), the country's hope for sparking science and technology innovation and driving foreign investment, has been officially launched. The BIH, near Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, will include an iconic 73,000 square metre building and facilities for enterprises. The first phase of the project – laying of infrastructure – is complete, and phase two – the construction of the iconic building – is set to begin early next year.

Malawi

[Top university plans to double student numbers](#)

SOURCE: University World News, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

The University of Malawi has come up with a five-year strategic plan that it hopes will strengthen governance and funding, double student numbers and boost research. The plan also exposes some of the country's higher education shortcomings and outlines reforms needed to improve conditions.



Mozambique

[Park of Science and Technology Under Construction in Mozambique](#)

SOURCE: Open Equal Free, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

A new science center is about to be born in Mozambique. The Park of Science and Technology (PCTM – Parque de Ciência e Tecnologia de Maluana in portuguese) is under construction in the town of Maluana, district of Manhica, close to the capital of the country, Maputo. The PCTM is the new project of Mozambique's Ministry of Science and Technology. It aims to develop human capital, and advance scientific knowledge by encouraging innovation.

Seychelles

[UniSey boosts effort to attract quality students](#)

SOURCE: Seychelles Nation, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

Efforts are being stepped up to attract potential students to study at the University of Seychelles. This came out at a career's workshop for teachers initiated by the UniSey in an attempt to encourage "quality students" to join UniSey. The exercise is in close collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development as well as the Ministry of Education.

South Africa

[High hopes for central university applications system](#)

SOURCE: Mail and Guardian, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

The tragic death in January of Gloria Sekwena, who accompanied her son Kgositsile when he tried to secure late admission to the University of Johannesburg and was killed in a stampede of desperate applicants, was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back for South Africa's government. From next year, a central applications system will be in place.

[New engineering library at Wits](#)

SOURCE: BizCommunity, Posted to the web 12 November 2012

Gold Fields and the University of the Witwatersrand officially opened the Gold Fields Engineering Library at the Wits Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment recently, and intends to make a major contribution towards the alleviation of skills shortages in the South Africa mining sector. The Gold Fields Engineering Library is located in the Chamber of Mines building on Wits' Braamfontein campus. Braamfontein campus.



[New R300m Pretoria student village](#)

SOURCE: Property24, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

A R300 million property development is currently under construction, five kilometres west of the Pretoria CBD in Pretoria Gardens. Intended specifically for student accommodation, it is regarded as a major investment in the area. Within walking distance of the Tshwane University of Technology, Ekhaya Junction is an innovative four-phase project that will house 2 300 students when completed at the end of 2014. The first phase will accommodate 522 students and will be ready for occupation by December 2012 in time for the 2013 January student intake.

Tanzania

[Nelson Mandela institute to boost science and research](#)

SOURCE: University World News, Posted to the web 11 November 2012

Five years ago, former Mozambican president Joachim Chissano paid a visit to Arusha in Tanzania. It was a step towards establishing an important postgraduate training and research institution – the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology, which was officially opened this month.

[Media role in researchers very vital, says don](#)

SOURCE: The Citizen, Posted to the web 12 November 2012

Morogoro. Scientists and researchers in the country ought to incorporate media practitioners in their field work if they want their findings to reach a large number of people and make an impact. Engaging journalists from the beginning would make journalists get the knowledge of what was going to be researched and for that case, they would be better placed to play an effective role in disseminating research findings.

[Higher learning institutions to adopt new automated registration system](#)

SOURCE: IPP Media, Posted to the web 14 November 2012

Higher learning institutions in Tanzania have for the first time adopted the academic registration information system (ARIS) developed by the University of Dar es Salaam Computing Center (UCC) it has been learnt. Development and institutionalisation ARIS was almost a paradigm shift as far as academics records management in Tanzania were concerned.



Zimbabwe

[Academics support govt on climate change](#)

SOURCE: Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, Posted to the web 9 November 2012

Academics have pledged to continue working with the government in the research of global warming issues to enable the country to come up with a comprehensive climate change policy to guide the country in its mitigation and adaptation projects. The Zimbabwe Open University (ZOU) held a one day symposium where academics spoke about researches on climate change. ZOU Acting Dean in the Faculty of Science and Technology, Dr Thomas Mpofu said academics want to be part of the international debate on climate change by getting involved in local researches to generate information through research that will guide government in its planning effort.

See Also <http://www.msu.ac.zw/news.php?link=news.view&id=327>

[President Mugabe caps over 1 450 graduands at NUST](#)

SOURCE: ZBC, Posted to the web 9 November 2012

The Head of State and Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Zimbabwe Defence Forces and the Chancellor of the National University of Science and Technology, President Robert Mugabe, has capped over 1 450 graduands at the institution's graduation ceremony in Bulawayo.

The 18th NUST graduation ceremony saw the conferment of degrees to graduands from the faculties of Applied Sciences, Commerce, Communication and Information Science and Industrial Technology.

[Zimbabwe formulating a national climate change response strategy](#)

SOURCE: Africa Business, Posted to the web 13 November 2012

Zimbabwe is in the process of formulating a comprehensive national climate change response strategy to help guide government on how to deal with climate change issues, according to Ms Florence Nhekairo, Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management. According to Nhekairo, the initiative is being carried out in an effort to ensure coordination and effectiveness in programmes aimed at addressing climate change.