

# Higher Education in the News

## Africa

### [BRICS to look at bid for top World Bank job](#)

SOURCE: Sharenet  
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The world's major emerging economies on Saturday rejected the tradition that an American automatically is selected to head the World Bank and they will look at putting forward their own candidate for the open job. Finance chiefs from the BRICS group of emerging market powerhouses - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - met on the sidelines of a G20 meeting in Mexico City and agreed the top World Bank job should be open to all countries.

### [Region Eager to Benefit From Carnegie Mellon University](#)

Following Rwanda's offer to award 50% scholarships as tuition fees at Carnegie Mellon University -Rwanda, East African countries have expressed interest in encouraging their citizens to enroll with the university. CMU is the first top ranked U.S. research institution to offer graduate degrees in Africa with an in-country presence and resident faculty.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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### [Africa: Achieving Agricultural Development Through Capacity Building for Higher Education](#)

USAID administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah emphasized the pivotal role of U.S. universities in confronting global food insecurity during a speech in November before the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. There is no better way to integrate capacity building with agricultural development than by bringing African higher education to the forefront. For years, African universities have fed agriculture graduates into urban-based bureaucracies, detaching them from the urgent rural development issues facing their countries. African leaders now need to transform these universities so that they produce the knowledge and the human capacity needed to directly confront the issues of food security.

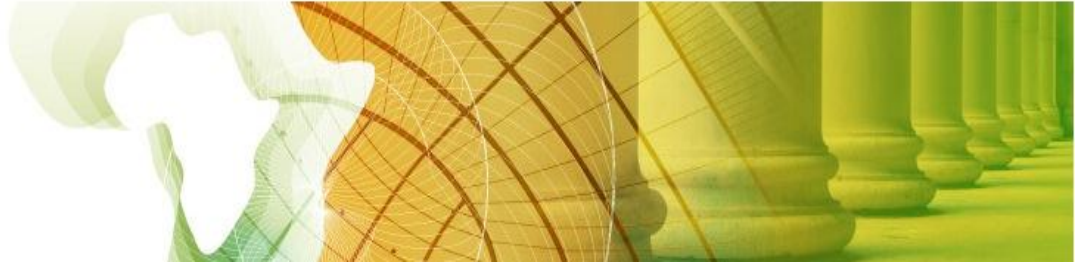
SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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## Science and Technology

### [Researchers 'Struggle' to Establish Careers](#)

SOURCE: SciDev.Net  
Posted to the web 28 February 2012

African universities need to better support early career researchers if they are to build a thriving research environment and boost the continent's overall number of PhD-qualified staff, according to a joint report by the British Academy and the Association of Commonwealth Universities launched yesterday (27 February). Many African science graduates struggle to establish careers after leaving university as they do not receive enough assistance to define their research agendas and develop professionally, says the report, Foundations for the Future: Supporting the Early Careers of African Researchers.



### [Open up and say 'access for everyone](#)

SOURCE: Mail and Guardian  
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The internet has fundamentally changed the practical and economic realities of sharing scholarly knowledge and cultural heritage. It is now possible for content to be made widely and easily available to all with internet access, at minimal or no cost, through a computer or any mobile device, including cellphones and tablets. Above all, the internet enables openness, which is critical for democratic access to education and knowledge.

## Angola

### [Conditions for Increased Access to Higher Education Created](#)

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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Angolan minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Maria Candida Teixeira, said Monday that the Government has created conditions to increase the supply in admissions to higher education. According to the minister, this renewal must be guided by an action built in the higher education-research-extension triangular system, that guides the university action by strict criteria of quality throughout their operations.

### [Vice President Highlights Higher Education Growth](#)

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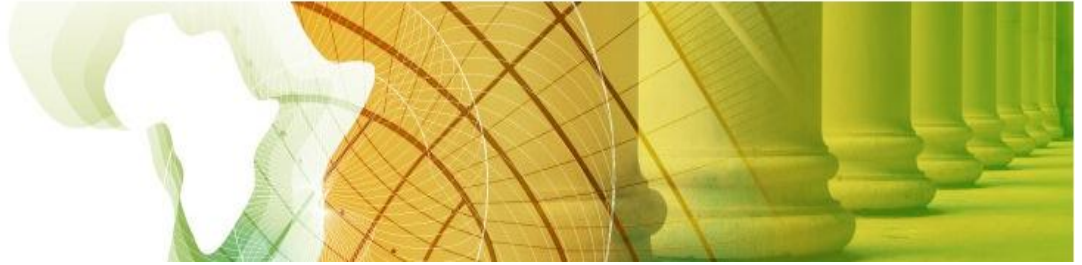
Angola's vice president, Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos said Monday that the subsystem of higher education has grown substantially as result of Executive's policy for its promotion and expansion. Fernando da Piedade stressed this at opening ceremony of 2012 academic year of higher education, running under the slogan "Higher Education: in the path of the quality of teaching and research in favour of national development."

## Botswana

### [School of Medicine to produce graduates in 2014](#)

SOURCE: Botswana Gazette  
Posted to the web 5 March 2011

The Assistant Minister of Education and Skills Development Patrick Masimolole has said that the University Of Botswana School Of Medicine (SoM) will produce its first batch of graduate doctors in 2014 as expected despite the hardships that the school has been going through. Some of the health facilities that the SoM students use for clinical placements include Princess Marina and Sekgoma Hospital which the UB has said are yet to be accredited as academic hospitals as initially they were not made to accommodate any academic practical for students.



### [Botswana should import expertise](#)

SOURCE: Botswana Gazette  
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Botswana is one country in Africa with the capacity to advance and develop into a first world country in Africa. It has mineral resources, energetic youth and stable social affairs and politics; no wars, no coups, no floods and earthquakes, etc. However, there is little progress. This is the state of affairs.

### [Construction of BIUST campus delayed](#)

SOURCE: Gabz FM  
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The construction of Botswana University of Science and Technology campus is reported to be experiencing delays. Education Minister, Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi told Parliament that the project completion has been extended from last year's target date of June 2011 to March 2012. Moitoi said that a decision was made for BIUST to initially open at Oodi College of Applied Arts and Technology, CAAT.

## **Mauritius**

### [Mauritius Offers to Support VETA](#)

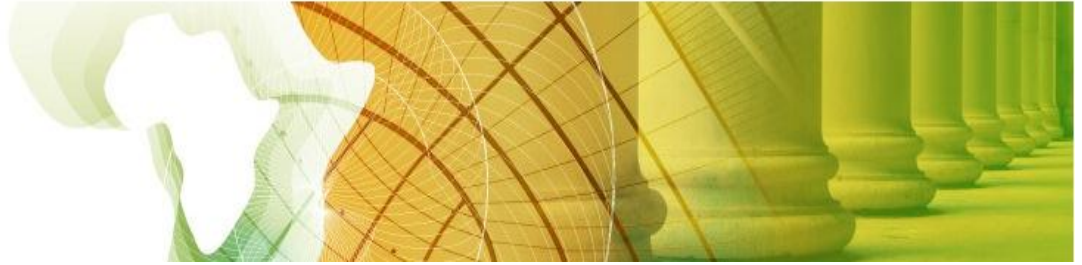
SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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MAURITIUS has pledged to provide support to Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) in the textile and tourism industry for the country to tremendously benefit from the two sectors. Mauritian Minister for Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection, Mr Cader Sayed Hossen, said on Tuesday that his country would be providing training for VETA's teaching staff and that through the collaboration, students could also carry out their internship in Mauritius. "We will be collaborating with VETA by providing the teaching staff with training from undergraduate to postgraduate levels,"

### [Seven new programmes on offer at UoM](#)

SOURCE: Defi Media  
Posted to the web 26 February 2012

Now that the results of the Higher School Certificate are out, admission procedures to Universities have already started. UoM is offering seven new courses for the academic year 2012/13 as well as part-time courses for the benefit of those who are working. Also, the programmes offered are meant to be more accessible to mature students.



### [More foreign students studying in Mauritius](#)

SOURCE: Defi Media  
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According to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) annual report 2009-2010, the latest report, some 596 foreign students, including 337 male and 259 female, were studying in Mauritius in 2010, a majority of which, or some 577 (96.8%) were enrolled on full-time programmes. The students were concentrated in 18 institutions: 85 students in 3 public-funded institutions; 450 students in 15 private post-secondary educational institutions; and a regional institution namely the Institut de la Francophonie pour l'Entrepreneuriat (IFE) with 61 students.

## **Namibia**

### [Thumbs Up for Education Budget](#)

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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It is only right for the Ministry of Education to receive the lion share of the national budget, says independent economist, Klaus Schade. The education sector received N\$9.4 billion. "It is important to invest in the educational sector because without a properly educated population, Namibia will not make any significant strides towards achieving Vision 2030 and reach a higher standard of living," said Schade. He added that when the government builds new schools, hostels, teacher accommodation, the facilities must be maintained.

## **Seychelles**

### [Virtual university of small Commonwealth states](#)

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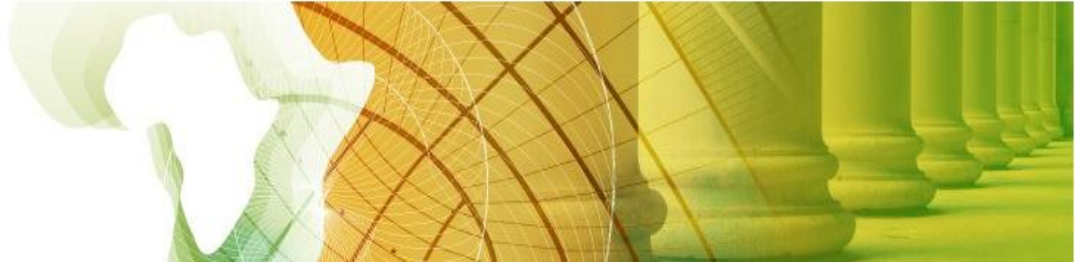
The concept of Virtual University of Small Commonwealth States (VUSSC) is not only based on actual geography, but on shared purposes, Vice-President Danny Faure said on Friday at the launch of the open educational resources for open schooling. In 2008, Seychelles joined five countries – Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia – to develop open education resources for open schooling.

## **South Africa**

### [R147 Billion Needed to Address Student Housing Backlog](#)

SOURCE: BUA News  
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Over R147 billion invested over 15 years is needed to alleviate the massive backlog and improve conditions for student housing, revealed a report released by the Minister of Higher Education Blade Nzimande today. Releasing the ministerial committee's report on the review of the provision of student housing in Parliament, Nzimande said inadequate student housing had been a contributing factor to the country's high university failure rate.



### [TUT takes the lead with six more research chairs](#)

SOURCE: TUT  
Posted to the web 23 February 2012

The Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) has taken the lead in the University of Technology (UoT) sector in the country with the highest number of Research Chairs – a total of ten. This follows the National Research Foundation (NRF) recently awarding the University the right to host six new Research Chairs under the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI).

### [R2.4 billion for Eastern Cape Universities](#)

The Eastern Cape's four universities will receive a total of just under R2.4 billion from the Higher Education Department for the next financial year. This is an increase for the four institutions of some R232 million on the total allocated last year.

SOURCE: Get News  
Posted to the web 6 March 2012

### [UWC celebrates science excellence](#)

In the past five years the University of the Western Cape has become the South African research leader in physics, molecular biology and biochemistry. "With endowments of only R25-million [and] with respect to research impact between 2005 and 2010, the University of the Western Cape now leads the country's 23 universities in the fields of physics, molecular biology and biochemistry and comes in a strong second in computer science," said vice-chancellor Brian O'Connell, citing information presented by the National Research Foundation.

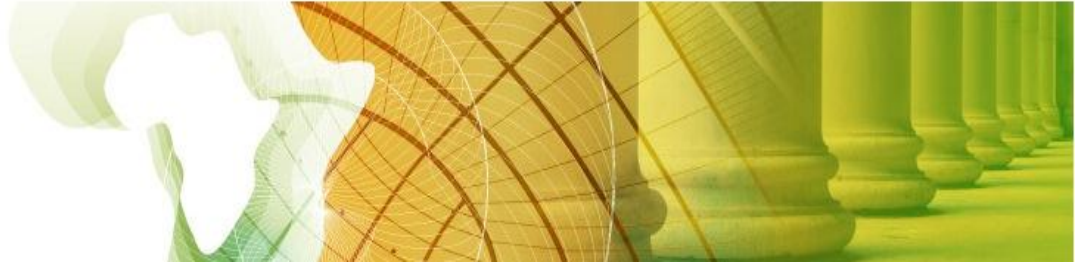
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## **Tanzania**

### [Mzumbe Varsity Set to Improve Research](#)

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Mzumbe University's research, consultancy and teaching activities are set to improve after acquisition of three sets of an error-free device in data entry from Spain. Mzumbe University Vice-Chancellor Joseph Kuzilwa said Dara Optical Reader Machine with its Elvadara software would, among other things, simplify data entry into various software packages before analysis which in most cases is accompanied with human errors.



### [World Bank Calls for Greater Education Efforts](#)

TANZANIA has been advised to stimulate economic growth by promoting education and encouraging further development in small and medium-scale businesses. The World Bank (WB) Director for Africa, Mr Marcelo Gigale, floated the advice in Dar es Salaam on Saturday when addressing the local media through a video conference at the World Bank offices in Dar es Salaam. "The WB stresses the importance of education and small and medium enterprises because their combination is essential for accelerating economic growth in any country," said Mr Gigale.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)  
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### [Higher Education and Changes in the Work Environment - Keeping Up](#)

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During the last ten years, Tanzania has had more new institutions of higher learning offering Degree level education than it has had for the previous 40 years prior to year 2000. Looking at the trend, the rate is likely to grow. On one end it has been new institutions built under the sponsorship of religious organisations and private individuals and on the other it has been the upgrading of what were once Diploma and Advanced Diploma institutions. Our public employment systems had been based on the simple formula that the higher the education the higher the pay.

## Zambia

### [K19.5 billion has been set aside for rehabilitating the University of Zambia](#)

SOURCE: Zimbabwe Telegraph  
Posted to the web 4 March 2012

Minister of Education, Science and Vocational Schooling John Phiri has told that K19.5 billion has been set aside for rehabilitating the University of Zambia (UNZA). Dr. Phiri says the institution requires serious rehabilitation in order to make the environment better for learning. He says among the areas that will be converted is the water and Sanitation problem prevailing at the University of Zambia.

## Zimbabwe

### [India sets aside US\\$5b for Africa's ICTs](#)

SOURCE: The Herald  
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ZIMBABWE'S science and technology sector is set to benefit from India following the positive outcome of the India-Africa Science and Technology Ministers Conference held in New Delhi early last week. The conference was attended by more than 40 African science ministers. Speaking to journalists after attending the two-day conference, Science and Technology Minister Heneri Dzinotyiwei said India had set aside a US\$5 billion facility for the development of science and technology in Africa.