

HE Issues

African nations urged to consistently pursue quality education

Prof. Vincent Olunloyo of the Department of Systems Engineering, University of Lagos (UNILAG) said during a Public Lecture that the continent must produce experts in sufficiently large numbers to address its needs and that it should be able to use its human and material resources in a continuous and sustainable way.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)
Posted to the web 29 July 2008
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807300581.html>

IAU 13th General Conference - Higher education's global role

The IAU 13th General conference, was held this year at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands from 15 to 18 July. The mission and activities of the IAU focus specifically on the social significance of universities and international collaboration - about 420 registered delegates from 118 countries attended this year.

SOURCE: University World News
Posted to the web 27 July 2008
<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20080724160748308>

Future of higher education research

According to a new report by the European Science Foundation. Higher education around the world has expanded massively in recent decades so that its character and performance have significant implications for all members of society, not only economically but for social cohesion, equity, mobility and integration.

SOURCE: University World News
Page last accessed on 1 August 2008
<http://www.aau.org/announce/detail.htm?ai=153>

Open Access

Open University to broadcast on YouTube

The open University will now broadcast courses through the leading online video community YouTube. "[OUView](#)" has over 300 videos that anyone can watch over the internet. The University says this will be another place for their staff and students around the world to be part of a virtual learning community

SOURCE: Guardian.co.uk
Posted to the web 1 August 2008
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/aug/01/openuniversity.highereducation>

S&T

New Funding Initiative to Boost Science

Two-and-a half year grants are provided by the Regional Initiative in Science and Education (RISE) and are supported by the Carnegie Foundation. Three networks of African universities have already been awarded a grant of \$800,000 each for the purpose of strengthening sciences and engineering capacity in Africa.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)
Posted to the web 31 July 2008
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807310171.html>

Africa still dependent on satellite net access

Although fast internet connections are essential for growth in business and other applications on the continent, so far they have either been expensive or rarely available and Africa is still relying heavily on expensive satellite connections to gain access to the Internet. This is according to a report done by the telecommunications analysts BMI-TechKnowledge.

SOURCE: SciDev.Net
Page last accessed 1 August 2008
<http://www.scidev.net/en/news/africa-still-dependent-on-satellite-net-access.html>

Africa needs research universities to fight poverty

This is an article on how African Universities should be aligned to support economic development, the eradication of poverty and sustainable use of natural resources and how the neglect of science, technology and innovation when building universities in Africa must be addressed.

SOURCE: SciDev.Net
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<http://www.scidev.net/en/opinions/africa-needs-research-universities-to-fight-povert.html>

Angola

Public University Principal Highlights President's Support

Speaking at a graduation ceremony for the Agostinho Neto University, the Vice- Chancellor said that the positive results of the institution, evident in the high number of graduated students, is the result of the challenge launched by the Angolan President, José Eduardo dos Santos, in 2002, for the re-launching of the public university countrywide.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)
Posted to the web 31 July 2008
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807311245.html>

South Africa

Ethiopian Minister, Unisa Sign Agreement on PhD Programme

This agreement will enable UNISA to launch PhD programmes in Ethiopia through videoconferencing. The programmes will include PhD courses in technology sciences, business and economics, among others fields.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)
Posted to the web 30 July 2008
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807300518.html>

Universities appeal for aid

SA's universities and universities of technology; under their umbrella body, Higher Education SA (HESA) have asked the government to increase the tax benefits gleaned from private sector donations to higher education institutions. This is a result of the government's pressure on institutions to curb the above-inflation rise in student fees.

SOURCE: The Business Day
Posted to the web 4 August 2008
<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/article.aspx?ID=BD4A814925>

Tanzania

University of Dar-es-Salaam Lands Sh1 Billion Research Grant

The grant, to be extended over nearly three years, is meant to increase the population of skilled PhD and MSc scientists and engineers teaching in Africa's universities. The University is one of three out of forty eight proposals that were awarded the grant.

SOURCE: AllAfrica Global Media (allAfrica.com)
Website last accessed 30 July 2008
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807300508.html>