



SARUA DIGITAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME 2 (SDUP2)

10 - 11 OCTOBER 2016

DIGITAL TRANSITIONS AND BLENDED LEARNING IN UNIVERSITIES

The first SARUA Digital Universities Programme (SDUP1) held in March 2016 revealed a number of focus areas for the next stages of digital university evolution. All economies and societies are in transition towards becoming digital economies and information societies, led by changes at institutional or organizational level. Large institutions, such as universities, have the opportunity to design their own digital transitions. Many of the objectives of higher education, which have been very difficult to achieve in the real-time world, may be better positioned in a blended learning environment, through the addition of online educational tools and applications, specifically access to those materials that can enhance the quality of learning, postgraduate research output and scholarly research publishing.

AIMS, CONTENT AND PARTICIPANTS

This 2-day programme will provide a practical foundation to the world of blended learning and ICT-enhanced research production. It offers a series of e-tivities in the use of ICT and the Internet for universities. The focus will be on addressing the needs of academics, undergraduate and postgraduate students. Participants would be academics and senior administrators, as well as senior ICT managers.

The introductory session will discuss the critical elements in the university ICT ecosystem. Key discussion points will include teacher presence, online resources, interaction between students, small group support, personalized support, the use of MOOCs and e-assessment. A new session addressing benefits realization will be added. The programme is designed specifically for the blended or hybrid learning environment, where the ICT tools and applications are additional resources used to enhance face-to-face teaching and learning and research supervision, either (i) by being used in the classroom, or (ii) by being used by the student (and the lecturer) as additional opportunities for engagement. Using these practice-based approaches will enable a better understanding of their particular relevance to SARUA member universities.

The workshop e-tivity sessions include:

- 1. Introductory session: Online universities, blended teaching and learning, university ICT for postgraduate and academic research, open educational resources (OERs) and MOOCs**
- 2. Using the Internet for postgraduate research and academic writing: Online journal databases, Skype supervision sessions and other modalities [e-tivity session]**
Digital technology hub evolution – case of Tshimologong Precinct [tech hub site visit]
- 3. Improving research and academic writing quality, reducing plagiarism with consistent use of plagiarism detection tools [presentation and interactive discussion session]**
- 4. Digital universities and planning for ICT benefits realisation [presentation and discussion session]**
- 5. Staff orientation and capacity building for online content creation and scholarly publishing [facilitated discussion session]**
- 6. Wrap-up work session: Formulating a digital university strategy and plan [design session]**

This workshop will be presented by SARUA in partnership with the LINK Centre in pursuance of the discussions at the SARUA leadership dialogue on the topic of Global Trends in Technology in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges for African Universities, held on 8-9 September 2015 and the first successful SDUP held on 14 – 15 March 2016.



APPLICATIONS

Applications are open **until 3 October 2016**. Payment must be received **on or before this date**. Please apply early as there is limited seating available, up to a maximum of 25 participants. The programme fee is ZAR11571 per participant. The venue is the Electronic Classroom, Wartenweiler Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Registration Form for SARUA Digital University Programme 2 (SDUP2)	
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Surname:	First Name(s):
Date of Birth:	ID No. (if SA) or Passport No.
Your country (if not SA):	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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