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From a blank slate, SARUA can claim to have achieved a proud and outstanding record of its outputs which comprise a sound regional higher education knowledge base, leadership dialogues, programmes, networks, publications and advocacy policy documents.

Iron Rensburg, Chairperson of SARUA – addres at TGM

SARUA MEMBERS 2012
Angola
University of Luanda
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Maschikano University
University of Botswana

DRC
University of Kinshasa
University of Lubumbashi

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National University of Lesotho

Malawi
University of Malawi

Mozambique
University Eduardo Mondlane

Namibia
University of Namibia

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Cape Peninsula University of Technology
University of Fort Hare
University of Johannesburg
University of the Witwatersrand

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University of Seychelles

Tanzania
Open University of Tanzania

Zambia
Copperbelt University

Zimbabwe
Midlands State University
University of Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe Open University

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the professional approach of SARUA and its important contribution is has given to higher education in the Southern African region."

Professor Ihron Rensburg – Vice-Chancellor, University of Johannesburg

"Let me assure you of the passion that the national and regional universities have for the work SARUA has done for higher education in the region. It is expressed expressly under your committed leadership. We are very pleased to have been able to contribute to the progress that has been made and to the solid basis for further development."

Professor Chabu Mumba – Vice-Chancellor, Universite de Lubumbashi, DRC

2013 – A KEY TRANSITIONAL YEAR FOR SARUA

2013 was a key transition year for SARUA. SARUA’s core funding from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINFAS) came to an end in 2013 and new models were explored in 2013. The first six months was spent in an onerous winding down process for the framework which included a final comprehensive audit by Price Waterhouse Coopers for the total seven year grant.

In September, the SARUA convened a Triennial General Meeting (TGM) of Non-Chancellors of the SADC region. At the TGM, the Executive Committee tabled a new and equitable fee proposal to ensure ownership, commitment and SARUA’s long term sustainability. A new funding model was presented, discussed and endorsed. The transition from a donor-funded to membership-funded organisation was achieved after a unanimous decision by the leadership of the universities in the region.

During September to December 2013, 27 Universities paid their membership fees and from January to June 2014 the membership base increased to 45 universities.

Whilst managing this important transition SARUA conducted an extensive mapping study on climate change in the SADC region involving universities and ministries. A workshop with the British Council was also held on PhD Supervision training.

2013 EXCO MEMBERS

Professor Ihron Rensburg – Chairperson and Piyushi Kotecha CEO

Professor Ronald Siebes – Acting Chairperson and CEO, SARUA

Professor Piyushi Kotecha – Chief Executive Officer, SARUA

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In SADC universities, as well as climate compatible development, the existing research, teaching and co-production at the regional level. 12 SADC countries. The needs analysis identified knowledge and research needs, and the following methodology was followed:

- The framework included a database of researchers and institutions with relevant knowledge and expertise in the region.

The study provides a knowledge base of climate compatible knowledge co-production needs and possibilities in the SADC region (derived from twelve countries), and a database of active CCD researchers and stakeholders in the southern African region. The study identifies the diversity of climate change and climate compatible development needs in southern African countries in terms of the emerging patterns of regional and national priorities and themes.

The framework summarised inter alia:

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