



# Higher Education in the News

## Global

### [Membership to regional varsity forum to become mandatory](#)

SOURCE: In to East Africa, Posted to the web 27 October 2012

Currently, of the 220 higher institutions of learning in East Africa, only 93 are members of IUCEA. “At the moment, it is voluntary, but once the new law is enacted by next year, then it will be mandatory for any higher institution of learning in the region to be part of the body,” IUCEA Executive Director, Prof. Mayunga Nkunya, said during the just concluded Higher Education Forum in [Arusha](#). The new legislation, according to Nkunya, will have benchmarks to ensure quality academic standards.

### [Africa unlikely to meet MDGs by 2015 — Nepad](#)

SOURCE: The East African, Posted to the web 27 October 2012

A pan-African organisation formed to promote economic and social development says the continent is making inadequate progress towards the goals of reducing poverty and improving access to health care and education. The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (Nepad) made this assessment during the United Nations’ annual observance of “Africa Week.”

### [RISE postgraduate training initiative looks to future](#)

SOURCE: University World News, Posted to the web 4 November 2012

The Regional Initiative in Science and Education, or RISE, a programme aimed at boosting higher education in Africa in the sciences and engineering through postgraduate training, is likely to continue as the major donor has indicated the possibility of renewing its support that ends next year. RISE received its first grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York from 2008-10, the current grant runs from 2011-13, but has indicated that there is a strong likelihood of another round of funding for RISE to go from 2014-2016 .

## Science and Technology

### [E-education vision for Western Cape](#)

SOURCE: IT Web, Posted to the web 5 November 2012

The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) last week announced it has developed an e-Education Vision, which will see the expansion of its existing technology base and digital resources. The vision involves a shift to virtual learning environments, with digital resources and systems more readily available to schools, and enhanced engagement between educators and learners, says MEC Donald Grant.



### [African science fund springs back to life](#)

SOURCE: Research Africa, Posted to the web 29 October 2012

The African Union (AU) is reviving plans to set up a fund for research and innovation. The African Science and Innovation Fund (ASIF) was mooted in 2005, but the plan stalled after political support dried up. Now a working group with representatives from the AU, the European Union and the Economic Commission for Africa has been created to propose a way forward. The working group met in Cairo, Egypt, on 16 and 17 October to discuss the fund's structure and the types of initiatives it should support.

## Botswana

### [Civic society urged to play vital role in Climate Change policy formulation](#)

SOURCE: The Sunday Standard, Posted to the web 9 November 2012

Panellists during a dialogue in Francistown, Friday evening, emphasized that the civic society in Botswana has a vital role to play in the formulation of a climate change policy in the country. This is dictated by the fact that it is the civic society that is close to the communities and is aware of communities' daily experiences.

## Malawi

### [Malawi lacks investment in science and tech, says expert](#)

SOURCE: The IT Web Africa, Posted to the web 31 October 2012

Landlocked African nation Malawi languishes at the bottom of global lists of innovation and technological development because it is not investing enough in the sciences. This is the view of the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCCI) manager for public and private dialogue, Hope Chavula, speaking at the nation's second Science and Technology Fair held late last week.

## Mauritius

### [Indian institutions in higher education landscape](#)

SOURCE: Le Defi Media, Posted to the web 26 October 2012

The objective of the Ministry of Tertiary Education is to have 100, 000 foreign students in Mauritius by 2020 and the presence of several international institutions on the island in line with the Government's vision. For the past two decades, several Indian educational institutions have also started functioning in Mauritius. There are presently five institutions from India offering higher education in several specialised fields: medical, ICT, technical education and industry-oriented programmes. These institutions accommodate both local and foreign students.



## Mozambique

### [Gearing Mozambique's ICT sector to spread benefits of national economic boom](#)

SOURCE: IT Web, Posted to the web 5 November 2012

Mozambique's ICT sector needs to rise to the rapidly escalating management demands of its dramatically expanding economy." This is the challenge posed to the country's ICT suppliers and professionals by Sean Moroney, Chairman of AITEC Africa, which is organising the Southern Africa ICT Summit, in Maputo, on 5-6 December. The summit will be held under the auspices of the Mozambique Ministry of Science & Technology. Lead sponsors of the event are Vodacom and Business Connexion.

## Namibia

### [Over N\\$15m raised for Unam campus](#)

SOURCE: All Africa.com, Posted to the web 1 November 2012

Construction of the southern campus at Keetmanshoop is set to start in the first quarter of next year, and it is expected to open its doors in February 2014. It will offer key courses such as teacher education, geosciences, health sciences and entrepreneurship. Officiating at the fundraising dinner in Windhoek, President Hifikepunye Pohamba, who is also Unam's chancellor, said the campus would contribute significantly to the country's ongoing efforts to train young Namibians for the modern labour market.

## Seychelles

### [UniSey strikes partnership with Indian university](#)

SOURCE: Seychelles Nation, Posted to the web 7 November 2012

Students from the University of Seychelles (UniSey) are expected to benefit from more academic programmes, research and curriculum development from India. This follows the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the UniSey and the University of Amity. The accord is hoped to bring forth mutual understanding, the promotion of scholarly cooperation and friendly relations between the two Institutions.

## South Africa

### [Midterm budget: More money thrown at skills training](#)

SOURCE: Mail and Guardian, Posted to the web 26 October 2012

Although education remains the single largest area of government spending it continues to be notorious for producing young people who are ill-equipped to meet the rigours of the modern economy, which has fuelled the minister's ire. Nevertheless Minister Pravin Gordhan gave the higher education and training department, which has universities, further education and training (FET) colleges and sector education and training authorities (Setas) in its care, more cash. The Setas and the national skills fund were the main beneficiaries.



### [Varsities can house only 20% of intake](#)

SOURCE: The Star, Posted to the web 29 October 2012

FOR THE matriculants who choose to further their studies at university, getting an acceptance letter from the university of their choice is only half the battle won. For the majority of students whose homes are nowhere near the institutions, finding a place to stay is a major struggle. According to a review report on student accommodation in South Africa's 23 universities released in February, public universities can only accommodate 20 percent of the total number of contact students.

### [UCT Business School Voted Top In Africa](#)

SOURCE: Cape Business News, Posted to the web 29 October 2012

By a vote of its international peers, the UCT Graduate School of Business (UCT GSB) has been rated the top [business](#) school in Africa at the 5th Eduniversal World Convention of the Best Business Schools, held from 17 to 19 October in Lima, Peru. This is the fifth time that the UCT GSB has walked away with top honours at the event, five Palmes.

## Tanzania

### [President to launch the Nelson Mandela Institute Friday](#)

SOURCE: IPP Media, Posted to the web 29 October 2012

President Jakaya Kikwete is on Friday this week expected to officially launch the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM AIST), which is located in Tengeru area on the outskirts of Arusha city. NM-AIST is one in a network of Pan-African Institutes of Science and Technology located across the continent, which are brainchild of Nelson Mandela, and is envisioned to train and develop the next generation of African scientists and engineers with a view of impacting profoundly on the continent's development.

## Zambia

### [Research Dissemination](#)

SOURCE: University of Zambia, Posted to the web 28 October 2012

UNZA Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr Wilson Mwenya has said it is very important that UNZA should make a significant contribution to the organized body of knowledge at local, regional and international level as it was expected of the institution. Dr Mwenya said universities have been known to be engines of discovery and generators of new knowledge through the function of research.

### [Govt to spend K31trn on turning 5 institutions into universities](#)

SOURCE: The Post Online, Posted to the web 1 November 2012

GOVERNMENT will spend about K31 trillion over four years to transform five training institutions into universities, and establish a new one. Government plans to have the six institutions begin operating in the course of next year. During a visit to Chalimbana and Nkrumah teachers colleges, education permanent secretary Miriam Chinyama said government had committed itself to increasing enrolment at university level.



## Zimbabwe

### [Govt to incentivise lecturers](#)

SOURCE: Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, Posted to the web 26 October 2012

Government says it is exploring more incentives for lecturers at tertiary institutions of higher learning to improve the quality of skills training in Zimbabwe. Speaking at Morgan Zintec College graduation ceremony in Harare, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Dr Washington Mbizvo said government is committed to motivating lecturers by providing additional incentives.

### [Zimbabwe's Nano-Tech Launched](#)

SOURCE: Africa Investor, Posted to the web 26 October 2012

The Ministry of Science and Technology Development has launched nano-technology, a science discipline that involves producing products at the atomic (smallest) level. Speaking at the launch in Harare yesterday, Science and Technology Development Minister Professor Heneri Dzinotyiweyi said the advent of nano-technology would allow engineers to produce effective, durable and better quality applications that would benefit the country.