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Community Engagement NEWSLETTER

SAHECEF Board Meeting/ AGM and the National Development Plan Colloquium

Extensive preparation for the SAHECEF meetings and NDP colloquium were made for 17-18 October 2013. Below are pictures of a group of five, third year Public Management students that voluntarily assisted with these two memorable events.



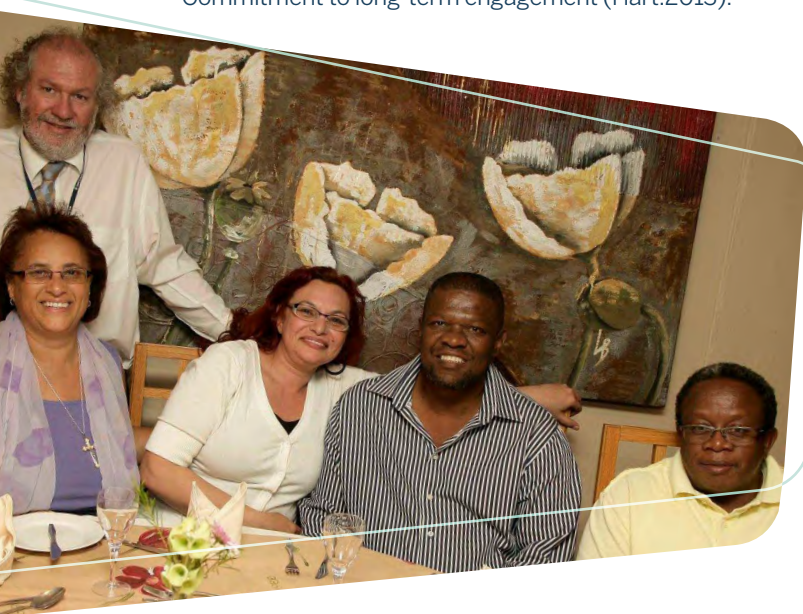
The early evening, the AGM was held and later that evening there was dinner celebrations at Emoya Estate.

The colloquium was held on 18 October 2013. It was very successful with more than 60 delegates attending. Commissioner Moloi presented the plan and what HEIs can do in achieving the goals of the NDP 2030. Questions and comments as well as further elaborations were made by Ms Percy Moleke the Presidency's Office and ex DHET, DDG.

Ms Cornel Hart, UWC captivated the audience's attention as she was able to go down to basic information and simplified the plan. Ms Hart requested that SAHECEF takes the process further by strategizing on CE and the plan would work in conjunction with each other.

NDP 2030: Key Features for Community Engagement

- Linking societal conditions within a developmental context
- Direct application of knowledge to societal conditions
- Utilization of professional & academic expertise
- Ultimate purpose is for public/common good
- New knowledge is generated with & between the target groups & the discipline
- Clear relationship between programme activities and academic departments mission
- Commitment to long-term engagement (Hart.2013).



Small Towns Symposium

Mr Johan Hattingh Lecturer in the Tourism & Events department delivered a paper at the Small Towns Symposium held end of October 2013 at the UFS. His paper, *INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS STORIES ON CROSS-BORDER TOURISM DEVELOPMENT* touched on various successful international cross-border cooperation achievements. Examples were Finnish-Swedish collaboration, The European Union, USA and Canada and in Asia a number of countries next to the Mekong River. The paper interrogated and identified the common denominator which made these regions to successfully collaborate and provided pointers for South African efforts to collaborate across provincial borders.

Written by: Mr Johan Hattingh



Appreciative Inquiry

An Appreciative Inquiry workshop was held on 15 November 2013. A group of 10 staff members (NRF researchers) participated in this workshop. Participants discovered by means self-introspection by using pictures of paintings and also indulged in painting scenarios that represented their dreams. The workshop ended on a joyous note with every participant explaining the symbolism of their painting.

Below are pictures of the paintings



Service Learning across the Globe: University of Stellenbosch and Indianapolis

The symposium had speakers from different parts of the world sharing their experiences on SL as well as Community engagement. The disciplines were varied. Best practices were shared. Of interest was the format of the symposium, poster presentations, storytelling, round table, research finding and plenary sessions.

Mrs Munsamy presented on University Community partnerships : a tool for development which encompassed the paradigm changes that CUT made in terms of its model.



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