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Regional Collaboration: Opportunities for Higher Education Development and Regional Impact in Complex Times

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DAY 1: 04 MAY 2021

TIME	ITEM
09:00 - 09:10	Official Opening and Welcome of Conference
DAY 1: SESSION 1	
THEME 1: Regional Collaboration of Higher Education in the post - COVID-19 era	
09:15 – 09:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
09:45 – 10:15	Collaboration for regional transformation: Towards a principled framework for higher education collaboration in the SADC. Professor Dhanjay Jhurry
10:15 – 10:30	Collaboration on the SDGs between the SARUA and Talloires Network.
10:30 – 11:00	Comfort Break and Networking Opportunity



<p>11:00 – 11:45 Conference Paper Presentations</p>	<p>THEME 1.1: The role of leadership in defining an agenda</p>	
	<p>11:00 – 11:15: <i>Leadership malnutrition in Africa: Critical mass deficiencies in entrepreneurial leadership in the SADC region (decontextualizing leadership in unpredictable and complex environments).</i></p>	<p>PRESENTER(S)</p> <p>MILTON GWAKWA</p>
	<p>THEME 1.2: Regional Collaboration towards achieving the SDGs</p>	
	<p>11:15 – 11:30: <i>Constraints and opportunities of attaining global goals from a Southern African perspective: A critical analysis of the role of Zambian universities during the COVID-19 era.</i></p>	<p>MUFANA LIPALILE</p>
	<p>11:30 – 11:45: <i>Digitalisation of HEIs in Africa: Paving the way towards attainment of the SDGs.</i></p>	<p>PETRA PISTOR VIMI LOCKMUN-BISSESSUR RADHAKHRISHNA SOMANAH</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:30 Panel Discussion</p>	<p>VICE-CHANCELLORS PANEL DISCUSSION: Leadership and Regional Collaboration</p>	
<p>12:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break: Networking Rooms Available</p>	

DAY 1: SESSION 2

THEME 2: Internationalisation and Regional Collaboration

THEME 2.1: SADC Protocol enabling regional collaboration

<p>14:00 - 14:30 SARUA Presentation</p> <p>14:30 – 15:00 Conference Paper Presentations</p>	THEME 2.1: SADC Protocol enabling regional collaboration	
	<p>14:00 – 14:30: <i>The SADC Protocol: 20 Years</i></p>	<p>NICO JOOSTE & SADC SECRETARIAT</p>
	<p>14:30 – 14:45: <i>The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on internationalisation in the SADC.</i></p>	<p>JOSEPH MUSONDA</p>
	<p>14:45 – 15:00: <i>The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the internationalisation and regional collaboration of SARUA universities.</i></p>	<p>MAJAHA NDLOVU</p>
	THEME 2.2: Curriculum Collaboration	
<p>15:00 – 15:15 SARUA Presentation</p>	<p>15:00 – 15:15: <i>The SARUA Climate Change Project</i></p>	<p>BOTHA KRUGER</p>



<p>15:15 – 15:30 NESO Presentation</p>	<p>15:15 – 15:30: <i>Digital Scholar: Regional postgraduate collaboration</i></p>	<p>HUBA BOSHOFF</p>
<p>THEME 2.3: South-South-North Collaboration: A case study</p>		
<p>15:30 – 15:45 Conference Paper Presentations</p>	<p>15:30 – 15:45: <i>Centre for promotion of literacy in sub-Saharan Africa: South-South-North Collaboration 2011-2020.</i></p>	<p>ROBERT SERPELL JACQUELINE JERE-FOLOTIYA</p>
<p>15:45 – 16:00</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	
<p>16:00 – 16:45 Panel Discussion</p>	<p>INTERNATIONALISATION SPECIALISTS PANEL DISCUSSION: Internationalisation and Regional Collaboration (a South-South-North discussion)</p>	
<p>END OF DAY 1</p>		

DAY 2: 05 MAY 2021

TIME	ITEM
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and Recap of Day 1
	Theme 3: Digital Transformation & Higher Education
09:10 – 09:40	PLENARY: Scoping the Space of Higher Education Digital Transformation Professor Walter Claassen
	DAY 2: SESSION 1
	CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: Digital Transformation
	STREAM 1
	STREAM 2

TIME & TITLE	PRESENTER	TIME & TITLE	PRESENTER
09:40 – 10:00 <i>A critical evaluation on challenges and opportunities that COVID-19 era brought focusing on the Digital Transformation of HEIs.</i>	ANNAH SHAMISO MANDEYA	09:40 – 10:00 <i>Digital Transformation at Botswana Open University: Turning policy into practice.</i>	DEBORAH SANOTO JOSEPH KASOZI
10:00 – 10:20 <i>Convergence of ICT and Education sector in SADC: A need for legal reform to embrace the 4th industrial revolution.</i>	PILISANO MASAKE	10:00 – 10:20 <i>COVID-19 and resilience of Universities in Mozambique: Major drifts in traditional cooperation, teaching and research.</i>	PEDRO UETELA JAMISSE TAIMO
10:20 – 10:40	Q&A Discussion	10:20 – 10:40	Q&A Discussion
10:40 – 11:00: BREAK		10:40 – 11:00: BREAK	
Theme 4: Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning			
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: Digital Transformation			
STREAM 1		STREAM 2	
TIME & TITLE	PRESENTER	TIME & TITLE	PRESENTER
11:00 – 11:20 <i>Technology Adoption: Innovations and Challenges in Learning and Teaching during and after COVID-19 Pandemic in SADC Universities.</i>	JEAN GAETAN NYURAHAYO	11:00 – 11:20 <i>Digitalization of Teaching and Learning: Experiences and Opportunities in selected Higher Learning Institutions.</i>	ROSE CHIKOPELA FRANCIS STANLEY SIKANYIKA CYNTHIA NANDI KALIZINJE GRACE SONDASHI



11:20 – 11:40 <i>COVID-19 catalysed online assessments in chemical engineering courses.</i>	KUVEN MOODLEY	11:20 – 11:40 <i>Online teaching and learning in developing countries: the role of the lecturer.</i>	DIOCLECIANOJOAO RAUL NHATUVE
11:40 – 12:00	Q&A Discussion	11:40 – 12:00	Q&A Discussion
12:00 – 12:30	The right digital fit: Deciding on a digital platform		Yaron Assabi
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break: Networking Rooms Available		
DAY 2: SESSION 2			
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: Digital Transformation			
STREAM 1		STREAM 2	
13:30 – 13:50 <i>Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning through the HyFlex Approach at a Private Transnational Higher Education Institution in Mauritius.</i>	SWETA ROUT-HOOLASHA DENISHA SEEDOYAL-SEEREEKISSOON	13:30 – 13:50 <i>A critical reflection on the integration of blended models of learning to improve pedagogies in higher education.</i>	SELINA RAMAPELA

13:50 – 14:10 <i>Challenges of e-learning during covid-19 pandemic: perspectives of university nursing students from a resource-constraint setting.</i>	VISTOLINA NUUYOMA LEONARD CHIHURURU	13:50 – 14:10 <i>Assessing Synchronous and Asynchronous teaching during and after the Pandemic at the Université des Mascareignes.</i>	NIRMAL KUMAR BETCHOO
14:10 – 14:30	Q&A Discussion	14:10 – 14:30	Q&A Discussion
14:30 – 14:50 <i>Ramifications of ease-of-use, access to and acceptance of 4IR technologies in Science teacher preparation.</i>	ANASS BAYAGA	14:30 – 14:50 <i>Students' perception towards the use of online tutoring systems to deliver lessons: A case of the industrial design students of the University of Botswana.</i>	VICTOR RUELE & GERALD KENNEDY
14:50 – 15:10 <i>Challenges faced by university students in the 21st century skills. A case of a University in Matabeleland, North Province, Zimbabwe.</i>	DORIS CHASOKELA	14:50 - 15:10 <i>Digital transformation in Higher Education: Reshaping Student Experience at Middlesex University Mauritius.</i>	DALILAH KALLA NUSREEN ROZAH DENISHA SEEDOYAL- SEEREKISSOON
15:10 – 15:30	Q&A Discussion	15:10 – 15:30	Q&A Discussion
15:30 – 15:50 <i>The Transition of Universities from Face-to-Face teaching to Online.</i>	NATALIE INTJA	15:30 – 15:50 <i>Towards regional collaboration and partnership in teacher education: post-COVID-19 prospects and opportunities.</i>	INERO ANCHO
15:50 – 16:10 <i>Enabling a global classroom by leveraging Extended, Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality in teaching and learning.</i>	BEN KOTZE	15:50 – 16:10 <i>When north/south research thinking converges – A new innovation at the individual level.</i>	RENÉ PELLISSIER & FERNANDO DE SOUZA
16:10 – 16:40 Panel Discussion	VICE-CHANCELLORS PANEL DISCUSSION: Digital transformation and the University of the Future.		



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