

SARUA Virtual Colloquium Series 2021

SARUA launched its much anticipated Colloquium Series on Higher Education Collaboration for Regional Development in May 2021. The first Colloquium held on 19 May 2021 was a success. Professor Dhanjay Jhurry from the University of Mauritius was the main speaker and discussed practical approaches around the topic of *Higher Education Collaboration for Regional Development in a Post Covid-19 era with a specific focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*.

The rest of Series will explore the importance of collaboration to guide approaches to internationalisation and higher education digital transformation in a post COVID-19 environment. The digital colloquia series will provide the SADC higher education community with the opportunity to reflect on its role in regional development. This will include a collective response to the SDGs, approach to internationalisation, and the important opportunities and challenges of digital transformation.

The complete Colloquia schedule can be found below. Furthermore, an outline of each Colloquium is included.

2021 SARUA Colloquia Schedule:

All colloquiums to start @ 15:00 SAST				
Series	Topic	Date	Duration	Platform
Colloquium 1	Regional Collaboration of Higher Education in the post - COVID-19 era with specific focus on the SDG's.	19 May 2021	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 2	Higher Education Internationalisation – Regional and South-South-North Collaboration guiding future Internationalisation	28 May 2021	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 3	Regional Collaboration in achieving some of the SDG goals – A case study – Climate Change.	TBC (end of June)	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 4	Digital Transformation of Higher Education in the SADC.	02 June 2021	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 5	Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning.	04 June 2021	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 6	Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning.	09 June 2021	90 min	Zoom
Colloquium 7	Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning: The Student experience.	11 June 2021	90 min	Zoom

Through facilitating these engagements, SARUA's vision is to develop a clear understanding of how SARUA can develop a digital Regional Space where Higher Education Institutions and Associations can collaborate in the promotion of a vibrant SADC Higher Education Space. In these times where we need to embrace the opportunities of digital innovation, the SARUA digital colloquium series presents a significant opportunity to engage in a comprehensive process of sensemaking around the importance of regional collaboration so that the SADC higher education community can make an effective contribution to regional development, as articulated in various SADC policy and planning documents.

Outlines of Colloquiums included below:

Colloquium One: Regional Collaboration of Higher Education in the post - COVID-19 era with specific focus on the SDG's.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Presentation	A Practical approach for a more efficient contribution of Universities in the SADC to the SDG's.	Professor Dhanjay Jhurry (Univ of Mauritius – MU)	90 min
Vice Chancellor's Discussion Panel			

Colloquium Two: Higher Education Internationalisation – Regional and South-South-North Collaboration guiding future Internationalisation.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Introduction	Introduction to Colloquium topic: Internationalisation and Regional Collaboration – with specific focus on the SADC education protocol.	Dr Nico Jooste (AFRIC – ZA)	90 min
Topic 1	Leadership malnutrition in Africa: Critical mass deficiencies in entrepreneurial leadership in the SADC region (decontextualizing leadership in unpredictable and complex environments).	Milton Gwakwa (BA ISAGO University – BW)	
Topic 2	Centre for promotion of literacy in sub-Saharan Africa: South-South-North Collaboration 2011-2020.	Robert Serpell Jacqueline Jere-Folotiya (Univ of Zambia – ZM)	
Topic 3	The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on internationalisation in the SADC.	Joseph Musonda (UNICAF University – ZM)	
Topic 4	The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the internationalisation and regional collaboration of SARUA universities.	Majaha Ndlovu (BA ISAGO University – BW)	
Topic 5	When north/south research thinking converges – A new innovation at the individual level.	René Pellissier (CHEC – ZA) Fernando De Souza (PT)	
Internationalisation Specialists Panel Discussion			

Colloquium Three: Regional Collaboration in achieving some of the SDG goals – A case study – Climate Change.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Topic 1	The SARUA climate change project.	Botha Kruger (SARUA – ZA)	30 min
	Introduction to the continuation of the climate change project.	Climate Change Specialist	20 min
Panel Discussion – Specialists in Climate Change from SARUA Member Universities			

Colloquium Four: Digital Transformation of Higher Education – SADC Experiences.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Topic 1	Scoping the Space of Higher Education Digital Transformation.	Professor Walter Claassen (SARUA – ZA)	90 min
Topic 2	A critical evaluation on challenges and opportunities that COVID-19 era brought focusing on the Digital Transformation of HEIs.	Annah Shamiso Mandeya (Arrupe Jesuit University – ZW)	
Topic 3	Convergence of ICT and Education sector in SADC: A need for legal reform to embrace the 4th industrial revolution.	Pilisano Masake (NUST – NA)	
Topic 4	COVID-19 and resilience of Universities in Mozambique: Major drifts in traditional cooperation, teaching and research.	Pedro Uetela (Univ of Western Cape – ZA) Jamisse Taimo (Polytechnic Univ of Mozambique – MZ)	
Panel Discussion			

Colloquium Five: Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Topic 1	Digital Transformation at Botswana Open University: Turning policy into practice.	Deborah Sanoto Joseph Kasozi (Botswana Open University – BW)	90 min
Topic 2	Digitalization of Teaching and Learning: Experiences and Opportunities in selected Higher Learning Institutions.	Rose Chikopela Francis Stanley Sikanyika Cynthia Nandi Kalizinje Grace Sondashi (ZM)	
Topic 3	COVID-19 catalysed online assessments in chemical engineering courses.	Kuven Moodley (UKZN – ZA)	
Topic 4	Technology Adoption: Innovations and Challenges in Learning and Teaching during and after COVID-19 Pandemic in SADC Universities.	Jean Gaetan Nyurahayo (Arrupe Jesuit Univ – ZW)	

Colloquium Six: Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Topic 1	Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning through the HyFlex Approach at a Private Transnational Higher Education Institution in Mauritius.	Sweta Rout-Hoolasha Denisha Seedoyal- Seereekissoon (Middlesex Univ – MU)	90 min
Topic 2	A critical reflection on the integration of blended models of learning to improve pedagogies in higher education.	Selina Ramapela (Univ of Limpopo – ZA)	
Topic 3	Assessing Synchronous and Asynchronous teaching during and after the Pandemic at the Université des Mascareignes.	Nirmal Kumar Betchoo (Université des Mascareignes Beau Plan – MU)	

Colloquium Seven: Digital Transformation of Teaching and Learning: The Student Experience.

Topic	Title	Presenter/Authors	Duration
Topic 1	Digital transformation in Higher Education: Reshaping Student Experience at Middlesex University Mauritius.	Dalilah Kalla Nusreen Rozah Denisha Seedoyal- Seereekissoon (Middlesex Univ – MU)	90 min
Topic 2	Enabling a global classroom by leveraging Extended, Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality in teaching and learning.	Ben Kotze (Central Univ of Technology – ZA)	
Topic 3	Challenges of e-learning during covid-19 pandemic: perspectives of university nursing students from a resource-constraint setting.	Vistolina Nuuyoma Leonard Chihururu (Univ of Namibia – NA)	
Panel Discussion			