

Circular 3, 2014

Dear Member Vice Chancellors,

Please find below the draft programme for our May 5th+6th Climate Compatible Development Leadership dialogue. We are in discussion with the Minister of Science and Technology in SA as well as the International Council of Science and other international experts to deliver keynote addresses.

**Climate Compatible Development (CCD);
Opportunities for Collaborative Research in the SADC region.**

May 5th & 6th, Spier Conference Centre, Western Cape, South Africa

Climate Compatible Development requires universities to conduct inter- and trans-disciplinary research into how to mitigate, adapt to and develop within, climate change. Africa is one of the continents most vulnerable to climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the IPCC. Additional stressors, such as those arising from poverty, exacerbate this exposure to risk; Africa faces huge developmental and financial challenges in adapting to climate change.

SARUA has completed the first phase of its Climate Change Capacity Development Programme which aims to create a knowledge co-production framework for southern african researchers, the first of its kind in Africa. Universities in 12 of the 15 countries of SADC participated in the study, alongside other key stakeholders. For the first time, universities and governments deliberated together on this pressing subject. This has resulted in a 2-volume publication that captures both regional and country by country knowledge needs and gaps and an analysis of how universities are currently responding to these challenges. This holds promise for future regional collaboration on a unique scale.

The SARUA CCD project findings offer direction for research collaboration and network formations in the SADC region. VCs and their DVCs of research and partnerships are invited to a consultative Leadership Dialogue to engage with the research findings and to discuss potential research networks.

On May 5th & 6th the research mapping study report on Climate Compatible Development will be launched and university leadership can decide on establishing research consortia.

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Day One	
Time	Activities
08h00 – 08h30	Coffee and tea
08h30 – 08h45	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – SARUA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piyushi Kotecha – CEO: SARUA
08H45 – 09H15	OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speaker (To Be Confirmed)
09h15 – 09h30	SARUA MAPPING STUDY AND PROGRAMME OVERVIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botha Kruger – Director: Higher Education Management Africa
09h30 – 10h00	THE RELEVANCE OF THE SARUA PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Mark New – Pro Vice-Chancellor: University of Cape Town
10h00 – 10h15	Tea/coffee
10h15 – 11h15	PRESENTATION OF MAPPING STUDY NEEDS ANALYSIS - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny Urquhart – Independent Climate Change Expert
11h15 – 12h15	PRESENTATION OF MAPPING STUDY INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka – Director: Environmental Learning Research Centre, Rhodes University
12h15 – 13h00	PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE CO-PRODUCTION FRAMEWORK - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny Urquhart & Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 15h00	PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE CO-PRODUCTION FRAMEWORK - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny Urquhart & Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka (continued)
15h00 – 15h45	PRESENTATION OF NETWORK DEVELOPMENT APPROACH - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botha Kruger – Director: Higher Education Management Africa
15h45 – 16h15	DISCUSSION OF DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS AND SUMMARY - Facilitated discussion
Day Two	
08h00 – 08h30	Coffee and tea
08h30 – 08h45	RECAP OF DAY 1 Facilitated discussion
08h45 – 10h00	PRESENTATION OF SARUA PROGRAMME ROADMAP - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2: Transformation Phase 3: Network development Research themes and network definition process (2014) Key roles and responsibilities policy outreach, higher education policy & strategy Expression of Interest process (2014 – 2015) Opportunities for university participation
10h00 – 10h30	Tea/coffee
10h30 – 11h00	PROGRAMME DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key outputs, documents and messages Communications approach Online publication
11h00 – 12h30	OVERVIEW OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STAGE - Facilitated discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timelines and approach University requirements Network initiation and configuration – key steps and requirements Research theme finalisation process Benefits of participation Network roles and responsibilities
12h30 – 13h00	CLOSURE AND CONFIRMATION OF NEXT STEPS
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch