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Dear SARUA member

INVITATION TO THE SARUA/SARIMA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SARUA and SARIMA (Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association) have been in conversation over the last two years and are pleased to announce the formation of a partnership. We would like to invite you or a nominated representative from your institution to participate in a Leadership Institute on **6 July 2014** at the Gaborone International Convention Centre in Gaborone, Botswana.

The Leadership institute is targeted at those tasked with the leadership of research at Southern African Universities and Research Institutions including Vice Chancellors, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Directors of Research and Deans of Faculties. It will provide learning and sharing opportunities on issues of critical importance to Southern African and international leaders of research and innovation who are facing a challenging and opportunity-filled period. The program will make provision for formal presentations by international speakers as well as a panel discussion by experienced upper level decision-makers as well as ample opportunity for peer to peer interaction and discussion. The programme outline follows on Page 2 of this Circular. International and regional speakers are being confirmed and the final programme will be sent once available.

Please note that this event will take place prior to the SARIMA conference that will be held at the same venue (information on the conference is available at www.sarimaconference.co.za). The conference theme is *Striving Towards Global Research & Innovation Excellence* and the programme is attached for your reference.

Participation in the Leadership Institute is free of charge to SARUA members and SARIMA and SARUA wishes to thank the Department of Science and Technology in South Africa for their financial support towards hosting this event. Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

We are looking forward to your participation and sincerely hope that you will be available to join the other research leaders in southern Africa at this event.

Please confirm attendance and direct any enquiries to Dr Karin Dyason by **23 June 2014:**

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Regards,
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Leadership Institute

6 July 2014

Gaborone International Convention Centre, Botswana

Programme Outline

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08:30	Welcome Remarks
08:40	Objectives and Sharing of Research Leadership Scoping Study Findings
09:00	Session 1: Executive Collaboration: Leading in an Era of Uncertainty and Change
	Regional perspectives Part 1: Hot Topics: "Challenges We Face Here and Now" Part 1 of this interactive session will encourage participants to identify and discuss emerging issues that are currently impacting individual organizations, the viability of the research environment, as well as the profession of research administration at the upper managerial level. Key issues and potential solutions will be shared and analyzed.
10:00	Refreshment break
10:30	Part 2: Preparing for Change: "Challenges Just Over the Horizon" Part 2 of this group participatory session will examine the changing research administration landscape and the impact of changes to come. The focus will be on anticipating and visualizing the impact of change on individual and organizational viability and performance. Part 3: Coming to Consensus: "What Works and What Doesn't" Group will collaboratively generate talking points for a discussion paper to be developed and shared with stakeholders.
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Session 2: Panel Discussion on Leadership and Global Excellence
	International and regional panelists
16:00	Refreshment Break
16:30	Leadership Institute Discussion Points and Key Messages
17:30	Networking Drinks & Dinner <i>Bai Sheng Asian Restaurant</i>

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