



Circular 8, 2014 – June 20th

Dear Member Vice Chancellors,

SARIMA Leadership Institute Conference

Striving Towards Global Research & Innovation Excellence

Please find below the confirmed programme of the 1-day SARIMA conference to be held in Gaborone, Botswana on July 6th. This conference is the first in a partnership between SARUA and SARIMA (Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association). **Participation in the Leadership Institute is free of charge to SARUA members.** SARIMA and SARUA wish 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.

Please direct any enquiries to SARIMA's Project Manager
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We trust that you find the conference useful and please provide us with feedback.

Regards, Catherine Hunter, SARUA Membership and Programmes Coordinator

**Leadership Institute
6 July 2014**

Gaborone International Convention Centre, Botswana

SESSION 1

Chair: *Dr. Patrick Molutsi, Executive Director, Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), Botswana*

08:30

Welcome Remarks

Prof Aldo Stroebel, Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) President and Executive Director, International Relations and Cooperation, National Research Foundation, South Africa

Nobantu Kalake, Country Director, British Council, Botswana

08:40

Workshop Objectives & Sharing of Scoping Study Findings

Dr. Jose Jackson-Malete, President-Elect, SARIMA and Director Research and Partnerships, Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation

Dr. Karin Dyason, Project Manager, Capacity Development and Professionalisation, SARIMA

09:00

Regional Perspectives on Leadership in Southern African HEIs

09:30

Executive Collaboration: Leading in an Era of Uncertainty and Change

Part 1: 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.

Dr. Michael Owen, Vice-President Research, Innovation and International, University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Society of Research Administrators (SRA) representative

Dr. John Kirkland, Deputy Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities

11:00 **Refreshment break**

11:30 **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

Groups will collaboratively generate talking points for the Leadership Institute discussion paper to be developed and shared with stakeholders.

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13:00 **Lunch**

SESSION 2

Chair: **Prof Hillary I. Inyang**, Vice-Chancellor, Botswana International University of Science and Technology

14:00 **Panel Discussion on Leadership and Global Excellence**

Panelists will look at challenges, successes, opportunities and the future of leadership of research in Higher Education Institutions.

Challenges with achieving research excellence at a PUI

- **Prof Primrose Kurasha**, Vice-Chancellor, Open University, Zimbabwe

Leadership Traits needed for the 21st Century Research Enterprise

- **Prof Otlogetswe Totolo**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, University of Botswana

The role of leadership in achieving research Excellence

- **Prof Stephanie Burton**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, University of Pretoria

Internationalization, Leadership and Excellence

- **Prof Alice Pell**, Former Vice Provost, International Relations, Cornell University

Opportunities and the Future of Leadership in Research and Innovation Excellence

- **Dr. Petro Terblanche**, Managing Director: Pelchem SOC Ltd. South Africa

16:00 **Refreshment Break**

16:30 **Discussion Points and Key Messages**

Prof Aldo Stroebel, SARIMA President and Executive Director, International Relations and Cooperation, National Research Foundation, South Africa

17:30 **Networking Drinks and Dinner - Bai Sheng Asian Restaurant**

