

Africa Deans of Education Forum established in Nairobi, Kenya

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On 29 July 2013 the Africa Deans of Education Forum (ADEF) was established on the Kenya Science Campus of the University of Nairobi. The Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria, Prof Irma Eloff, and the acting Deputy-Vice Chancellor (and former Dean of Education) of the University of Nairobi, Prof Henry Mutoro, initiated and hosted the event.

Prof Bob Moon, from the Open University (United Kingdom) served as distinguished guest during the meeting.

The need to establish a continental forum for deans of education received full support from all attendees, eg deans of education in Africa or their delegated representatives. Transnational initiatives in education research and quality teacher education were discussed. The importance of the 'African voice' within global education discourses was emphasised and potential priorities for such a forum were discussed.

It was decided that the deans will meet annually and that an electronic platform would be created to strengthen ties between African faculties of education. The next meeting will take place in Pretoria, South Africa, in mid-2014. Organisational and operational structures and future priorities will be discussed in Pretoria.

The first signatories to the establishment of the Africa Deans of Education Forum (ADEF) are:

- Irma Eloff, *University of Pretoria*
- Henry Mutoro, *University of Nairobi*
- Honoratha MK Mushi, *University of Tanzania*
- Joseph Bosire, *Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology*
- Francisco Januário, *Eduardo Mondlane University*
- Kitila Mkumbo, *Dar es Salaam University College of Education, Tanzania*
- Amani Ibrahim Abed Alfagar, *University of Sudan*
- Albert A Saah (on behalf of) IK Dontwi, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana*
- Charmaine B Villet, *University of Namibia*
- Patrick a Kafu, *University of Eldoret, Kenya*
- Paul Goldschagg, *University of the Witwatersrand*
- Di Wilmot, *Rhodes University*
- Elias W Chakwera, *University of Tanzania*
- I O Saluwo, *National Open University of Nigeria*
- Denise Zinn, *Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University*
- David Ngidi, *Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT)*
- Mopelola Omoogun, *University of Lagos, Nigeria*
- Martin Dwomoh-Tweneboah, *Linfield College, USA, Catholic University of Mozambique*
- Kuzvinetsa Peter Dzvimbo, *University of South Africa*
- Samson Ngunga, *University of Nairobi*
- Harriet Kidombo, *University of Nairobi*
- Afful Broni, *University of Education, Winneba*
- Joseph Bosire, *Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology*
- Manie Spamer, *(on behalf of) North-West University*
- Ruth Manguthinguri, *Mount Kenya University*
- Misia Kadenyi, *Maasai Mara University*

It is envisioned that the forum will span Anglophone, Francophone, Lusophone and Arabic Africa.

The discussions were facilitated by Prof Kuzvinetsa Peter Dzvimbo, the Dean of the College of Education at Unisa.

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