

SARUA

Southern Africa Regional Universities Association

Higher Education's leadership rôle in providing leaders, developing new science and technology, stimulating commerce, and reducing poverty in Southern Africa

Why an Association?

- Not simply a 'club'
- Programme focused & outcomes based
- Participation based on a set of principles
- Leadership & linkage function
- Resource Network
- Advocacy rôle

SADC and NEPAD

- Responsive to regional leadership policies and imperatives
- Intellectual driver
- Seen as a vital partner in social, economic and cultural development

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The Programme

- Start-up with manageable goals addressing key priority issues for HE institutions
- Consistent with regional needs
- Producing short and medium term **value-added products**
- Incentives for membership and for buying into 'the programme'
- Draw on existing disconnected initiatives and international best practice
- Develop long-term visions & strategies

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Start-up Focus Areas

- ICT
- Leadership Development
- HIV/AIDS
- Science & Technology

Research ● Symposia ● Innovation Fund

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ICT Objectives

- To support the expansion of reliable, cost-effective and high-speed internet connectivity for all SARUA members
- To support the development of a regional ICT bandwidth consortium
- To promote better management and use of ICT, especially with regard to bandwidth, research and teaching applications, and regional and international collaborations
- To champion issues of intellectual property and copyright, especially challenging the privatisation of public information, research and knowledge regionally, and internationally.

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How will it do it?

Donors/ Funders
Peer Associations
Technical Partners
Private Sector

Frameworks

- Leadership
- Programmes
- Infrastructure
- Research

Platform

All major HE
institutions
in 14
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SADC
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ICT

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Management

- Board of Members
- Executive Committee
- Programme Coordination Unit
- De-concentrated Implementation of Key Programmes

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