



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the South African Technology Network (SATN) and the European University of Applied Sciences Network (UASnet).

Background

The SATN and UASnet made initial contact in 2009 after which a representative from UASnet attended the 3rd Annual SATN Conference in 2010. The Director: SATN Secretariat also delivered a paper at the UASnet Conference in Bragança in September/October 2012. We welcome the strengthening of ties between both organizations, given the many similarities we share with each other on the subjects of Higher Education, Applied Research, curriculum development and student/staff mobility.

Mission

The SATN was established in order to:

- promote the common interests of the UoT's
- present the views of the Universities of Technology on a national and international level
- Influence the development of National Education and Training policies in accordance with nature and character of the Universities of Technology
- promote mobility and employability of University of Technology students
- promote academic quality by building strong Universities of Technology
- promote relevant research and development
- assist with the transfer of appropriate technologies
- promote co-operation between the universities and commerce and industry

The SATN:

- provides a forum to discuss higher education issues at the universities of technology, including work integrated learning(WIL), teaching, research training, technological innovation and technology transfer;
- advocates the needs, interests and purposes of technological higher education and their communities to government, industry and other groups;
- develops policy positions and guidelines on various related higher education matters;
- encourages international co-operation;
- fosters links and exchanges of information with similar organizations in higher education in South Africa and abroad;
- acts as a source of information about South African technology higher education institutions;
- shares best practices in higher education.

The UASnet mission is to promote and to strengthen the role of professional higher education. It also aims to integrate the UAS sector into the European Research and Innovation strategy. By doing this it will contribute to European economic development. The UAS conduct research on an applied and fundamental nature and are engaged in translating the research results into professional education.

The core tasks for the network are:

- to represent the UAS sector in European higher education landscape;
- to insure input from the UAS sector into relevant European policies;
- to facilitate knowledge development and innovation;
- to support international networking between Universities of Applied Sciences

Purpose of MOU

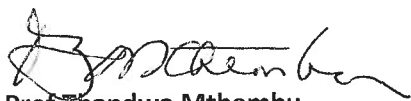
Purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework for the development of cooperation between the partners in higher education, research and innovation. Therefore a memorandum of understanding has been agreed with the following primary list of concrete proposals for further cooperation:

- Exchange current developments and best practices in the field of higher education, research and innovation;
- Facilitate linkages between the partner institutions in research and innovation;
- Encourage student and staff mobility and joint curriculum development.

Commencement of agreement

This MOU shall be effective as of June 2013.

For SATN



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