Creating South Africa (Consortium for Research on Educational Access Transitions & Equity in Education) Policy Dialogue Conference

Getting to 2025: Meeting the Twin Imperatives of Equity and Quality in Education

25 July 2011

Day 1: CREATE Global Symposium and Launch – Making Rights Realities

Venue: Council Chambers, Madibeng Building, University of Johannesburg

16:00-16:15 Welcome and Overview
Professor Adam Habib, DVC Research, Innovation and Advancement, University of Johannesburg

16:15-16:45 Formal Opening of the CREATE Symposium and Conference
Mr. Enver Surty - The Honourable Deputy Minister of Basic Education

16:45-17:00 The lead up to 2025: Reflections on Navigating Road Maps in South Africa
Professor Shireen Motala
Director, Postgraduate Centre: Research and Innovation, University of Johannesburg

17:00-17:30 Keynote address
Education for All: Who gets What and Why? Global Insights from the CREATE Research Programme on Access, Equity and Transitions
Professor Keith Lewin
Director of the Centre for International Education at the University of Sussex and Director of the CREATE Research Partnership

17:30-17:50 Keynote Discussant
Between the Global and the Local: Equity and Quality in South African Education
Professor Linda Chisholm
Special Advisor to the Minister of Basic Education, DBE

17:50-18:30 Panel Discussion
Between the Global and the Local: Contributions from India, Ghana and Bangladesh

Professor Joseph Ghartey, Dean of Education, University of Cape Coast - Ghana
Dr Manzoor Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow - BRAC University – Bangladesh
Dr Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, Senior Lecturer, National University of Education Planning and Administration, New Delhi, India
Dr Yusuf Sayed, Reader, University of Sussex

18:30 -19:00 Discussion and Comments

19:00-19:30 Launch of CREATE Publications
Deputy Minister Enver Surty and Professor Keith Lewin

19:30 -19:40 Acknowledgements and Closure
Professor Sarah Gravett
Executive Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Johannesburg

CREATE Reception - Light supper and cocktails and CREATE Book Display
26 July 2011

Day 2: CREATE South Africa Policy Dialogue Conference

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Venue: Staff Lounge, Bohlaleng Block, Wits School of Education, University of the Witwatersrand, Parktown, Johannesburg

Session 1: Overview and Summary

Chairperson: Dr Trevor Coombe
Internal Consultant to the Department of Basic Education

08:30-09:00 Arrival and registration

09:00 -09:10 Welcome
Professor Ruksana Osman, Head, Wits School of Education

09:10 -09:20 Introductory remarks
Professor Tawana Kupe
Dean: Faculty of Humanities, University of the Witwatersrand

09:20 -09:50 Opening Plenary: Getting to 2025: The Road Ahead
Mr. Bobby Soobrayan, Director-General, Department of Basic Education

09:50-10:10 Re-Conceptualising Access and Taking Targets to Task
Professor Keith Lewin, CREATE International Director, University of Sussex

10:10-10:30 Does Increasing Access to Schools Come at the Expense of Quality Education?
Findings from CREATE Research in South Africa
Professor Shireen Motala, University of Johannesburg and Ms Veerle Dieltiens, Wits Education Policy Unit

10:30-11:00 Questions and comments

11:00-11:30 Tea
Session 2: Negotiating the Terrain of Quantity and Quality in Education

Chairperson: Dr Trevor Coombe

11:30-13:00 Panel 1: Finding place

Who is out of School? Evidence from the Community Survey 2007, South Africa
Professor Brahm Fleisch, Wits School of Education
Seeds of their Struggle: The Features of Underage and Overage Enrolment in South Africa
Dr Nick Taylor, Joint Education Services
South Africa’s School Going Culture, Who is in School and Out? Findings from a Large Scale Survey
Sarah Meny-Gilbert and Bev Russell, Social Surveys
Equity and Access to Learning in the Western Cape
Dr David Gilmour, University of Cape Town

Discussion and Comments

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Chairperson: Professor Linda Chisholm
Ministry of Basic Education

14:00-15:00 Panel 2: Keeping pace

Testing Access: An Assessment of Epistemological Access to Numeracy
Carla Pereira, Joint Education Services
Reading between the Lines: Examining “Opportunity to Learn” in a Sample of Eastern Cape Schools
Professor Hamsa Venkat, Wits School of Education
The Return Home: Parental Involvement in Children’s Education
Gift Luxomo, Wits EPU and Elvis Ngwenya, University of Fort Hare

Questions and comments

Session 3: Policy Insights

Chairperson - Dr Hersheela Narsee
Department of Basic Education

15:00-15:20 Getting Policy Right
Dr Yusuf Sayed, Reader, Centre for International Education, University of Sussex

Professor Joseph Gharthey (Ghana), Dr Manzoor Ahmed (Bangladesh) and Dr Madhumita Bandyopadhyay (India)

15:45-16:00 Discussion
Chairperson - Shireen Motala

16:00-16:30 Discussions: Priorities, Probabilities and Possibilities towards 2025: Panel Discussion of Policy Implications and Ways Forward in South Africa
   Bobby Soobrayan, David Gilmour, Firoz Patel (DDG – DHET) and a Representative of the National Planning Commission

16:30-16:45 Discussion and comments from the floor

16:45-17:00 Closure and Acknowledgements
   Keith Lewin, Professor Peliwe Lolwana and Ruksana Osman

CREATE Publications Display and Tea
Wednesday, 27th July

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY CREATE SOUTH AFRICA AND CENTRE FOR INDIAN STUDIES IN SOUTH AFRICA (CISA), UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Venue: Hofmeyr House, East Campus University of the Witwatersrand

DAY 3: Insights from CREATE International Partners: Cross National Comparisons on Equity and Quality in Education – Making Rights Realities

09:15-09:30 Welcome : Professor Dilip Menon , CISA and Shireen Motala

Chairpersons: Professor Crain Soudien and Dr Yusuf Sayed

09:30-10:00 Changing Patterns of Access: Insights from Research in Bangladesh
Dr Manzoor Ahmed, BRAC University, Bangladesh

Discussant: Alex Kent, Director, Campaign for Global Equality

10:00-10:30 Discussion

10:30-11:00 Tea

11:00-12:00 Gender, Caste and Class: Changing Patterns of Access in Madyha Pradesh and Chattisgarh, India
Dr Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, National University of Education Planning and Administration, New Delhi, India

Beyond Universal Access to Elementary Education in India: Is it Achievable at Affordable Costs?
Professor Keith Lewin, University of Sussex

Discussant: Piyushi Kotecha , CEO, Southern African Regional Universities Association ( SARUA)

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

13:30 -14:00 Out of School Children and Drop-outs: Changing Patterns of Access in Ghana
Professor Joseph Gharney, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Discussant: Paul Kgobe, Centre for Education Policy Development

14:00- 14:30 Discussion

14:30-15:30 Round Table Panel Discussion : Moderator : Professor Isabel Hofmeyer (Wits)
Representatives from Action Aid, Unicef, UNESCO SA Commission, GCE and CDE to contribute to Panel

14:00-14:30 Tea and Closure – Keith Lewin, Veerle Dieltiens and Shireen Motala