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CREATE 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



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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 Diltiens**,
Wits Education Policy Unit

10:30-11:00 Questions and comments

11:00-11:30 Tea



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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

15:20-15:45 Insights from CREATE International Partners: The South African Case and Cross National Comparisons on Equity and Quality in Education
Professor Joseph Ghartey (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



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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 Susssex
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 Ghartey, 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