

Differentiation: Diversity and Stratification

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June 2011

L'ERMITAGE, Franschhoek, Cape Town, South Africa

Background and Aims of Meeting

It is differentiation time again. Following the 'historic' 2010 HE Summit University World News reported: "Almost 16 years after 1994, at the Higher Education Summit of the Minister, a broad spectrum of the South African higher education community accepted differentiation as a strategy to bring greater diversity and mission for purpose into the system."

Following the HE summit, at an informal meeting of the Minister and the DHET in June 2010, CHET was asked to continue to do work about implementation challenges, for which CHET received a modest grant from the Ford Foundation. At a November 2010 SANTED meeting we reported on some further cluster analyses and linked with work done at NMMU and UJ as part of the SANTED project. This workshop is a follow on from there.

What gives some urgency to this workshop is that CHET has been asked to facilitate a workshop for HESA (27 July) at which there will be a dialogue between the Ministers of Science and Technology, Higher Education and Training and the Vice-chancellors.

The **main aims** of this workshop will be to:

- Share insights and research
- Map out what research would be necessary to inform differentiation
- What are the key issues on which agreements have to be reached in order to implement differentiation

The workshop will NOT aim to develop a CHE 2000 style Model for differentiation.

Programme

Tuesday 21 June 2011

17h00	Registration and settling in
18h30	Ian Bunting and Trish Gibbon – Reflections on differentiation Nico Cloete and Charles Sheppard – Empirical snapshots of a differentiated system Rolf Stumpf - The slow but steady erosion of different knowledge platforms as a base for differentiation
20h00	Supper at 20h00



Wednesday, 22 June 2011

08h00	Break fast
08h30	Brief presentations (15 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Johann Mouton – Research differentiation• Lukas Stoop – Fields of study concentration• Martin Oosthuizen – Programme types• Trish Gibbon – Internal differentiation
10h45	Tea
11h00	Nico Cloete – Structured discussion
12h30	Summing up – Jo Muller and Ian Bunting
13h30	Light lunch and closure

Some documents:

SOUTH AFRICA: New university clusters emerge

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20100523104119724>

Higher Education Homogeneity on the Rise

http://www.chet.org.za/webfm_send/372

Differentiation Accepted after 16 Years

<http://www.chet.org.za/content/differentiation-accepted-after-16-years>

Report on Commission 4: Differentiation

http://www.cepd.org.za/files/HESummit_Commission4_Differentiation.pdf

Full Summit Declaration

<http://www.chet.org.za/files/u2/DECLARATION.pdf>