



Dialogue on Differentiation in Higher Education

Date: Friday Evening, 3 November to
Sunday Lunch, 5 November 2006
Venue: Lemoenkloof Guest House, Paarl

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Differentiation is a central issue facing higher education in South Africa. However, this is not only a South African issue. At the CHER conference (September 2006, Kassel Germany) the theme of the conference was “System Convergence, Institutional Diversity” and most of the big names in higher education studies spoke about it – Teichler, Scott, Van Vught, Dill. From these discussions it became clear that a discussion about differentiation, or diversity, needs to be contextualised within a broader socio-political, system governance and funding framework. During discussions with a number of prominent persons in higher education it has become clear that there is a need for informal dialogue between different stakeholders. The dialogue will be, as is the tradition with CHET, not between constituencies, but amongst a group of high level participants who can exchange views without representing stakeholder positions.

The three framing discussions will be:

- Higher Education, Skills and Development- Pundy Pillay and Paul Lundall
- Differentiation: Debates and Implementation- Nico Cloete, Mala Singh and Molapo Qhobela
- Implications for Funding: Government, Students, Third Stream- Rolf Stumpf

PROGRAMME

Friday, 3 November 2006

19h00 Dinner at Lemoenkloof Guest House

Saturday, 4 November 2006

07h30-08h30 Breakfast

09h00 Higher Education, Skills and Development- Pundy Pillay and Paul Lundall

10h30 Tea

11h00 Differentiation Debates- Nico Cloete and Mala Singh

13h00 Lunch

14h30 A Differentiated Higher Education System in SA - Molapo Qhobela

16h00 Coffee

16h15 Discussion Continued

17h30 Break

19h30 Dinner at Lemoenkloof Guest House

Sunday, 5 November 2006

08h00-09h00 Breakfast

09h00-10h30 Implications for Funding: Government, Students, Third Stream– Rolf Stumpf

10h30 Tea

11h00 Summing Up

12h30 Departure