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May Newsletter

Below we list three new publications by CHET. The two dealing with 'Performance Indicators' and 'Higher Education and Development' signal part of a new focus for CHET. On 23 June 2005 CHET and Umalusi are hosting a seminar on "Matric: What is to be done?" This seminar of senior educationalists will discuss the findings and issues such as what is the purpose of matric, what is it doing and what should it be doing. For more information [click here](#). We are 'transforming' our website, which should be ready for the next Newsletter. We are also planning to venture into electronic publishing so that our publications will be more easily accessible.

New CHET Publications

National Policy & a Regional Response in South African Higher Education

By Nico Cloete, Pundy Pillay, Saleem Badat and Teboho Moja

A radical reform of South African higher education started after the first democratic elections of 1994; higher education was confronted with social, political and economic demands of a kind not encountered during the apartheid era. Change in higher education institutions followed a variety of routes, accentuating certain apartheid disparities as well as creating new differences on the institutional landscape.

This study looks at measures taken in the Eastern Cape to provide the higher educational institutions in a region of high poverty and high unemployment with strategic co-operation scenarios for post-school education (Fort Hare College & Rhodes University, two of South Africa's historic institutions of higher education, are both in the Eastern Cape).

More about this publication @ www.chet.org.za/sa.html

Developing Performance Indicators for Higher Education: A South African Case Study

By Ian Bunting and Nico Cloete

As South African higher education tries to come to grips with differentiated policy, performance indicators become key. This book offers a country case study of the development of performance indicators in the context of international experience of, and debates about, the development and role of performance assessment and indicators. It also proposed a joint project with a selected group of other African countries, the purpose of which will be to strengthen capacity and construct a more commonly understood discourse amongst countries on the same continent.

More about this publication @ <http://www.chet.org.za/performance.html>

Higher Education and Development: Reflecting on the Challenges

Compiled by Trish Gibbon

What is the link between higher education and development and how do we talk about it? How are we to understand the contradictory phenomena of a high skills shortage and an emerging graduate unemployment problem? Do we think of skill development and research in ways that are too narrow, technical and applied to meet the real challenges of development? Can we afford to apply the same policies and strategies, and expect the same outcomes from all higher education institutions, or should we be moving towards differentiated targets and realistic, achievable outcomes? Do we have the appropriate governance relationship between state and institutions to advance a development agenda?

These are some of the central questions addressed at a seminar organised by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation and attended by the South African Minister of Education, Naledi Pandor.

More about this publication @ www.chet.org.za/higheredu.html

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- 20 January 2005** **Mbeki: A Man of Two Faces - The Economist**
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- 2 January 2005** **President Mbeki on Universities in Africa**
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- 8 November 2004** **Government "Seizes Control" of Australian Universities**
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- 24 October 2004** **Minister Pandor Responds to Jonathan Jansen and Some Comments**
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- 7 September 2004** **Nasima Badsha Responds to Autonomy Debate**
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- 26 August 2004** **"41st T B Davie Memorial Lecture on Academic Freedom held at UCT" by Jonathan Jansen**
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- 25 August 2004** **Martin Hall on "The Importance of Internationalization for Higher Education"**
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