

## SEMINAR

# Higher Education and Economic Development in Africa

Thursday, 25 June 2009

16:00-17:30

Council Chamber, University of Nairobi

### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET) and the University of Nairobi invite you to attend a seminar on research that is currently being undertaken by the *Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA)*. HERANA is co-ordinated by CHET. Other key partners include Makerere University (Uganda) and the University of Oslo (Norway).

The research component of HERANA is investigating the complex relationships between higher education and development in the African context. These relationships are being explored through the lens of three forms of 'development'; namely, economic development, poverty reduction and democratic development. The aim of this seminar is to present the preliminary findings of the economic development research project, and to invite discussion and input from the seminar participants in relation to these findings.

### SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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| 16:00-16:05 | Welcome<br><i>Dr Ben Waweru (Registrar Academic)</i>   |
| 16:05-16:15 | Overview of the Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA)<br><i>Dr Nico Cloete (Director: CHET)</i>  |
| 16:15-16:40 | Higher Education and Economic Development in Africa: Lessons from three successful cases (Finland, South Korea and North Carolina)<br><i>Dr Nico Cloete (Director: CHET)</i> |
| 16:40-16:50 | Discussion   |
| 16:50-17:10 | Higher Education and Economic Development in Kenya: Some preliminary observations<br><i>Dr Gerald Ouma and Mr Biko Gwendo (University of the Western Cape)</i>               |
| 17:10-17:25 | Discussion   |
| 17:25-17:30 | Closing remarks<br><i>Prof Njuguna Ng'ethe (Institute for Development Studies)</i>   |

