

European Union – South Africa Policy Dialogue on Education and Training

Policy Seminar: Education and Training for Employability

Brussels, 21st January 2020 (9:00 – 17:00)

Venue: Crown Plaza Hotel, 3 rue Gineste, 1210 Brussels (Belgium)

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, welcome tea and coffee

9:00 – 10:30 **PLENARY SESSION 1**
Chair: **Dr Graham Wilkie**, Acting Head of Unit C3, International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

9:00 – 9:05 *Welcome and introduction (Chair)*

9.10 – 9.30 Opening addresses:

Ms Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director – Innovation, International Cooperation and Sport, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Dr Whitfield Green, Chief Director: Teaching, Learning and Research Development, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), South Africa

9:30 – 11:00 Discussion:
Revisiting the notion of employability - The role of education and training in promoting employability

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Stephanie Allais, Director of the Centre for Researching Education and Labour, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Dr Christoph Meng, Coordinating senior researcher, Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA), Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Moderator: Mr Christophe Robeet

11:00 – 11:30 *Tea/coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 **PARALLEL SESSION 1**

Developing an Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

Chair

Dr Norah Clark, Programme Director – Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa

Presenters

Prof. Sibusiso Moyo: Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Engagement, Durban University of Technology, South Africa

Prof. Ingrid Wakkee, AUAS Professor of Entrepreneurship Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands

Rapporteur

Peter Baur, Policy Officer, EU Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Unit C1

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Partnerships between Education and Training Institutions and Employers

Chair:

Mr Joao Santos, Deputy Head of Unit EU Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, Unit E3

Presenters:

Mr Raymond Dladla - Partnership and Linkages Manager, Ekurhuleni West TVET College, South Africa

Ms Alison Jones, GRETB Ireland

Ms Frédérique Naulette, Nestlé Global Youth Lead for EMENA (Europe, Middle East and North Africa)

Rapporteur:

Mr Nick Balkrishen, Regional Manager, TVET Sector, South Africa

13:00 – 14:00 *Buffet lunch*

PARALLEL SESSION 3

14:00 – 15:30

New Skills Agenda. Skills for Jobs.

Chair

Prof. Francis Petersen, Rector, University of Free State, South Africa

Presenters

Dr Tashmia Ismail-Saville, Chief Executive Officer Youth Employment Service (YES), South Africa

Ms An Huts, Senior Advisor International Partnerships & Networks, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

Rapporteur

Mr Koen Nomden, Policy Officer, EU Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, Unit E2

PARALLEL SESSION 4

Key Competences for Employability and Lifelong Learning: Cross-Cutting Competences and Work Readiness Programmes

Chair:

Ms Ivana Vrhovski, EU Commission, DG Education, Sport, Youth and Culture, Unit B2

Presenters:

Ms Carmel Marock, Manager of Singizi Consulting Africa and Coordinator of the Presidential Jobs Summit, South Africa

Ms Irmeli Halinen, Director of Educational Innovations, METHODIX, Finland

Ms Lebo Nke: Chief Culture Officer and Partnerships Executive, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, South Africa

Dr Stefania Bocconi, National Research Council; Institute for Educational Technology, Italy

Rapporteur:

Ms Mamphokhu Khuluvhe, Director Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), South Africa

15.30 – 16.00 *Tea/coffee break*

16.00 – 17.00 **PLENARY SESSION 2**

Chair: **Dr Whitfield Green**, Chief Director: Teaching, Learning and Research Development, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), South Africa

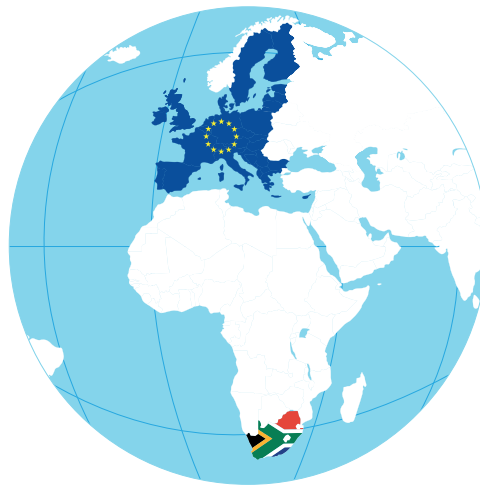
16:00 – 16:45 **Reporting from the 4 Parallel Sessions and Key Messages for the Senior Officials Meeting - 3 Key Messages from each session (Sessions Rapporteurs)**

16:45 – 17:00 Closing remarks:

Dr Whitfield Green, Chief Director: Teaching, Learning and Research Development, Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), South Africa

Dr Graham Wilkie, Acting Head of Unit C3, International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

19:00 – 21:00 *Buffet Dinner (Hotel Crown Plaza)*



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