
HERESA DISSEMINATION, SYNERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY EVENT
PROGRAMME

2nd - 4th October 2023 | The Pivot Conference Centre at Monte Casino
(Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa)

A hybrid event hosted by THENSA in cooperation with OBREAL Global

PURPOSE

As the final formal event for the project, this gathering has been designed to serve the following purposes:

- 1) To disseminate the learnings from the project (new and revised approaches to teaching and learning at each institution in the pilot.
- 2) To communicate the interventions recommended for how to bring about reform within the University of Technology sector (packaged as policy briefs) to the broader Higher Education community, through the DHET, DSI, SAQA and CHE.
- 3) To identify and discuss ways to create synergies between the HERESA project and other initiatives/entities that align with HERESA mission.
- 4) To develop a framework for sustaining and increasing the footprint of HERESA in the future (i.e. beyond the current grant lifespan and geographical area) based on the learnings gathered during this piloting phase.

TARGETED AUDIENCE & SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Day 1: On this day we will target primarily higher education policy and leadership audience in South Africa and in neighbouring SADC countries (3 countries Namibia, Botswana, Mauritius), but online and hybrid participation will be offered for all interested parties beyond; this includes organisations and consortiums involved in supporting universities achieve their learning and teaching objectives, such as SARUA and USAF. This day will be used disseminate the learnings from the HERESA project to the target audience and gather opinions on the significance and implications of these findings for the sector and HERESA's future, and well as the immediate policy implications.

Day 2: On this day the event will open to a wider audience of practitioners and project coordinators in Africa, Europe and further afield. It will be a means to cross-promote and share results, impacts, and products, assess the added value of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building action in Africa and also plan and brainstorm new project ideas.

DAY ONE: DISSEMINATION Monday 2 October 2023 Link to be provided for online participation for all registered participants		
Time (SAST)	Theme and Topics	Facilitator and Speakers
9:00 – 09:15	Welcome	Prof Henk de Jager (Interim CEO, Technological Higher Education Network South Africa - THENSA) & Mr Ramon Torrent (President, OBREAL Global)
09:15 – 09:30	Meeting Context	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global) & Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
9:30 – 10:15	Overview of HERESA project objectives	Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
10:15 – 10:45	Policy context in South Africa for teaching & learning as it relates to WIL, EE and CBLT	Panel Discussion Panelists: Dr Makhapa Makhafola (SAQA), Ms Sesi Nxesi (EDPSETA) and Dr Phethiwe Matutu (USAF) Moderator: Prof Sibusiso Moyo (SU)
10:45 – 11:15	Results of Institutional Needs Analysis	Prof Dina Burger (Cape Peninsula University of Technology - CPUT) and Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
11:15 - 11:45	TEA	
11:45 – 12:30	Project Learnings in HERESA Project: Competency-Based Teaching and Learning, Entrepreneurship Education, Work-Integrated Learning & Leadership	Representatives from each of the Communities of Practice (CoP's): Dr Elina Botha (TAMK), Prof Nosisi Feza (UNIVEN), Dr Henri Jacobs (CUT), Prof Dina Burger (CPUT) and Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
12:30 – 12:50	NQF Policy Brief (<i>with Q & A Session</i>)	Dr Heidi Bolton (SAQA)
12:50 – 13:10	WIL Policy Brief (<i>with Q & A Session</i>)	Mr Japie Nel (SAQA)

13:10 – 14:15	LUNCH	
14:15 – 15:15	What can a network such as HERESA do to address the challenges faced by the higher education sector in the region?	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Renè Pellissier (SARUA), Mr Vinesh Robin Sannassee (SADC Secretariat) and Mr Edwin Naidu (Higher Education Media), and Ms Nodumo Dhlamini (AAU) and Mr. Bernard Nashon (ATUPA)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Sershen Naidoo</p>
15:15 – 15:30	TEA	
15:30 – 16:30	Closing Discussion and Recommendations	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
18:00 - onwards	NETWORKING DINNER AND SOCIAL EVENT	

DAY TWO: SYNERGIES Tuesday 3 October 2023 Link to be provided for online participation for all registered participants		
Time	Theme and Topics	Facilitator and Speakers
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and Introduction The Purpose of the Synergies Event	Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
9:00 – 9:30	Context: What do we mean by synergies? What types of synergies do we need?	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
9:30 – 10:00	The HERESA Project Snapshot: Where can we synergise	Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
10:00 - 10:30	TEA	
10:30- 11:30	Landscape Mapping Exercise	Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
11:30- 12:30	Group Work – Building the Ecosystem	
12:30- 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Responses and Examples of Erasmus+ Projects from our International Partners	Panel Discussion Panelists: Prof Lynette Jacobs (UFS), Ms Maria Jimena Estrella Orrego (National University of Cuyo (Argentina – joining virtually) & Dr Temwa Moyo (DHET/ Erasmus+ National Focal Point) Moderator: Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
14:30 – 15:30	Existing and New Opportunities for Collaboration	Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA) Presenters: SARUA (Prof Pellissier), AAU (Miss Essumamba Sam, Virtual) DUT (Prof Motaung), WLSA/AWIL (Dr Jacobs), ATUPA (Ms Nana Essumamba Sam), Dr Norah Clarke (USAF) and SADC (TBC)
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Discussion and Recommendations	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
16:00	TEA	

DAY THREE: SUSTAINABILITY – PARTNERS & NEW PARTNERS Wednesday 4th October 2023 Link to be provided for online participation for all registered participants		
Time	Theme and Topics	Facilitator and Speakers
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome and Context: What do we mean by Sustainability?	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
9:30 – 9:40	Presentation and Discussion: External evaluation results for the purposes of leveraging successes	Dr Sharman Wickham (External Project Evaluator)
9:40 – 10:30	Reflection Session: Individual partner reflections followed by a discussion	Facilitator: Dr Sharman Wickham (External Project Evaluator)
10:30 – 10:45	TEA	
10:45 – 12:00	Brainstorming: How can we achieve Sustainability?	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global)
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	
13:00 – 13:45	Reporting roles and responsibilities for close out of the project	Ms Agustina Calabrese (OBREAL Global)
13:45 – 14:15	Closing Discussion and Recommendations	Ms Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL Global) & Dr Sershen Naidoo (THENSA)
14:15 – 15:00	Vote of thanks and closure	Prof Henk de Jager (Interim CEO, THENSA)
15:00 -	TEA & NETWORKING	