AUSTRALIA AFRICA CONFERENCE

Enhancing strategic engagement and partnership between government, academia and business

26 – 28 August 2015
Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the organising group of the AAC Conference 2015, we welcome you to the next three days of the conference. This is a pivotal time for Australia-Africa relations, and our annual conference is a premier forum for building consensus and commitment to further our productive partnerships in the coming year and beyond.

We have structured the conference to enable an assessment of progress in the past year; a forward look in policy and practical programs; plenary sessions to identify gaps, opportunities and ways to engage and deliver results; and workshops to define and recommend the next steps. We focus on teamwork between government, business and academia.

While the past year has seen advances in the activities of our members, we have also seen reductions in the investments in Australia Africa engagement. Consequently it is important that we maximise the benefits of teamwork and build critical mass and effective delivery in distinct areas of mutual advantage. In the exercise of economic diplomacy, we bring the dimensions of business, education, science and innovation in equal partnerships for sustainable development.

We acknowledge and thank the Australian Government and agencies for their support, and the hosts and sponsors for their continued participation. We wish you all success in the conference and in the follow up and outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

H.E Molosiwa Selepeng PH (Presidential Order of Honour), High Commissioner for Botswana and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps, Canberra

Mr Simba Kippaya, President of the Australia Africa Business Council (ACT Chapter)

Professor John Hearn MSc, PhD, DSc(hc), Co Chair of the Australia Africa Universities Network (http://aaun.edu.au)
## ANNUAL AUSTRALIA AFRICA CONFERENCE (AAC) 2015
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### 26-28 August 2015, Canberra
Hosted by: AAUN, Australia Africa Business Council (ACT-NSW), Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, Heads of African Missions

### Wednesday 26 August 2015

**AAUN AGM**

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### AAC Welcome Reception

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Hosted by the African Group of High Commissioners and Ambassadors in Canberra and also by AAUN, the Welcome Reception is an opportunity to build new networks, renew acquaintances and make new connections.

**Welcome Remarks**: HE Dean Molosiwa Selepeng, High Commissioner for Botswana

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**Objective**: The plenary session will signify the overall objectives of the AAC sessions. The keynote speakers will inform delegates of policy issues in their portfolio relevant to the themes of the AAC 2015.

**Moderator**: HE Molosiwa Selepeng (High Commissioner for Botswana)

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### MORNING TEA

Venue: Foyer, Molonglo Theatre in the Crawford School of Public Policy

### PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Investment and Business Promotion: Government and Private Sectors

**Objective**: The session will explore business development opportunities in entrepreneurship, challenges and investment opportunities in tourism and Agribusiness. In addition, infrastructure and development opportunities in roads, railways, telecommunication and ports, natural resources and renewable power generation (wind, solar, geothermal, biomass).

**Moderator**: Mr Simba Kippaya (5min)

**Panellists**: (8 min each)

- Mr Deon Herbst, Business and Innovation (University of Pretoria)
- Prof Remmal Adnane, Plant and pharmaceutics (Morocco)
- Mr Benoit Le Bars (OHADA in Africa), Paris
- Mr Grey Johnson (NEPAD), Gambia

**Open Discussion**

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**0830 - 0900**  ARRIVAL TEA  
Venue: Foyer, University House Common Room

**0900 - 1100**  PARALLEL WORKSHOPS  
Venues: University House (Common Room, Scarth Room, Drawing Room)  

**Objective:** The workshops, following the three themes of the plenary session, will be informal and interactive. Delegates representing academia, business and government will be pre-assigned (while allowing choice) to each workshop with a mix of viewpoints and experiences that will help to drive the discussions and practical outcomes. Each workshop will have a facilitator and recorder. Discussions and feedback from AAC 2014, with brief progress reports of current projects will be included in these workshops. The workshops will identify current gaps, opportunities and priorities and recommend these to the AAC plenary session following. The workshop reports and proposals will include priority programs, teams, and funding sources. The proposed projects will be developed further and considered in a competitive call in September for seed fund support (probably 2 projects per session funded and lead by AAUN subject to quality, feasibility and funding). The purpose of the workshop sessions is to develop an academia-business-government teamwork around a continuing Australian African program with distinct capacities, focus and characteristics. The proposed projects will deliver mutual benefits to Africa and Australia, and deliver evidence based options to form or improve relevant policies.

**CONVENERs:**  
- Mr Deon Herbst (University of Pretoria)  
  Investment and Business Promotion: Government and Private Sectors  
  Venue: Scarth Room, University House  
- Dr George Odhiambo (University of Sydney)  
  Education, Science and Technology for Jobs & Economic Development  
  Venue: Drawing Room, University House  
- Prof Kadambot Siddique (University of Western Australia)  
  Food, Nutrition and Health Security Research to Improve Lives & Engage Markets  
  Venue: Common Room, University House  

**Note:** we expect to seed fund 1-2 competitive proposals led by AAUN partners from each of these workshops. A call for proposals will be announced in September, and reviewed for quality, feasibility and sustainability. Awards will be announced in December.

**1100 - 1130**  MORNING TEA  
Venue: Foyer, University House Common Room

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**1330 - 1500**  PANEL DISCUSSION 2:  
Education, Science and Technology for Jobs & Economic Development  

**Objective:** Focusing on customising education, science and technology to meet actual local needs and get optimal returns on spent resources. This theme will explore education infrastructure/facilities, systems and quality to meet local needs; Science and Technology incubation centres in Africa; possibilities for regional centres of excellence for research and education through Governments and universities; promotion of Education science and technology as a link between Africa and Australia; and Research & Development integrating knowledge, business, industrial, social and economic growth of an African country.

**Moderator:** Prof Anthony Welch (5min)  

**Panelists:** (8 min each)  
- Ms Catherine Gill, DFAT (Education for Women’s Economic Empowerment)  
- Prof Stephen Parker (Vice Chancellor, University of Canberra)  
- Dr George Odhiambo (University of Sydney)  
- Kofi Osei Bonsu (student speaker)  
- Prof Chika Sehoole (University of Pretoria)  

Open Discussion

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**1500 - 1530**  AFTERNOON TEA  
Venue: Foyer, Molonglo Theatre in the Crawford School of Public Policy

**1530 - 1700**  PANEL DISCUSSION 3:  
Food, Nutrition and Health Security Research to Improve Lives & Engage Markets  

**Objective:** The session will cover and discuss issues of access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets the dietary requirements as well as food preferences of the African countries and maintains food security. The session will examine policies related to agricultural production, political commitment and prioritization against hunger and malnutrition.

**Moderator:** Prof John Hearn (5min)  

**Panelists:** (8 min each)  
- Dr Nick Austin, (Director ACIAR/AIFSRC)  
- Prof Kadambot Siddique (University of Western Australia)  
- Dr Peter Johnston – Climate Systems Analysis Group (University of Cape Town)  
- Associate Prof Robyn Alders (University of Sydney)  
- Associate Prof Robyn McConchie (University of Wollongong)  
- Prof Mavis Malaudzi (University of Pretoria)  

Open Discussion

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**1830 for 1900 - 2100**  CONFERENCE DINNER  
Venue: Common Room, University House  
Speakers: Brief sponsor comments: (South African Airways, Windlab – 5 min each)  
Vote of thanks to: Dean of African Heads of Mission
CLOSING PLENARY SESSION & REPORTS FROM WORKSHOPS
(3 x 10 mins each) and 30 min discussion on priorities and next steps.
A draft AAC Communique will be presented.

Objective: The workshop facilitators will present the outcomes of the workshop sessions to the Plenary, using a provided power-point template. The session will provide feedback and conclusions of each workshop session and identify practical action programs and initiatives, to be implemented by project teams. Several multilateral (intercontinental, interdisciplinary), African/Australian working groups and research project teams will be formed according to the outcomes and the follow up of AAC 2015. These programs will also link ahead to cognate activities for 2015-17 in Africa and Australia: conferences, workshops, projects, exchange programs, alumni, Africa Awards and other scholarships.

CLOSING COMMENTS (5 MIN EACH)
– CHAIR, PROFESSOR DANIEL CONNELL, CRAWFORD SCHOOL
  - Mr Matthew Neuhaus, Head, DFAT Africa Branch
  - Mr Simba Kippaya, Australia Africa Business Council (ACT-NSW chapter)
  - Prof John Hearn, Australia Africa Universities Network

HE Asaiye Kabira, High Commissioner for Kenya

Vote of thanks / Communique AAC 2015

End of Program: Note that lunch may be obtained in the University House Café.

AAC SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

PROFESSOR REMMAL ADNAANE
Professor Remmal Adnane has earned a PhD in Molecular pharmacology from the University of Paris XI, France 1987, and a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Fez, Morocco in 1994. He is a Research Professor since 1988 at the University of Fez, Morocco. After 30 years of research in Necker Hospital - Paris, France (1985-1988) and Faculty of Science, Fez, Morocco (1988-2015), he has produced several patents and publications on the pharmacology of the antimicrobial activity of certain molecules extracted from aromatic plants, Testing their application in human and veterinary medicine, and in the phytosanitary field. Professor Remmal is the Winner of the African Grand Prize for Innovation IPA 2015, a prize awarded by the African Innovation Foundation fund to honor and encourage the most innovative achievement of the year that contributes toward the development of the African continent. In addition to that, Dr Remmal has many partnerships with major Moroccan pharmaceutical laboratories and Agrifood firms. He is also the Co-founder of Advanced Scientific Development (ASD): a firm specialized since 2004 in the protection and valorization of Moroccan inventions and innovations. He Co-founded as well the Industrial Laboratory of Agricultural and Veterinary Products (LIPAV) in 2012 ; a firm for the manufacturing and distribution of alternatives to Antibiotics used in animal feed and alternatives to pesticides.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROBYN ALDERS
Robyn Alders is an Associate Professor with the Faculty of Veterinary Science within the University of Sydney and a Director of the KYEEMA Foundation. Robyn was born and raised on a grazing property on the Southern Tablelands of NSW, Australia. For over 20 years, she has worked closely with smallholder farmers, especially village poultry farmers, in sub-Saharan Africa and SE Asia as a veterinarian, researcher and colleague, with an emphasis on the development of sustainable infectious disease control (primarily Newcastle disease prevention) in animals in rural areas in support of food security and poverty alleviation. Robyn’s current research and development interests include food and nutrition security, One Health, gender equity and Science Communication.In January 2011, Robyn was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished to veterinary science as a researcher and educator, to the maintenance of food security in developing countries through livestock management and disease control programs. In August 2014, Robyn received the Crawford Fund 2014 Medal for continued contributions to international agricultural research and development.

DR NICK AUSTIN
Dr Nick Austin is Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) in Canberra. ACIAR, part of Australia’s development assistance program, aims to achieve more-productive and sustainable agricultural systems, for the benefit of developing countries and Australia, through international agricultural research partnerships.

Dr Austin was appointed as ACIAR CEO in July 2009. He is a member of the CGIAR Fund Council; Australia’s Commission for International Agricultural Research; and the Australia Awards Board. Dr Austin is an irrigation hydrologist by training and has a broad background in agricultural and natural resource research and policy. Educated at the Universities of Melbourne and Sydney, Dr Austin holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Agriculture with Honours, a Master of Sustainable Management and a Doctor of Philosophy. He is a Certified Irrigation Designer, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. Dr Austin is married and has two children.
MR BENOIT LE BARS

Benoit Le Bars, Managing Partner of Lazareff Le Bars, is one of the leading practitioners in International Arbitration, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. In addition to his arbitral work as counsel, elected president of the arbitral tribunal, and arbitrator Benoit specialises in Corporate Law, International Trade Law, International Contracts and the law of OHADA; an area of modern international codified law not well known in Australia but which can no longer be ignored with more than 25 years’ jurisprudence. In 2011, Benoit published the treatise: Droit Des Sociétés Et De L’arbitrage International - Pratique En Droit De FOHADA. An updated English version: “International Arbitration and Corporate Law: An OHADA Practice” was published in December 2013. Benoit Le Bars is also a professor of law in France. In the United States of America he has lectured widely and is currently a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law at Vermont Law School.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KAREN CHARLTON

Associate Professor Charlton is a nutritional epidemiologist and accredited practicing dietitian who teaches community and public health nutrition at the University of Wollongong. Karen researches the impact of diet and lifestyle interventions across the lifespan, and has a special interest in ageing in developing countries. Her recent work advocates for routine nutrition screening for early identification and management of malnutrition in older people, across all levels of health care, for better health and functional outcomes in this age group. She works on the WHO-SAGE-cohort studies being conducted in 6 low to middle income countries. Karen also works on population-level strategies to lower blood pressure, including salt reduction, and conducted the key studies that informed the legislation on salt reduction in South Africa. Karen has been a principal investigator in many studies and has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals. She is the Australian theme leader for the AAUN Public Health research stream.

MR KOFI OSEI BONSU (STUDENT SPEAKER)

Kofi Osei Bonsu (Eddie) is Ghanaian born and has had the opportunity to live in several countries including New Zealand, Germany, Holland, the UK, Italy and Australia. Kofi has been in Canberra for 18 months and is already deeply involved in the community. He is currently studying media at CIT and is the Vice President for the Council of International Students Australia (a national peak body representing 600,000 international students). Eddie is also currently completing an internship at Screen ACT, which aligns with his passion for media and he is a weekend-host on Canberra’s 1WAY fm.

MR JEFF HART

Jeff Hart is a former Australian diplomat who now serves as a Special Adviser to the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group and Paydirt Media, focusing particularly on relations with the Australian Government and more generally on the development of Australia’s relations with the countries of Africa. Jeff was Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria from 2007 to 2010, serving also as non-resident High Commissioner to Cameroon and The Gambia, and Ambassador to Chad, Gabon, Niger and the Republic of Congo. In a foreign service career spanning more than thirty-five years Jeff served in seven Australian diplomatic missions in Africa, the Americas, the Pacific and Europe, and the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York. He also served as a member of the UN Secretariat from 1994 to 1996. Jeff also worked in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra on a wide range of bilateral and multilateral foreign and trade policy issues. An important focus of his multilateral work has been in the area of economic and social development. Jeff is a graduate of Melbourne and Monash Universities and was a Senior Teaching Fellow in the Department of Accounting and Finance at Monash University before joining the foreign service.

DR DANIEL CONNELL

Dr Daniel Connell works in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University, Canberra, where he teaches courses dealing with environmental policy, communications, and trans-boundary rivers. His research focuses on issues related to the institutional design and governance arrangements applying to rivers in federal or multilayered political systems such as Australia, South Africa, the United States, Mexico, the European Union (Spain), India, China and Brazil. His publications include Water Politics in the Murray-Darling Basin published in 2007 by Federation Press and Basin Futures: water reform in the Murray-Darling Basin co-edited with Quentin Grafton and published in 2011 by ANU E-Press. He is also a co-editor of Federal Rivers published by Edward Elgar in 2014.

MS CATHERINE GILL

Catherine Gill is the Director of the Pan Africa Section in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Her role includes overseeing DFAT’s aid program in sub-Saharan Africa, including the flagship Australia Awards program. Ms Gill has worked on the Australian aid program with AusAID and now DFAT since 1999. She has served overseas in the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby (2009-2012) And the Australian Embassy in Hanoi (2003-06). Ms Gill holds a Masters in International Development from Deakin University.

HON STEVEN CIOBO

Steven Ciobo was sworn in as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade and Investment on 23 December 2014. Mr Ciobo was first elected as the Member for Moncrieff in the Australian Parliament in 2001. He served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer from September 2013 to December 2014. During this time Mr Ciobo made the ultimate assessment of Australia’s national interest on some 800 applications for foreign investment worth around AUD$150 billion. He also served as an Alternate Governor to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Adopting a recommendation of the 2007 Inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia’s services export sector by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Mr Ciobo joined the Nelson Opposition frontbench as the Shadow Minister for the Service Economy. He subsequently served on the frontbench of the Turnbull and Abbott Oppositions, including in the small business and tourism portfolios. Before entering Parliament, Mr Ciobo built a professional career as an executive in the economic reform unit at international firms Coopers & Lybrand and, later, PricewaterhouseCoopers. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from Bond University, as well as a Master of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology.

PROFESSOR JOHN HEARN

Professor John Hearn is Executive Director and Chief Executive of the Worldwide Universities Network, a partnership of nineteen research universities. He is Professor of Reproductive Physiology (School of Medical Sciences) at the University of Sydney. He was awarded his PhD from the Australian National University (ANU) and served for 6-7 years each in leading research, teaching and administrative positions at the Universities of Edinburgh, London UCL, Wisconsin, ANU and Sydney. Most recently he was Vice President (Research) at ANU 2000-4, and Vice President (Academic and International) at Sydney 2004-13. He teaches first year and advanced students in science and biomedicine. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has published 207 research papers and edited six books in reproduction and fertility, stem cell biology and biotechnology. A committed international citizen, he has worked globally in research capacity development, especially in China, India, Thailand, Kenya and Brazil. He is a senior adviser to the Australian Government, World Health Organisation and the OECD. He is Chairman of the Australia-Africa Universities Network (http://aaun.edu.au) and was (to 2013) a Board member of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and Chairman of the Board of the Sydney Confucius Institute.
Deon Herbst, has been chief executive officer (CEO) of Business Enterprises at University of Pretoria (Pty) Ltd (BE at UP) since 2000 and CEO of Continuing Education at University of Pretoria Trust (CE at UP) since 2002. BE at UP provides a multidisciplinary range of research and consulting services and CE at UP, in association with recognised academics from the University of Pretoria, provides training and career development services to the public and commercial sectors globally. In 2008, Enterprises at University of Pretoria Trust (E at UP) was founded, of which Herbst is also CEO, to establish new initiatives for specialised services that may be rendered by virtue of the University's stature, position and facilities. Herbst, a pro-African ambassador, has led the Group's focus on growth in emerging international markets, decisively positioning the Group for its next generation of growth. With the triangular model of science, industry and government, Herbst has created a platform to grow the Group's international footprint in over 90 countries since its establishment. Today E at UP, under the stewardship of Herbst, has developed into a Group which also consists of retail entities such as Bookmark, the official bookstore of the University of Pretoria and the award-winning student radio station, Tuks FM. Other entities in the Group include INSJAVA, a start-up company breaking new ground in the fields of optical communication and imaging displays and Consulta Research, a specialist marketing and communications research affiliate. Herbst began his career as a researcher after becoming intrigued by the science of research data and the optimisation of statistical modelling. He became the executive director of a leading market research company at the age of 33.

Symeerre is currently the Head of Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation Division and the Head of the Infrastructure Strategic Business Unit at the NEPAD Agency. Prior to joining the NEPAD Agency, he worked for the German Development Agency (GIZ). His work focused on assisting African Institutions to implement their mandates and was initially seconded to the African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR). Thereafter, he served as Technical Advisor under the GIZ programme to support the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI) and later worked as Component Manager under the GIZ programme to Support Pan-African Institutions (SPAI). In his home country of The Gambia, he worked at Gambia Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) as the Director in charge of Policy, Strategy and Consumer Affairs. Symerre holds a Masters of Arts degree in International Economics from the University of Colorado, Denver, USA.

Peter Johnston is a climate scientist at the University of Cape Town. His research focuses on the applications and impacts of climate variability and change on various user sectors. He specialises in agriculture and water related activities with special emphasis on vulnerability and adaptation options. He has worked closely with the Western Cape Government in developing a climate change vulnerability study and this was followed by a strategy and action plan. He is also involved in the African centre for cities looking at adaptation frameworks for both Cape Town and Johannesburg. His interests and involvements have taken him to many African countries to learn from and contribute to other water and agricultural adaptive practices to climate change and variability. Current research includes the application of models to determine the sustainable adaptation options for agricultural under climate change scenarios for commercial and small scale farmers. His latest work is focused on the climate risks and decision-making time frames associated with agriculture and food security to assist with a new response strategy for Western Cape Department of Agriculture. He is PI of a current AAUN Proposal Development titled “Agro-diverse farming systems in Africa: potential for improving Food and Nutritional Security in the context of climate variability and change” involving parallel case studies in South Africa, Malawi, Nigeria and Western Australia.

Simba is a Consulting Engineer in Australia and overseas with professional experience in Civil Engineering industry for over 19 years. He is a Chartered Engineer (CEng) and registered in the National Professional Engineer Registry (NPER) in Australia. He is also a member of Engineers Australia (MIEAust) and a member of Centre for Engineering Leadership and Management (CELM) – Canberra Chapter. Simba is also a Fellow of Australia Institute of Management (FAIM). His areas of expertise include Project Design Management, Construction Contract Management, Quality/Environmental Safety Management Systems and training. Simba is co-founder and director of Sub Sahara Consulting Pty Ltd and Sub Sahara Tours Pty Ltd of Australia and, Sub Sahara Innovations Ltd of Tanzania. He has been with Sub Sahara Consulting offering engineering consulting services in Australia and overseas for the last 5 years. Internationally Sub Sahara Consulting’s core business is facilitation of technology transfer to Africa and investment in Africa.

Simba has undertaken extensive corporate trainings on project management, construction contract management and art of consulting courses in Australia. He also holds an MSc (Civil Engineering) from Hannover University, Germany (equivalent to a qualified German engineer) and a BSc (CE) from university of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Simba has been involved in mentoring senior engineering students at Australia National University (ANU) on industry practice perspective of engineering management course. Simba is current president of Australia Africa Business Council (AABC) – ACT Chapter in Canberra.

Associate Professor Grace Liu is the Program Manager (China) of the Worldwide Universities Network. She coordinates and manages the strategic development and operations of the WUN Global China Group, including research programs and partnerships, conferences and workshops, team building and resources. She assists the Executive Director in developing high-level relationships with key stakeholders from universities, government, business and agencies, to identify and implement opportunities for collaboration. Grace was awarded her Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Chinese Language and Literature from Shandong University and PhD in Chinese Ancient Literature and Bibliography from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (CASS). She worked in Chinese Universities teaching undergraduate and masters students in Chinese traditional literature and bibliography, and carried out research in Chinese ancient literature, culture and language before she moved to Australia. Amongst her publications, several articles on literature and history are in eminent Chinese academic journals. She received academic awards from the Shandong government and Education Department for her research achievements. Grace also has an appointment with the University of New South Wales, doing research and teaching in Chinese ancient literature, culture and language. She is currently preparing to publish her book on the influence of leading aristocratic families on the style of Chinese Medieval Literature.

Professor Peter Mbithi is the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi and professor of Veterinary Surgery. An accomplished senior executive and eminent scholar with visionary and high level leadership insights and experience to strategically plan, direct and control university organizational operations to capitalize on emerging scientific, social, technological, innovation and business opportunities. A transformational leader with over thirty years track record in providing progressive leadership and management of staff, students, research and academic agenda to achieve corporate strategies, build coalitions to support business growth, implement and navigate through change to drive outstanding corporate organizational performance at the University of Nairobi.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROBYN MCCONCHIE

Associate Professor Robyn McConchie has a BSc (Plant Science) from Wye College, University of London, an MA (Education and Work) from Macquarie University and PhD from Louisiana State University (USA). She has been teaching and researching in the area of postharvest quality of perishable and grain crops for the past 15 years at the University of Sydney and is currently of Head of the Department of Plant and Food Sciences. Recently, Robyn has introduced a new Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness to commence 2014, designed to attract young talent into this dynamic industry. With a double major in food science and business, graduates will play a key role in ensuring food businesses remain competitive and sustainable in the face of evolving world markets and environmental challenges. Robyn has also worked closely with industry to initiate a Fresh Produce Safety Centre based at the University of Sydney. The new Centre will drive food safety research that will provide solutions to benefit and service the fresh food produce industry. From 2007-2009 Robyn was Director of the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP) at the University of Sydney, responsible for development of University wide programs in education, research, international leadership training in areas such as education, agriculture, finance. Robyn has served as Past President and Secretary of the Australian Society for Horticultural Science (AUSHS), and is a member of the American (ASHS) and International Societies for Horticultural Science (ISHS), Wildflowers Australia and is Chair of the Protea Working Group (ISHS). She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

PROFESSOR MAVIS MULAUDZI

Fhumulani Mavis Mulaudzi is the head of the Department of Nursing science at the University of Pretoria. She completed her studies at the University of South Africa in 2004 and has held teaching positions at the University of South Africa, University of North West and University of Pretoria. Based on her contribution in nursing scholarship, she is also one of the founder members of the fellows of Academy of nursing In South Africa (ANSA).

Prof Mulaudzi is a preeminent international scholar in the field of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Healing as it is applied to nursing science. She has chosen IKS as her research focus and has contributed significantly to the advancement of IKS in health care. She is known among her peers as an advocate and a pioneer of Indigenous knowledge. She is currently advocating for mainstreaming of the healing traditions in the nursing curriculum. In a relatively short time, she has contributed a much needed perspective on the integration of Ubuntu philosophy and indigenous healing from which many nurses around the globe have benefitted through her keynotes addresses in esteemed international nursing conferences. She has also been instrumental in assisting in the development of the international Bamboo Bridge community, an international community of nurses dedicated to the development of integrative nursing practice, scholarship, and community based on a philosophical foundation of cultural diplomacy. Her International work on healing traditions was also acknowledged by the World Health Organization in 2009. She received an award as a runner-up for the distinguished women in Science (Indigenous Knowledge System 2011) for her outstanding contribution to building South Africa's scientific and research knowledge base. She is the Chairperson of the Forum for University Nursing Departments in South Africa (FUNDISA) She is a member of the CSIR ethics committee. She served as a board member of the Indigenous knowledge system of South Africa trust (IKSSA) from 2005.

MR MATTHEW NEUHAUS

Mr Matthew Neuhaus commenced as Assistant Secretary, Africa Branch in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on 27 July 2015. Prior to this, Matthew was the Australian Ambassador to Zimbabwe from January 2011 to March 2015 (accredited also to DRC, Malawi and Zambia). Mr Neuhaus has served in several senior positions in the Department in Canberra with responsibility as a Director of the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London 2002-2008; Head of the Pacific Engagement Taskforce, DFAT Assistant Secretary and Head of the Commonwealth Head of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Policy Task Force in 2010. His previous postings with DFAT include to Kenya (1983 - 1985), Papua New Guinea (1988 - 1989), New York (1991 - 94) and Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria – accredited also to Ghana, Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, Niger and The Gambia (1997-2000). Mr Neuhaus has a B.A. (Hons) LLB from the University of Sydney and a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from the University of Cambridge. He also participated in the Harvard University Kennedy School Leaders in Development Program in June 2006, and was a Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University in 2015.

MS BEE NORTJE

Alberta (Bee) Nortje is the Program Manager at the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). Bee has experience working in South Africa, Spain and Australia. Prior to her involvement with AAUN and WUN, Bee worked at the University of Sydney Confucius Institute and at Wildfire Publishing. Bee, a native South African, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Stellenbosch, and a Master of Media & Communications from the University of Sydney.

DR GEORGE ODIHAMBO

Dr George Odihambo is Senior Lecturer and Program Director of the MEd (Management & Leadership) course at the Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney Australia where he has been a faculty member since 2004. He received his PhD from the University of New England, Australia; MSc from the University of Oxford, England and BEd from the University of Stirling, Scotland. His research interests lie in the broad areas of Leadership in Organisations, Quality Assurance for Education, Staff Development and Higher Education Policy. He is a regular contributor to African university policy debate on issues surrounding the assessment of research and teaching performance as well as Higher Education leadership challenges and is currently the Africa University Africa Universities Network (AAUN) Australian theme leader for Education. George has carried out several collaborative research with Universities in Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. He recently taught and held visiting fellowship position at the School of Education, University of Leeds, UK.

PROFESSOR STEVEN PARKER

Professor Stephen Parker is the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Canberra, a position he took up on 1 March 2007. Stephen moved to Australia from the UK in 1988. He graduated with honours in Law from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Wales. He is admitted to legal practice in England and Wales, the ACT and Queensland.

He has held various major research grants and has published books, monographs and articles on the court system, legal ethics, family law and children’s rights. In 2012 Stephen was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. Stephen was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in January 2014 for his distinguished service to tertiary education.

PROFESSOR CHERYL DE LA REY

Prof Cheryl de la Rey has been the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria since November 2009. Her previous executive positions include being the Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Higher Education, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cape Town and Executive Director at the National Research Foundation. She has published books and several journal articles in her discipline, Psychology. Professor De la Rey is registered as a Psychologist by the Health Professions Council of South Africa, is a fellow of the Psychological Association of South Africa, a fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa and of the Academy of Science of South Africa. She is the Chairperson of the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI), Vice Chairperson of the Talloires Network and the African co-Chairperson of the Australia-Africa Universities Network (AAUN) as well as a member of a number of national and international boards and committees as the Executive Board of the International Council for Science (ICSU), the national Human Resource Development Council and the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).

MR ROGER DE ROBILLARD

Roger is a Sydney-based Barrister, born in Mauritius and fluent in French. He was a Managing Partner in a Commercial Law firm before being called to the Bar where he practised from Wentworth Chambers. He is a Life Member of the Inner-City Legal Centre, and a recipient of the 2003 Law & Justice Foundation Award. In 2014 he was a finalist for the Justice Medal.
His international experience in law includes acting as Counsel in constitutional cases on behalf of the government and President of the Republic of Vanuatu. He has also appeared in commercial litigation on behalf of French Banks and corporations in Vanuatu. Roger has also worked with the governments of Mauritius and the Solomon Islands. He represented the Republic of Vanuatu at meetings of the ‘Agence de la Francophonie’ in Monaco. He has also worked on a number of projects across the years in Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Rwanda. Roger is passionate about issues relating to the Rule of Law, good governance and the protection of Human Rights. He is particularly interested in History and Politics. He is a founding member of the Australia-Africa Business Council and President of the NSW Chapter for the last three years. He is the Honorary Representative for the Mauritius Board of Investment in Australia. He is an Ambassador for the first bi-annual International Council for Commercial Arbitration Congress to be held in the African Region.

**PROFESSOR MOLATLHEGI TREVOR SEHOOLE**

Molatlhegi Trevor Sehoole is currently Head of Department and Associate Professor in the Department of Education Management and Policy Studies at the University of Pretoria. Assoc Prof Sehoole holds a PhD in higher education from the University of the Witwatersand, Johannesburg. He has worked at the University of the Western Cape, non-government organisations such as Joint Education Trust and the South African Institute for Distance Education (SAIDE). He started working at UP in 2001 as a lecturer and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007. He was appointed Head of Department in 2011. His research areas include Higher Education Policy, Internationalization of Higher Education, Higher Education in Africa Education policy. His Achievements and awards Professor Sehoole boasts of the following achievements and awards: Dean’s young scholar award (2002), Rockefeller post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne (2003/4), Fulbright New Century Scholar (2005/6), National Research Foundation Rated Researcher (2007-todate). He has developed a special passion for higher education in Africa. This interest is pursued through his work in the African Network for International Education (ANIE). In 2012 he was elected as chairperson of the Board of the African Network for Internationalisation of Education (ANIE). The highlight of his publication is a book entitled “Democratising higher education, constraints of reforms in post-apartheid South Africa (2005), Routledge. His latest publication is “Internationalisation of African Higher Education, Towards Achieving the MDGs” which as co-edited with Jane Knight (2013, Sense).

**H.E. MR MOLOSIWA SELEPENG**

H.E. Mr Molosiwa Selepeng, High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana and Dean of the African Heads of Mission in Australia. Mr Selepeng has a distinguished career in the Foreign Service since joining the Department of External Affairs of Botswana in 1971. He’s served in London (twice) and Brussels. He’s also served with distinction in other areas in the public service. Other appointments include Senior Private Secretary to the President, Permanent Secretary for Political Affairs, Permanent Secretary to the President, Head of the Public Service, Secretary to Cabinet, and Special Envoy in a number of multilateral negotiations. He has considerable experience in public administration, diplomacy, multilateralism, conflict resolution and the art of negotiation. He is the recipient of the Presidential Order of Honour (PH) in recognition of his efficient and devoted service to the Republic of Botswana. Mr. Selepeng was appointed High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to Australia in 2003. He is presently the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in Canberra.

**MR FRANCOIS DE SENNEVILLE**

François de Senneville was appointed Partner – Head of Africa Desk – of Lazareff Le Bars, focusing on tax law, business law as well as international arbitration. He has been a major promoter of Business Optimisation Models for foreign investment into Africa. François’ strong connections with the Mauritius business and legal establishment has proved a bonus for his clientele.

**PROFESSOR KADAMBOT H.M. SIDDIQUE**

Professor Kadambot Siddique holds a Bachelor of Agriculture (BSc Ag) with 1st class honours from Kerala Agricultural University, a Masters in Crop Physiology from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and a PhD in Environmental and Crop Physiology from The University of Western Australia. After completion of his PhD at UWA in 1985 Professor Siddique joined the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA) as a cereal crop physiologist and worked his way up to principal scientist and leader of DAFWA’s Pulse Program. He became the Director of Centre for Legumes in Mediterranean Agriculture (CLIMA) at UWA in 2001 and remained in this position until 2006 when he was appointed to establish and lead The UWA Institute of Agriculture. Professor Siddique is recognised internationally as a leader in crop science and agriculture.

Some of the research highlights include:

1) Identification of traits that are associated with greater wheat yields in Mediterranean environments;
2) Discovered that old cultivars of wheat are more conservative in their water use compared with modern cultivars that are more opportunistic;
3) Identified that old cultivars of wheat have larger root systems than modern cultivars that was not specifically selected for during breeding;
4) Developed ear:stem ratio as a selection criteria for harvest index and yield improvement in wheat;
5) Identified physiological differences between chickpea genotype during terminal drought;
6) Developed a number of high yielding superior legume cultivars adapted to dryland environment and commercially released in Australia;
7) Outstanding ability and experience in translational research;
8) Successfully supervised a number of PhD students in crop physiology, agronomy and genetics of field crops.

**PROFESSOR ANTHONY WELCH**

Anthony Welch is Professor of Education, Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney. A policy specialist, his numerous publications address reforms and policy issues within Australia, Asia, Europe and elsewhere. He holds an M.A., and Ph. D. from the University of London, has lectured in many parts of the world, and has authored or edited twelve books. His work has been translated into many major European and Asian languages. Professor Welch has consulted to international agencies such as ADB, UNDP, Commonwealth of Learning and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), governments in Australia, Asia, as well as within Europe, and to US Foundations and institutions; he has project experience in several parts of Asia, notably China and South East Asia, particularly regarding higher education reforms. He has been Visiting Professor in the USA, UK, Germany, France, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Japan. In July 2008, he delivered the prestigious Joseph Lauwerys Lecture, at the Comparative Education Society of Europe (CESE), in Athens. He directed the Australian Research Council project on the Chinese Knowledge Diaspora, and was Fulbright New Century Scholar, for 2007-8 (Theme: Access and Equity in Higher Education).

He acted as Consultant to the major Asian Development Bank (ADB) project, Dynamic Higher Education in Asia, and contributed several times to the high-level policy symposium, Beijing Forum. He was recently bestowed the title of Ph. D. Supervisor, by Tianjin University, China. Selected Recent and Current Books:

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