

# Report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ANIE Conference

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# 1. Background and Summary

## Introduction

The First African Conference on Information Ethics was held in Tshwane/Pretoria, South Africa, 5-7 February 2007. This event took place under the auspices of UNESCO, was sponsored by the South African Government's Department of Communications and organized by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Pretoria, University of Pittsburgh, as well as the International Centre of Information Ethics. During this event the Africa Network for Information Ethics (ANIE) was established.

Under the heading 'the joy of sharing knowledge' and the patronage of UNESCO it brought together some 80 policy makers and academic minds from Africa and around the world to discuss the impact of the use of modern Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) on the African continent and formulate a specifically African perspective on the challenges involved - locally and globally.

In addressing the ethical challenges of the information society on the African continent the conference was inspired by the Geneva Declaration adopted by the Geneva World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) of 2003. It was explicitly conceived as part of the implementation of Action Line C10 of the Geneva Plan of Action.

The second ANIE Conference took place in Gaborone, Botswana on 6 to 8 September 2010. The theme of this event focused on '*Teaching Information Ethics in Africa: Current Status, Opportunities and Challenges*'. Presentations during that conference indicated that the subject of Information Ethics is not mainstreamed across tertiary education institutions, but that elements of Information Ethics are only present in several courses. Participants at the Botswana event called for more research to be done in constructing a particular curriculum on the subject taking into account theories, key concepts and history, African Philosophy, Case Studies and analysis of the case studies.

## Themes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ANIE International Conference

**3 – 4 September:** *Development of a curriculum to teach Information Ethics at universities in Africa*

**5 – 7 September:** *The Cheetah Generation's Fast Track towards Social Media and Information Ethics in Africa*

## Summary

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ANIE Conference took place in two parts. The first was a 2-day Pre-Conference Workshop on 3 and 4 September 2012 whilst the Conference activities took place on 5, 6 and 7 September 2012.

The ANIE 2012 Pre-Conference Workshop focussed on matters related to the further development and implementation of the Curriculum to teach Information Ethics in Africa. The Workshop created the opportunity for participating universities to report on their activities and challenges that occurred during the past academic year. Under the theme of *Training the Trainers* and the expertise of Prof Johannes Britz, the Workshop allowed in-depth discussions on topics included in the curriculum. The objective was to coach and guide lecturers in the content of the curriculum.

The activities of the Conference included the public launch of the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics as well as the announcement of various awards for outstanding service towards Information Ethics in Africa. The launch took place on the evening of 6 September and was attended by a host of important guests, including Prof Cheryl de la Rey, Vice Chancellor of the University of Pretoria and Ms Rose Seopela, DG of the Department of Communications. The ANIE Academic Award went to Prof Stephen Mutula for outstanding academic contribution, whereas the Mokwinning Nhlapo Award was presented to Ms Nozipho Mashiyi for her service in promoting Information Ethics in her governmental capacity.

## 2. Content

### a. List of Participants and Institutions

Title	Surname	Name	Institutions	Country
Mrs	Ackerman	Susanna	INTEL Southern Africa Education Coordinator	South Africa
Ms	Amunga	Hellen	Kenyatta University	Kenya
Ms	Anduvare	Everlyn	Marist International University College	Kenya
Prof	Banjo	Adewale	University of Zululand	South Africa
Mr	Bester	Coetzee	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Prof	Bothma	Theo	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Me	Bothma	Rachel	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Prof	Britz	Johannes	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	America

Mrs	Dadzie	Perpetua	University of Ghana	Ghana
Mr	De Villiers	Deon	National Institute for the Deaf	South Africa
Adv	De Villiers	Derick		South Africa
Prof	Du Plessis	Jacques	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	America
Mr	Du Toit	Jaco	Unesco Office, Windhoek	Namibia
Mr	Enakrire	Rexwhite	University of Zululand	South Africa
Dr	Griffin	Joe	University of Limerick	Ireland
Dr	Hamad	Omar	Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology	Tanzania
Dr	Hamyar	Suleiman	Zanzibar University	Tanzania
Ms	Hlahatsi	Keitumetse	Department of Communications	South Africa
Dr	Holmner	Marlene	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Ms	Hommel	Erin	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Dr	Hoskins	Ruth	University of KwaZulu Natal	South Africa
Prof	Ijeoma	Edwin	University of Fort Hare	South Africa
Mrs	Ingutia-Oyieke	Lilian	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Ms	Isaacs	Shafika	Unesco International Consultant: ICT in Education	South Africa
Dr	Kaddu	Sarah	Uganda Christian University	Uganda
Ms	Kagwiria	Evangeline	Ministry of Immigration	Kenya
Ms	Kawalya	Jane	Makerere University	Kenya
Ms	Kibugi	Sarah	Kenya Polytechnic University College	Kenya
Prof	Kigongo-Bukenya	Isaac	Makerere University	Uganda
Mr	Kingori	George	University of Nairobi	Kenya
Ms	Klaas	Monica	Department of Communications	South Africa
Ms	Linaka	Nthekeleng	University of Fort Hare	South Africa
Ms	Maina	Jane	Makerere University	Uganda
Mrs	Maisiri	Esabel	University of Technology, Bulawayo	Zimbabwe
Dr	Malan	Karmen		South Africa
Ms	Maloka	Thoriso	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Mrs	Mashiya	Nozipho	Department of Communications	South Africa

Ms	Mlandu	Busi	Department of Communications	South Africa
Ms	Mmakola	Lulu	University of KwaZulu Natal	South Africa
Ms	Mnguni	Karabo	Department of Communications	South Africa
Ms	Mosha	Neema	Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology	Tanzania
Mr	Mukakanya	Abel	Makerere University	Uganda
Mr	Musekwa	Thinashaka	Department of Communications	South Africa
Mr	Musi	Lucky	Department of Communications	South Africa
Prof	Mutula	Stephen	University of KwaZulu Natal	South Africa
Ms	Nsibirwa	Zawedde	University of KwaZulu Natal	South Africa
Ms	Obachi	Esther	University of Nairobi	Kenya
Prof	Ocholla	Dennis	University of Zululand	South Africa
Dr	Oladokun	Olugbade Samuel	University of Botswana	Botswana
Prof	Otike	Japhet	Moi University	Kenya
Dr	Penzhorn	Cecilia	University of Pretoria	South Africa
Dr	Ponelis	Shana	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	America
Mr	Thole	John	EduNova	South Africa
Mr	Tweve	Julius	Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College	Tanzania
Dr	Van der Vyver	Braam	Monash	South Africa

### 3. Activities

#### a. Programme

**Programme of activities for the Africa Network for Information Ethics (ANIE) 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference that took place at the Kievits Kroon Conference Centre in Pretoria, South Africa between 3 and 7 September 2012**

#### **3 September 2012, Day 1: Pre-Conference Workshop**

***Reports by participating universities***

**08:45 Arrival at the workshop venue at Kievits Kroon**

**09:30 Starting of the Pre-Conference Workshop**

- Welcoming remarks by Prof Theo Bothma, HoD Information Science – University of Pretoria
- “Name TBC” on behalf of Ms Rosey Sekese, Director General of the Department of Communications welcomes international delegation
- Opening of the Workshop by Prof Dennis Ocholla, HoD Information Studies – University of Zululand

**10:00 Background and current status of the curriculum**

- Presentation by Coetzee Bester, Director of the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics

**10:15 Presentation of University Reports**

- University of Zululand, South Africa
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- Tumaini University, Tanzania
- Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology, Tanzania
- University of Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
- Zanzibar University, Tanzania

**11:15 Refreshments**

**11:45 Presentation of University Reports (continue)**

- University of Fort Hare, South Africa
- Kenya Polytechnic University College, Kenya
- University of Botswana, Botswana
- University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Moi University, Kenya
- Marist International University College, Kenya

**12:45 Lunch**

**14:00 Presentation of University Reports (continue)**

- Makerere University, Uganda
- University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- University of Zanzibar, Tanzania
- University of Ghana, Ghana
- Uganda Christian University, Uganda
- University of Pretoria, South Africa

**15:00 Refreshments**

**15:30 Discussion of university reports**

- Chairperson: Prof Dennis Ocholla
- Panel: Prof Rafael Capurro  
Prof Johannes Britz  
Prof Stephen Mutula  
Prof Theo Bothma

**16:30 Closing**

- Summary of the Curriculum Project
- Vote of thanks

**4 September 2012, Day 2: Pre-Conference Workshop**

***Training the Trainers – detailed discussion of the curriculum content***

**08:30 Arrival at the workshop venue at Kievits Kroon**

- Registration
- Refreshments

**09:15 Facilitation of content – session 1**

**10:45 Refreshments**

**11:15 Facilitation of content – session 2**

**12:45 Lunch**

**14:00 Facilitation of content – session 3**



**15:30 Refreshments**

**16:00 Closing**

- Summary of the Pre-Conference Workshop – Prof Johannes Britz
- Vote of thanks

## **5 September 2012, Day 1 of the ANIE Conference**

**08:45 Arrival at the Conference venue at Kievits Kroon**

**09:30 Opening activities**

- Conference Co-Chair:
  - Prof Theo Bothma (HoD Information Science)
  - Mr Themba Phiri (Deputy Director General of the Department of Communications)
- Welcoming remarks: Prof Theo Bothma
- Introduction of the participating Institutions
- Opening of the Conference – Mr Themba Phiri on behalf Ms Dina Pule, Minister of Communications

**11:00 Refreshments**

**11:30 Introduction of the Conference Theme: *Social Media and Information Ethics in Africa***

- Keynote by Prof Stephen Mutula on behalf of Prof Rafael Capurro

**12:30 Lunch**

**14: 00 Report on ANIE activities**

- ANIE Director: Mr Coetzee Bester

**14:15 Conference input: *The role of Government in sustaining Information Ethics***

- Dr Harold Wesso – E-Skills, Department of Communications, South African Government

**15:15 Refreshments**

**15:45 Conference input: *Guidelines towards WSIS Action Lines on Information Ethics***

- Mr Jaco du Toit – UNESCO

**6 September 2012, Day 2 of the ANIE Conference**

**08:00** Arrival at the Conference venue at Kievits Kroon

**08:30 Theme discussions – session 1**

<p><b>Group 1</b> Professor Edwin Ijeoma University of Fort Hare</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Globalisation versus public information ethics in an African perspective.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Professor Jacques du Plessis University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Child protection and social media.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> Professor Stephen Mutula University of Kwazulu-Natal</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Ethical dimension of social media in teaching and learning at the university.</i></p>
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**09:30 Theme discussions – session 2**

<p><b>Group 1</b> Dr Jane Kawalya and Mr Abel Mukakanya Makerere University</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Ethical challenges of supervising undergraduate research – a case study of Ugandan universities.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Ms Esther Obachi University of Nairobi</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Social media of social exclusion.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> Professor Dennis Ocholla University of Zululand</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Challenges and opportunities of social media teaching and research in Africa.</i></p>
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**10:30 Refreshments**

**11:00 Theme discussions – session 3**

<p><b>Group 1</b> Ms Hellen Amunga Kenyatta University</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> Students' perception on dissemination of information through social media by university libraries in Kenya.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Prof Japhet Otike Moi University</p> <p><i><b>Theme:</b> The impact on privacy and freedom of laws on the social media.</i></p>
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**12:00 Lunch**

#### 13:30 Theme discussions – session 4

<p><b>Group 1</b> Ms Jane Maina Makerere University</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Social media and information ethics awareness on universities in Kenya.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Dr Joe Griffin University of Limerick</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Multi-institutional collaboration: Experiences, methods and techniques to support collaboration between universities in teaching and assessment of professional issues and information ethics.</i></p>
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#### 14:30 Theme discussions – session 5

<p><b>Group 1</b> Dr Sarah Kaddu Uganda Christian University</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Challenges of social media in LIS Ethics in Africa.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Dr Olugbade Samuel Oladokun Botswana University</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>The Ubiquitous Impact of Social Media: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly</i></p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> Mrs Esabel Maisiri and Dr Lawton Hikwa University of Technology</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>An assessment of the perspectives on information ethics and the social media of academic staff at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Zimbabwe</i></p>
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#### 15:30 Refreshments

#### 16:00 Plenary

- Group reports
- Discussions and decisions

### 6 September 2012 - ANIE Conference evening programme

*This special part of the programme was aimed at the launch, introduction and celebration of the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics (ACEIE) that forms part of a formal Memorandum*

*of Agreement between the University of Pretoria and the South African Department of Communications*

**18:30 Arrival and reception of the conference participants and guests of honour representing the University of Pretoria and the South African Department of Communications**

- Venue: Kievits Kroon Conference Centre
- Host: Prof Theo Bothma
- Protocol guidelines to be observed
- Cocktail refreshments

19:05 Welcoming remarks – Prof Theo Bothma

19:15 Launch of the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics

19:30 Guest of Honour – Prof Cheryl de la Rey, Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria

20:30 Guest of Honour – Ms Dina Pule, Minister of Communications

20:50 Presentation of Awards

- Presentation of the Mokwinning Nhlapo Award by Ms Rosey Sekese, Director General of the Department of Communications to Ms Nozipho Mashiyi
- Presentation of the ANIE Award by Prof Cheryl de la Rey, Vice Chancellor of the University of Pretoria to Prof Stephen Mutula

21:00 Vote of Thanks – Ms Nozipho Mashiyi

## 7 September 2012, Day 3 of the ANIE Conference

**08:00** Arrival at the Conference venue at Kievits Kroon

**08:20** Call to order and administrative announcements

**08:30** Theme discussions – session 6

<p><b>Group 1</b> Ms Sarah Kibugi Kenya Polytechnic University College</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>A survey of the use of social media in dissemination of information in selected university libraries in Kenya.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 2</b> Ms Lilian Ingutia-Oyieke, Prof Archie Dick and Prof Theo Bothma University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Are established democracies less vulnerable to internet censorship than authoritarian regimes? The social media test.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> Ms Shafika Isaacs Unesco, International Consultant</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Mobile Learning and Information Ethics</i></p>
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**09:30** Theme discussions – session 7

<p><b>Group 2</b> Dr Connie Bitso, Prof Ina Fourie and Prof Theo Bothma University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Trends in transition from classical censorship to internet censorship: selected countries overview.</i></p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> Dr Shana Ponelis University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</p> <p><b>Theme:</b> <i>Ethical issues arising from social media use by libraries</i></p>
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**10:30** Refreshments

**11:00** Plenary

- Group reports
- Discussions and decisions

**11:45** Closing activities

- Summary of the decisions – Declaration
- Summary of the Conference

- Co-Chair: Mr Themba Phiri, Deputy Director General of the Department of Communications
- Vote of thanks
  - Co-Chair: Prof Theo Bothma

#### **12:45 Conclusion of the 2012 ANIE Conference**

## **4. Declaration**

All the objectives that were set out for the conference were met; these include:

1. Academic objectives;
2. Organisational objectives;
3. Management objectives; and
4. Financial objectives.