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RETHINK@NAS – a holistic focus on transformation

At the University of Pretoria (UP), we stand for diversity, equality and inclusion. Accordingly, the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NAS) unequivocally supports the different activities of the UP Transformation Office, which is, among others, to protect students and staff against discrimination, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and other related issues.

Most of you know the Faculty's transformation initiative, aptly called RETHINK@NAS. This initiative is a holistic approach to transformation in NAS. It reminds all staff and students to stop and assess their actions and words, the potential effect on others, perceptions, and norms that impede change in NAS.

Why RETHINK?

R	Respect
E	Empowerment
T	Thought leadership
H	Humanity
I	Inclusivity
N	Next Generation
K	Knowledge

Meet the Core Committee Chairs

- Prof Barend Erasmus: Dean and member of the UP Institutional Transformation Committee.

Chairs of the RETHINK@NAS Core Committees

- Anti-discrimination and Gender-based Violence: Prof Thando Ndarana and Dr Nolwazi Nombana (Co-chairs)
- Culture: Dr Seite Makgai
- Outreach: Prof Mmantsae Diale and Ms Lorelle September (co-chairs)
- Research: Prof Lise Korsten

- Teaching and Learning: Prof Paulette Bloomer
- Transformation and Employment Equity (also NAS Faculty Chairperson to UP Institutional Transformation Committee): Ms Jessika Samuels



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Free NAS little library celebrates Mandela Day

In celebration of Mandela Month 2023, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NAS) initiated the establishment of a free mini-library in the Agricultural Sciences Building's Foyer. This is an ongoing project.

The aim is to create a vibrant space in the Faculty foyer filled with books that inspire, educate, and entertain. By donating your previously loved books to the free mini-library, everyone contributed to fostering a culture of reading and knowledge sharing among our NAS staff and students.

Staff and students are requested to donate their used books. They are invited to leave a note with their donated books, sharing a personal recommendation, a favourite quote, or an inspiring message for the next reader.



NAS part of an initiative to put GBV icon on UP app

#RETHINK@NAS, in collaboration with the Student Counseling Unit (SCU) and the UP Transformation Office, and with the help of Information Technology Services, have completed a project to include a Gender Based Violence (GBV) icon on the UP mobile app. The icon aims to put information about GBV matters in a student's hand. This includes SCU contact details, information about GBV training and access to the Anti-discrimination reporting system.

@RETHINK@NAS is the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NAS)'s transformation initiative.

NAS deel van projek om GBG ikoon op UP toep te plaas

#RETHINK@NAS, in samewerking met die Studenteberadingsentrum (SBS) en die UP Transformasiekantoor, en met die hulp van Inligtingstechnologiesdienste, het 'n projek voltooi wat 'n Geslagsgebaseerde Geweld (GBG)-ikoon op die UP mobiele toep plaas. Die ikoon is daarop gemik om inligting oor GBG-aangeleenthede in 'n student se hand te plaas. Dit sluit SBS-kontakbesonderhede, inligting oor GBG-opleiding, en toegang tot die teendiskriminasieverslagstelsel in.

@RETHINK@NAS is 'n transformasie-inisiatief van die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe (NAS).

NAS ke karolo ya lenaneo la go bea aekhone ya GBV mo epong ya UP

#RETHINK@NAS, ka tirišano le Lekala la Thobamatswalo ya Baithuti (SCU) le Ofisi ya Phetogo ya UP, gape ka thušo ya Ditirelo tša Theknolotši ya Tshedimošo, ba phethile protšeke ya go akaretša aekhono ya Dikgaruru tšeo di Theilwego go Bong (GBV) mo epong ya go thetha ya UP. Aekhone e nepile go tsenya tshedimošo ya ditaba tša GBV ka diatleng tša baihuti. Se se akaretša tshedimošo ya kgokagano ya SCU, tshedimošo ya tlhahlo ya GBV le phihlelo ya lenaneo la go bega kgahlanong le Kgethologanyo.

#RETHINK@NAS ke lenaneo la phetogo la Lefapha la Disaense tša Tlhago le Temo (NAS).

