

Monday, 14 October 2013

Dear Delegate

**Invitation to participate in a Department of Science and Technology Science Seminar entitled *Linking knowledge producers and marginalised communities* - 15 November 2013**

You are invited to attend science seminar focussing on ***Linking knowledge producers and marginalised communities***, which is to be hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT). This seminar is scheduled to take place on 15 November 2013 at the Tsogo Sun Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa.

The DST Science Seminar is designed to better ensure that research feeds into active policy processes and to serve as a vehicle for disseminating policy-relevant research results, sharing expertise and experience, facilitating policy dialogue, and building the capacity of researchers and policymakers in ways that bear on public policymaking. The purpose of the seminars is also to provide a forum for the presentation of cutting-edge research papers and to increase awareness among academics and students about developments in diverse themes of research in the field of human and social dynamics. The seminars allow researchers to identify research gaps and suggest new research agendas in the social sciences and humanities, and to strategically promote, develop, and coordinate collaborative and interdisciplinary research within and between higher education institutions and the science councils.

The workshop aims to focus on the interaction between knowledge producers and marginalised communities, and proposes to generate evidence-based advice to guide the implementation of South African policies on inclusive development and social innovation.

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The workshop is an opportunity to present research that allows us to reflect on the critical questions: What are the ideal roles of South African universities, what are the conditions that facilitate and constrain the realisation of those roles, and what are the strategic interventions that can promote more effective interaction to the benefit of marginalised communities?

The specific aim of the workshop is to address the following objectives:

1. Debate the roles that different types of universities can play in innovation for inclusive development
2. Examine the nature of interaction with marginalised communities in distinct types of university
3. Identify mechanisms through which universities can enhance the livelihoods of marginalised communities
4. Discuss policy interventions through which universities can promote innovation for the public good
5. Provide a comparative perspective on research into social innovation and inclusive development in Argentina
6. Bring together researchers and policy actors in the higher education community engagement, social innovation and development spaces to determine what further research is required, and how current research can be coordinated

The value of such a workshop is that it can bring together researchers, policymakers and knowledge producers to evaluate current research, draw out policy implications through a dialogic process, and inform the research agenda going forward.

For more information, please find attached the concept note and draft programme for the workshop.

We would be greatly honoured by your participation. Should you be available to attend the workshop, submitting your registration form to Ms Arlene Grossberg (e-mail [acgrossberg@hsr.ac.za](mailto:acgrossberg@hsr.ac.za)) on or before 20 October 2013.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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