

## Leadership Dialogue on Open Access and African Research Publishing in the 21st Century

3 May 2016 – Cape Town International Convention Centre

### Invitation

SARUA is pleased to invite you to *the SARUA Leadership Dialogue on Open Access and African Research Publishing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

This half-day event is an ideal pre-conference event for Vice-Chancellors and senior higher education decision makers attending the 2016 Going Global Conference at the International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. Going Global is an open forum for education world leaders to debate international higher and further education issues and challenges, and to discuss collaborative solutions. This will be the first time that it will be held in Africa.

SARUA members will receive a discounted rate to attend Going Global 2016.

#### ***Leadership Dialogue Summary***

*Vice Chancellors of Southern African universities face a dual challenge when it comes to scholarly publication. Very high costs are blocking access to international scholarship for their researchers, even as international commercial publishers appear to be making a land grab for African research. At the same time, universities in the region struggle to publish and disseminate research that is vital to their international status as well as to the economic, social and developmental needs of the region.*

*At a time when digital and Open Access publishing models are entering the mainstream globally, changing the face of scholarly publishing in the leading research countries of the world, this Leadership Dialogue will explore what these developments could offer by way of policy options and practical solutions that could work in the Southern African context.*

*Reviewing developments in Europe, Britain, the United States and Latin America, this Leadership Dialogue asks whether Open Access publication policies could address problems of access, help enhance the international status of universities and their researchers, as well as ensuring the effective dissemination of Southern African research to meet the needs of the region.*

**Date:** Tuesday 3 May 2016

**Venue:** Cape Town International Convention Centre

**Time:** 08h00 – 14h00 (The Going Global Conference proceedings start at 15h00)

**Cost:** SARUA member delegates: ZAR2,500 (USD 160)/ Other delegates: ZAR4,000 (USD 255)

## SARUA Leadership Dialogue Programme

*The themes, speakers and time slots are provisional and subject to final confirmation*

Timeslot	Theme	Goal	Speaker/s
07h30 – 08h00	Registration and Tea / Coffee		
08h00 – 08h30	Welcome Address from SARUA and Magna Charta Observatory		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Primrose Kurasha, Chairperson: SARUA</li> <li>• Piyushi Kotecha, CEO: SARUA</li> <li>• Dr Sijbolt Noorda, President: Magna Charta Observatory</li> </ul>
08h30 – 09h00	Research values in a changing world, a southern African perspective – from the competitive to the collaborative, from the commercial to the developmental.	<i>This session will evaluate how southern African universities, moving beyond journals alone, can seek to align policies for scholarly publication and reward and promotional systems to suit the particular values and needs of the region in a changing environment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Sijbolt Noorda, President: Magna Charta Observatory</li> <li>• Prof Zebulon Vilakazi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Postgraduate Student Affairs, University of the Witwatersrand</li> </ul>
09h00-09h45	A moving target: multinational publishers, their values and their strategies in response to global policy changes.	<i>The large commercial publishers are seeking to realign their policies and practices with mandates for open access from funders and governments. They are also apparently growing their involvement in developing country publishing. This session seeks to evaluate the affordability, the appropriateness and the desirability of these developments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garry Rosenberg, Publishing Expert</li> <li>• Eve Gray, Scholarly Publishing and Open Access Expert, IP Law Unit, University of Cape Town</li> </ul>
09h45-10h30	A Changing Policy Environment - Global Policy Developments in Open Access and the values that these developments represent.	<i>This session will critically evaluate approaches from the Global North, contrasting these with Latin American policy solutions and asking what would work best for southern Africa? It will map the policies and implementation plans that are articulated, with particular attention paid to the capacity implications, costs and values implicit in the programmes that are being adopted.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bianca Amaro de Melo, Coordenadora do Laboratório de Metodologias de Tratamento e Disseminação da Informação, Instituto Brasileiro de Informação em Ciência e Tecnologia</li> <li>• Dr Lidia Borrell-Damian, Director for Research and Innovation: European Universities Association (video)</li> </ul>
10h30-11h00	Tea/Coffee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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11h00 - 11h345	An African vision for open research publication: Policy for open access in Southern African Scholarly Publishing - journals and beyond.	<i>This session will review the research, policy planning and implementation that has taken place in Africa, identifying gaps and evaluating capacity needs, in order to reach toward policies that would deliver the values and capacities needed in our context.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr William Nwagwu, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)</li> <li>• Hezekiel Dhlamini, UNESCO, Southern Africa</li> </ul>
11h45 – 12h00	Sustainability Models for Open Access policy in Southern Africa - Cross-Regional Collaboration, Partnerships and Shared Technology Platforms.	<i>Drawing on a number of research interventions and initiatives undertaken, this session will aim to map not only policy priorities but also the infrastructural needs that would have to be incorporated into a Southern African research publication policy plan that aligns with the values and aspirations of the region they could work for – (Southern) Africa.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Pascal Hoba, CEO of the UbuntuNet Alliance</li> <li>• Prof. Caroline Ncube, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town</li> </ul>
12h00- 12.45	A Vision and Statement for Southern African OA strategies, policy and implementation planning; A call for action.	<i>An interactive session, aiming at the formulation of a strategic framework that could provide the basis for the development of policy planning.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Crain Soudien, Chief Executive Officer, Human Sciences Research Council</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
12h45 – 13h15	Light Lunch		
13h15 – 13h45	Wrap up / next steps		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated panel discussion</li> <li>• Judy Favish, Director: Institutional Planning: University of Cape Town</li> </ul>
13h45 – 14h00	Closing Remarks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Primrose Kurasha, Chairperson: SARUA</li> </ul>

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## SARUA Leadership Dialogue Partners



SARUA is a Vice-Chancellor-level membership organisation which represents the leadership of public and private universities in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

SARUA's purpose is:

- To promote, strengthen and increase higher education, training and research through institutional collaboration and capacity-building initiatives across the SADC region; and
- To promote SADC universities as major contributors towards national and regional socio-economic development.

SARUA has an eight year track record of implementing programmes based on four activity types: (a) Thought leadership, (b) Purposeful engagement, (c) Capacity building support and (d) Advocacy and influence within the higher education sector. SARUA's mission directly responds to the SADC Protocol on Education & Training (2000).



The University of Cape Town's Intellectual Property (IP) Unit strives to add an African voice to the global debate on IP-related issues. Our focus is on examining the link between IP, innovation, development and public policy. We aim at creating a leading IP programme in Africa that translates cutting edge research

into excellent teaching and increases the number of highly-skilled African IP experts. Important issues range from the way in which we access and share knowledge to strategies how to commercialise inventions and avoid misappropriation. IP is a key determinant of human development, economic growth and competitiveness; and IP rules impact on various public policy areas including health, research and development, bio-diversity, clean technologies, food security, and education.



The Magna Charta Observatory of fundamental values and principles of the University promotes the fulfilment and the defence of institutional autonomy and academic freedom in universities across the world. It is a voluntary association comprising over 800 universities from more than 85 countries who have signed a statement of fundamental values and principles known as the

Magna Charta Universitatum.

The Observatory monitors the status of institutional autonomy and academic freedom worldwide. It acts on behalf of a signatory or of members of universities, or independently. It commissions case studies on specific issues in individual countries or regions and publishes on issues related to either institutional autonomy or academic freedom.

The Observatory organises conferences, seminars, workshops and summer schools where it brings together academics, decision-makers and students from different backgrounds. It cooperates with major university associations, such as the EUA (European University Association), the Council of Europe, UNESCO, IAU (International Association of Universities), the ACE (American Council of Education), SARUA (Southern African Regional Association of Universities) SAR (Scholars at Risk) etc. It cooperates with other associations and related governmental and non-governmental organisations including student organisations.

Information about how universities can apply to sign the Magna Charta Universitatum can be found at [www.magna-charta.org](http://www.magna-charta.org) or by emailing [magnacharta@unibo.it](mailto:magnacharta@unibo.it)

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## Going Global 2016, the conference for leaders of international education

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/going-global>

***Going Global 2016 will take place from 3 -5 May 2016 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa.***

This year's overarching theme is 'Building nations through connecting cultures'. The diverse range of conference sessions will consider the role of universities and the wider higher education sector in the process of nation-building. For us, nation-building is about growing the skills base for academia and industry, engaging communities, establishing a vibrant national culture and working towards political stability. Rather than development and growth being a consequence of the workings of non-compulsory education institutions, the real challenge and opportunities come from actively repositioning these institutions to be at the heart of the process.

The sessions will consider the theme through three lenses:

1. Education policy: local priorities, national systems and global drivers
2. Economic development: skills, enterprise, research and innovation
3. Social cohesion and engagement: democracy, social justice and international relations

Registration opens on Monday 25 January 2016 here with early bird rates available until Friday 25 March, and **as members of SARUA we are pleased to offer a discounted ticket**. When registering, please choose "Discounted pass" and enter the code: **GGDiscounted** when requested. Registration closes on 15 April 2016.

Please note that South African delegates receive a further reduced rate, and should select Host Nation (South Africa) pass on the registration form.