South Africa
South-South Partnership

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Background update

- Pre 1994 – (1652/1820) colonised, segregation – 36 Universities
- Post 1994 – merging – 23 Universities
- 26 Universities
  - Traditional Research/Comprehensive/Universities of Technology
- Extensive N-S collaboration
  - USA and Europe (developed vs developing)
    - Funding Aid recipients
South Africa National Development Plan 2030

• Rational:
  – Post 1994 – re-entry into international community
  – Encourages international university collaboration
  – SA students should have access to quality education and training – skills enhancement
  – Supports international collaboration to increase quality in HE, innovation, to address challenges
  – Increase knowledge creation
  – Strengthening research capacity and research output

• Draft Policy on Internationalisation of HE in South Africa (2016...)
  – Strategic objectives (Guided by protocols):
    • Strengthen SADC, Africa, BRICS, Global collaboration
Current thinking in SA about international academic S-S and N-S-S partnerships?

• More towards Strategic partnerships, alliances - from transactional to transformational (Sutton 2010)
• From bilateral to multilateral to strategic alliances
• Less focus on number of partnerships – more on quality – actions, outcomes driven
• From single purpose to multipurpose partnerships – inclusive (education, research and benchmarking, etc)
• From higher education partnerships to partnerships including other stakeholders, such as local governments, the private sector/business and NGOs;
• Building educational partnerships on joint programmes, joint degrees. (No double degrees).
International Partnership
Central University of Technology approach

• Partnership Management guideline
  – Focused (Budget constraints)
    • SADC regions
    • Africa
    • BRICS regions
    • Global regions

• Aim
  – Increase knowledge societies in niche research areas
  – Innovative, adaptable, cost-efficient
  – Address regional and global challenges – to accelerate achievement of SDGs

S-S partnerships complimentary to N-S partnerships
Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Partnership development

• SADC region
• Africa
• BRICS
• Other regions:
  – Asia Pacific
  – Central European Universities
  – Canada
  – South America
What are we looking for

- Guided by 2014 Nelson Mandela Bay Global Dialogue Declaration
- Ethical collaboration (mutuality, trust)
- Staff development, particularly PhD co-supervision for emerging researchers
- Access to research instrumentation/equipment not available in South Africa
- Joint projects to support STEM and other development
- Intense research capacity development courses in the other regions – pegged at high and specialized levels (skills development)