

Welcome to Delegation



Bridgette Prince, Director of Business Development and International Liaison welcomes the delegation

The aim of the new project is to build a research network on the role of universities in innovation for inclusive development in sub-Saharan African region, particularly the SADC region. The research is part of an IDRC programme that challenges innovation studies to engage with a new conception of grassroots innovation in informal settings, to include currently marginalised groups as active agents.

Globally, universities have a narrow conception of their role in promoting research and development (R&D) and global competitiveness through interaction with firms and industry. The research will explore how universities in African contexts currently interact with marginalised

On 5 June the Director Business Development and International Liaison welcomed delegates in the Cape Town office who were here as part of a workshop that ran from 5 – 7 June to initiate a very exciting new project funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

The project brings together a team of researchers from six African countries and their partners and they took this opportunity to launch the UNIID Africa project, funded by IDRC. The research is led by Dr Glenda Kruss of the Education and Skills Development research programme, and builds on a series of projects on universities, innovation and development conducted over the past ten years.

groups, and how they can shift to a broader conception of their role in inclusive development through interaction with a wider range of productive agents and social partners.

Research teams are drawn from the University of Botswana, Makerere University, Mzuzu and Malawi universities, the Tanzanian Industrial Research and Development Organisation, the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research and the HSRC. Advocacy and dissemination partners include the African Association of Universities, the Southern African Regional Universities Association and the Southern African Research and Innovation Managers Association.

HSRC donates books to the University of Namibia

The HSRC donated 479 books, covering numerous disciplines ranging from health, business, finance and gender to the University of Namibia's Multi-Disciplinary Research Centre (MRC) in keeping with our collaboration agreement. The books were handed over to Vice-Chancellor Professor Lazarus Hangula by the Deputy CEO Research, Dr Temba Masilela. The books will be distributed by their library to the university's various campuses and centres around the country.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Lazarus Hangula receives the books From the Deputy CEO Research, Dr Temba Masilela

CODESRIA and HSRC take time out to review their collaboration



*Dr Temba Masilela, DCEO of Research, attended the launch of the French translation of *The Meanings of Timbuktu**

The Deputy CEO for Research, Dr Temba Masilela, led a delegation to Dakar in Senegal on the 3 and 4 May to review the two organisations' collaborative efforts. This meeting also presented the opportunity to jointly launch **the French edition of *The Meanings Of Timbuktu***.

This volume, authored by leading international scholars and published in English in 2008, was translated into French under the title *Tombouctou: Pour une histoire de l'érudition en Afrique de l'Ouest*. It was launched on 3 May by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and the HSRC in Dakar.

Contradicting the popular notion that African history survived only through the oral tradition, this collection of essays examines the rich legacy of written history on the continent, specifically in Timbuktu. It brings together articles written by a number of leading international scholars covering a wide range of areas in the study of Timbuktu, from archaeology and literature to the intellectual life, libraries, and private collections in Timbuktu and West Africa.

The book begins to sketch the different 'meanings' of Timbuktu within the context of the intellectual history of West Africa, in particular, that of the African continent. In a joint project between South Africa and Mali, a library to preserve more than 200 000 Arabic and West African manuscripts dating from the 13th to the 19th centuries is currently under construction. It is the first official cultural project of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) - the socio-economic development plan of the African Union - and when the library is built, the cultural role of Timbuktu will be revived as it becomes the safe haven for the treasured manuscripts.

The manuscripts prove that Africa had a rich legacy of written history, long before western colonisers set foot on the continent. The book covers four broad areas: Part I provide an introduction to the region; outlines what archaeology can tell us of its history, examines the paper and various calligraphic styles used in the manuscripts; and explains how ancient institutions of scholarship functioned. Part II begins to analyse what the manuscripts can tell us of African history. Part III offers insight into the lives and works of a few of the many scholars who became well-known in the region and beyond. Part IV provides a glimpse into Timbuktu's libraries and private collections, and Part V looks at the written legacy of the eastern half of Africa which, like that of the western region, is often ignored.

Debating the African diaspora

DST invited the HSRC to participate in a seminar on the African diaspora, which took place on 22 May 2012 as part of Africa Day celebrations. The theme of the seminar was *Mobilising African diaspora to contribute to science, technology and innovation for sustainable development*. The event created the opportunity for the HSRC to exhibit our recent publications, brochures and research reports. Most of the selected publications focussed on continental concerns.



The HSRC profiled its research outputs and publications at the Africa Day event



Billie Jean Winnaar and Carla Pheiffer engaged with stakeholders at the Africa Day event

As part of the seminar Dr Temba Masilela presented on the HSRC perspective on the African Diaspora. He posed critical questions to the meeting to get the debate going. This was followed by a panel discussion.

Prof. Esther Kibuka-Sebitosi, Dr Elizabeth Rasekoala, Dr Saths Cooper, and Prof. Shadrack BO Gutto responded with short inputs to further the debate.



Panel members from left to right: Prof. Esther Kibuka-Sebitosi, Dr Saths Cooper, Dr Elizabeth Rasekoala, Prof. Shadrack BO Gutto



Dr Temba Masilela. DCEO of Research

Mandela Day

The HSRC staff took the opportunity provided by Mandela Day in joining national and international partners to give 67 minutes of their time to ensure that they make a difference to those less fortunate in the communities where our offices are located in Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria and Sweetwaters. The time was spent at hospitals, schools, crèches and homes where we ensured that we gave to those who needed our time most and tangibly showed our love and care to the underprivileged people of South African even though on a small scale.

Teams engaged in activities at Sidiba Hope Community Centre, PEN - Clothing Bank, Leratong Home, Precious Pearls Home for Girls, the Service Dining Rooms, Nomusa Day Care Centre, Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital Oncology Unit and William Clark Othandweni Children's Home where we served and cooked meals, cleaned and washed buildings and engaged with the occupants of the various institutions.

Once again staff made a concerted effort to heed Mr Mandela's call to take action and inspire change. As Mr Mandela has reminded us, 'It's in our hands to create a better world. We take inspiration from his example to take responsibility for ourselves and to understand our responsibility to others.



XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington DC

Several HSRC staff members travelled to Washington DC in the United States to attend and participate in the XIX International AIDS Conference from 22 to 27 July 2012. This conference provided an ideal opportunity for the HSRC to showcase and exhibit our research. Several staff members participated in the poster and oral sessions. In addition we held three satellite sessions.



Dr Olive Shisana addressed the HSRC's collaborators and partners at the HSRC's exhibit

Our booth saw several hundred conference delegates pass by and there was great interest in, and enthusiasm for, our research and publications.

The first of our two satellite sessions took place on Sunday 22 July, as part of the pre-conference activities. The first satellite was co-hosted with the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and Morehouse School of Medicine. The session titled, Rethinking the Role of Social Sciences in the Context of HIV/AIDS was indeed well attended by more than 125 people and drew substantial interest from delegates. This session was moderated by HSRC CEO Dr Olive Shisana and Dr Rhonda Holliday from Morehouse School of Medicine as part of our joint collaborative efforts, given the recently signed memorandum of understanding between the two institutions.

The following presenters focused their talks on the following areas:

1. Prof Olajide Oloyede, Professor of Sociology and Principal Investigator on the Research in Anthropology and Sociology of Health (RASH) programme, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of the Western Cape (UWC) - Cognitive shift within the context of social interaction: speaking to the realities of social and behavioural change.
2. Prof Suzanne Leclerc Madlala, - Cultural Anthropologist Technical Advisor, USAID -Multigenerational trauma and HIV in South Africa
3. Dr Bella Dinh-Zarr, North American Director, Road Safety Fund FIA Foundation - What's road safety got to do with it? The intersection of road safety with public health and development in the context of HIV/AIDS
4. Prof David Celentano, Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health - Social theory guided strategies inform combination prevention in Iringa, Tanzania trial'.

The session ended with concluding remarks from the discussant, Prof Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya of the HSRC who pointed to other theories of social sciences that explain behaviour and therefore have a critical role to play in HIV prevention. These theories have not been integrated into approaches to HIV prevention and it was important to think innovatively on how to apply these to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Phaswana-Mafuya said it is imperative for social and behavioural scientists to work together.

The second session was titled The UNAIDS Investment Framework: Setting priorities for HIV prevention in today's global economic climate. The session was well-attended by about 80 participants. The key presentation by Dr Bernhard Swartlander, Director; Evidence, Innovation and Policy, UNAIDS Geneva, was aptly titled Application of the Investment Framework in four different types of epidemics'.

Representatives from four countries responded to his presentation, focusing on their country experiences. They were:

-  Dr Yogan Pillay, Deputy Director General; Department of Health, South Africa;
-  Prof. Dirceu Greco, Director; STD/AIDS/VH Department; Ministry of Health, Brazil;
-  Mr Raymond Yekeye, Director; National AIDS Council, Zimbabwe; and
-  Mr Peter van Rooijen, Executive Director; International Civil Society Support, Netherlands.

The third session on 25 July was entitled, 'Key populations in sub-Saharan Africa: A SAHARA Journal special edition. This session aimed to provide an overview of the:

1. Evolving understanding of the epidemiology of HIV among key populations in the African context;
2. Availability and uptake of prevention service for key populations in the African context; and
3. Levels of targeted HIV prevention, treatment, and care services for key populations in the African context.

This satellite session provided an overview of the evolving understanding of the epidemiology of HIV among key populations and its role within the African context; human rights and HIV among key populations; multilateral funding structures; research and prevention for key populations in Africa; and new prevention technologies for populations and homosexuality policies.

The session, chaired by Prof. Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya and Dr Stefan Baral, involved the following presentations:

- a) Dr Jessie Mbwambo, Psychiatrist, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) - People who use Drugs in Africa
- b) Dr Chris Beyrer, Professor of Epidemiology, Director for Center of Public Health and Human Rights, Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research – Human rights and HIV among key populations in the African context.
- c) Mr Owen Ryan, Deputy Director of Public Policy at amfAR) International donor funding for most at risk populations in Africa: a review.
- d) Dr Kevin Rebe, Specialist Medical Consultant of Infectious Diseases South Africa, Anova Health Institute - New prevention technologies and the relevance to key populations in African epidemics.
- e) Dr Paul Semugoma, Global Forum of MSM and HIVMSMGF Steering Committee)- Anti- homosexuality legislation: Public health aspects on HIV prevention, treatment and care in Uganda)
- f) Dr Nicolas Muragur, xxxxi- (MD, MPH, MBA-UNICEF) Kenya - Men who have Sex with Men in Africa



The following HSRC researchers gave oral presentations:

1. Dr Lucia Knight gave an oral presentation at CCABA Satellite Session, titled Children and HIV, Closing the gap – Ending Vertical Transmission Through Community Action Symposium
2. Prof Linda Richter presented in the parallel session Social Protection: Promoting a More Effective Response. Her presentation was titled: Evidence on HIV social protection: what works and what are the gaps?
3. Prof Thomas Rehle presented in the parallel session on Developments in Determining HIV Incidence, entitled: Measuring HIV incidence: advantages and limitations for different epidemic settings
4. Ms Gladys Matseke in the parallel session on Combination Prevention, entitled: Determinants of Condom Use in South Africa

Several HSRC researchers presented during the poster sessions:

1. Mr Shandir Ramlagan
I did not have parents to support me...I wanted to commit suicide: The effects of family dynamics on ART adherence and non-adherence by HIV positive African patients in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa
2. Dr Heidi van Rooyen
High testing uptake and linkages to HIV treatment through home-based HIV counselling and testing and facilitated referral in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
3. Mr Sean Jooste
Characteristics of HIV testing and determinants of knowledge of HIV status in South Africa
4. Dr Lucia Knight
How voluntary is provider-initiated HIV testing? The moral obligations to test in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
5. Prof Leickness Simbayi / Dr Dorina Onoya
Prevalence and acceptability of medical male circumcision in South Africa
6. Dr Julia Louw
Self-esteem, sexual risk behavior and loveLife youth programme exposure among young women in South Africa

Hosting of roundtable

The HSRC hosted a roundtable on 30 May with speaker Dr Reinhard Loske the South African project Manager of the organisation Towards Climate-Friendly Transport Technologies and Measures (TRANSfer) an initiative of the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)).

The TRANSfer project is undertaken in close cooperation with a number of South African institutions. It aims to support the government of South Africa in its endeavour to identify nationally appropriate policy options for climate action in the transport sector that could be integrated in the United Nations international climate negotiations (UNFCCC) as nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs).



Dr Reinhard Loske

The concept of NAMAs provides new opportunities for technical and financial support, as well as international recognition of domestic efforts of mitigation actions. The broad spectrum of policy options available ranges from improving fuel efficiency of vehicle fleets to supporting public transport systems and shifting from motorized to non-motorized modes of transport. Besides their emission mitigation effect, these measures often provide some positive co-benefits on society, environment and economy.

The aim of Reinhard Loske's mission on behalf of GIZ is to continue the effective cooperation between South Africa and Germany towards climate change mitigation efforts in the transport sector.

China-Africa People's Forum



The Director Business Development and International Liaison, Ms Bridgette Prince, attended the 2nd China-Africa People's Forum held in Suzhou, Jiangsu province on July 10-11, 2012.

The Forum was co-organised by China's NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), relevant African Union agencies and African NGOs. It was designed to boost the pragmatic cooperation and build a platform for exchanges between Chinese and African NGOs.

This forum, and the Conference of Chinese and African Entrepreneurs, have been incorporated into the master plan of the 5th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) as the

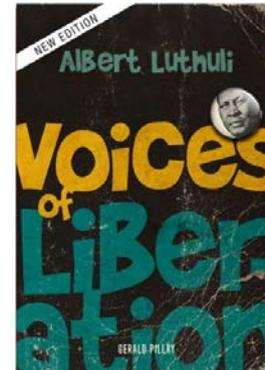
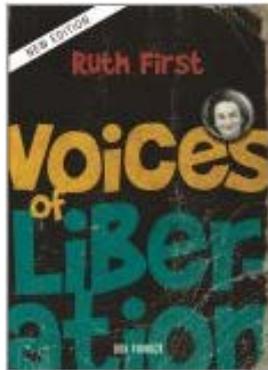
two official side events of the FOCAC ministerial conference. It brought together delegates from 36 African countries

The theme of the forum was People's Voice, People's Friendship and Cooperation for the People with emphasis on new ideas to achieve the ideal of a win-win cooperation, new measures of common development and new mechanisms of NGO exchanges between China and Africa.

The forum was opened by the Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, **Xi Jinping**, and was attended by several leading African scholars and political leaders, among them former presidents Joaquim Chissano, former president of Mozambique, **Oluşegun** Obasanjo, former president of Nigeria and Benjamin Mkapa former president of Tanzania, as well as the First Ladies of Ethiopia and Sudan.

At the end of the two-day forum the delegates voted for the declaration to which they contributed and which was to be presented at the Ministerial Conference of the 5th FOCAC.

Fresh off the Press



HSRC Press is proud to launch the first two books in its new Voices of Liberation series. This series celebrates the lives and writings of South African and African liberation activists and heroes. The human, social and literary contexts presented in this series have a critical resonance and bearing on where we come from, who we are and how we can choose to shape our destiny.

The Voices of Liberation series ensures that the debates and values that shaped the liberation movement are not lost. The series offers a unique combination of biographical information with selections from original speeches and writings in each volume. By providing access to the thoughts and writings of some of the many men and women who fought for the dismantling of apartheid, colonialism and capitalist legacy, this series invites the contemporary reader to engage directly with the rich history of the struggle for democracy and the restoration of our own identity.

2012 is the 30th anniversary of Ruth First's murder. This volume presents a brief biography of Ruth First, followed by a selection of her writings as a political activist, scholar and journalist. The new edition presents a timeline summary of significant events in Ruth's life within the context of major socio-political events of the time. It concludes with a reflection on her legacy from a current perspective and offers a further reading list. This book is a testament to an individual as much as it is to a specific time in the South African struggle for liberation.

'She was something of a hero to us in her lifetime. She made us proud to belong to a movement that had personalities like hers in its ranks. She lived vividly ...' - Judge Albie Sachs on Ruth First.

HSRC Press launched the new Voices of Liberation series on 7 June in London, which coincided with the celebration of Ruth First's life, and the launch of the new digital library of papers and books at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at London University. The series will also be launched locally at the Cape Town International Book Fair which will take place between 15 and 17 June.

This volume also presents a brief biography of South Africa's first Nobel Peace Prize winner, Albert Luthuli, followed by a selection from the many speeches he made, first as President of the Natal branch of the African National Congress and then as President-General. Born at the beginning of the 20th century, Luthuli was a man with a vision - a vision that encompassed people of all races and beliefs in southern Africa. As a teacher, as a national president of the ANC, and as an activist Luthuli survived house arrests, bannings, trials and detentions to emerge as not only a national but an international symbol of leadership. By the time of his tragic death - a train accident in 1967 - he had gained the respect of such individuals as Nelson Mandela, Dr Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy. The book concludes with a reflection on his legacy from a current perspective and a further reading list. For all our recently published materials go to www.hsrcpress.ac.za