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TRAINING SESSION 3

**Developing a Toolbox for Managing International
Collaborative PhD Programmes**

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Developing a Toolbox for Managing International Collaborative PhD Programmes

Session 1: Where we are in terms of handling
international collaborative PhD programmes at
institutional level in SA and EU? (Part 1)

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Developing the internationalization
of PhD studies in South Africa



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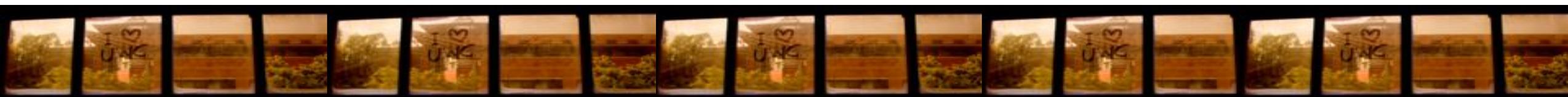
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UWC FROM HOPE TO ACTION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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BACKGROUND -UWC

- Pre- 1994 (Apartheid system- marginalised racial higher educational system)
- 1994 – Current (Democratic government – restructuring – transformation; Elite institutions still enjoy greater access, better infrastructure and graduate success rates; institutional autonomy and community upliftment; SA higher education funding crisis)
- Future – Internationalisation??





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Challenges – UWC, IOP document: The University of Western Cape: Institutional Operating Plan (IOP) 2016 – 2020:

- **Connectivity, visibility and accessibility**
These are in line with the YEBO objective on creating a platform to connect participating partners
- **Institutional commitment articulated in Goals: 1,2, 3 , 6:**
 - To sustain a vigorous national and international campaign of recruitment
 - To actively seek robust relationships and partnerships
- The UWC emphasis on a support for collaboration, teamwork, accountability and a shared responsibility
- Advance the teaching, learning and research in a digital university.



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- An active commitment to infuse *African and International* perspectives throughout the *teaching and learning, research*, and *service* missions of higher education.
- Strategic partnerships of mutual benefit based on the principles of reciprocity, equity and respect.



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Strategy, intent and foci

- **Principles of reciprocity and equity** - The University's Institutional Operational Plan (2016-2020) sees internationalization as a cross cutting theme across all its faculties, academic and research initiatives, student experiences and community engagement.
- **Strategy and intent.** The goals of UWC's internationalization strategy is to partner with institutions across a wide spectrum of research areas and academic programmes, with the goal of deepened connections with institutions in long term sustainable relationships, that aim to create new knowledge, build on existing scholarship and collaboratively address the global challenges facing humanity.
- **Foci:** The foci for internationalization is build resilient North-South partnerships to help build cooperative engagements that enhance the quality of knowledge production, the development of a thoughtful, socially responsive scholar who is both educated and socially committed to using education to transform and improve the lives of the marginalised and vulnerable in the world.



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International collaborations

Strategic partners

- University of Missouri – System (33 years)
UM – Kansas City, S & T – Rolla, UM – St Louis, UM – Columbia
- Ghent University– Belgium (15 years)
- VUB (Vrije Univ Brussels) (7 years)
- Utrecht University (Joint PhD)
- SANORD network: 52 North-South universities (12 years)



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International collaborations (Cont.)

Other International Partnerships

- Africa: Sudan, Somalia, Mozambique, Uganda, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, etc.
- Europe: Netherlands, UK, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Denmark, , France, Germany
- Asia and ASEAN: China, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Russia
- USA, Caribbean
- Latin America
- Australia
- Middle East



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The roles of the UWC International Relations Office (IRO)

- Liaison and facilitation services for advancing strategic partnerships.
- Promoting capacity building opportunities through international mobility for staff and students by establishing international partnerships and connecting with networks and mobility opportunities for staff and students.
- Facilitating programmes for institutional visits from partners and potential collaborators such as: [ISSO](#) ; [IEASA](#); [EAIE](#) ; [NAFSA](#) ; [SANORD](#) ; [NOHA](#) ; [GOLDEN KEY](#); [The Missouri System](#) and others.
- Study abroad & student exchange coordinator: Liaising & coordinating international partnerships



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YEBO project main activities :

- The **State of the art of internationalization activity of each partner**
- PhD Portal development
- Two international conferences: (1 in EU and 1 in South Africa)
- The organization of four (X4) training sessions in South Africa,
- Foster and drive the research agenda in S. A

- The above can be achieved through:
 - Comparing various universities and conducting research on the challenges and solutions – (EU & SA) initiatives;
 - The establishment of the PhD platform portal – accessible by various universities to ensure accessibility and successful internationalisation of PhD studies; foster collaboration and partnership for achieving high quality research output;
 - Conferences & training for YEBO participating partners

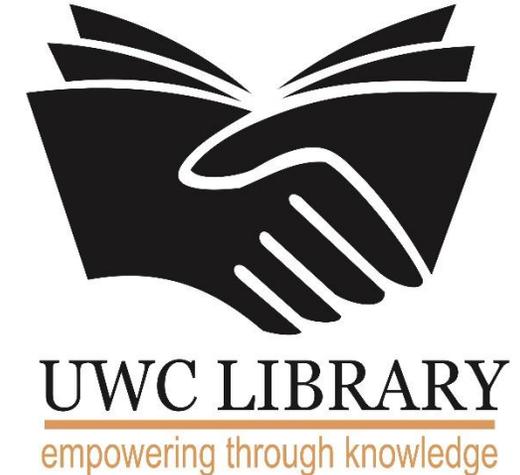


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The role of the Library:

- To promote the university IOP goals in particular, Learning, teaching and research;
- Creating enhanced Access to quality information and resources (access for success);
- Optimising usage of resources (information and physical);
- Providing focused support for research in the university;
- Build quality driven Training / Capacity development initiatives to drive the research
- Re-creating spatial (virtual and physical) support for PHD needs;
- Leveraging technologies to drive Doctoral studies in the university and beyond;
- Repositing UWC library workflows for greater research impact and profiling;
- To become an active team-member in Yebo;
- Drive research led partnerships and collaboration for enhancing success; and
- Promoting life-long learning in UWC.





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Technology Transfer Office:

- Managing the Intellectual Property in accordance with the IPR Act No. 51 of 2008 (Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Finance Research and Development Act, 2008).
- Research Collaboration Agreements.
- Student exchange programs.
- Intellectual Property Ownership.



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Challenges and opportunities:

- Capacity development for UWC PhD programmes;
- The use of the PhD platform portal to source collaborations, funding and develop partnerships with advanced laboratories to progress technologies and research at a faster pace
- Managing the Intellectual Property in accordance with the IPR Act No. 51 of 2008 (Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Finance Research and Development Act, 2008)
- Research Quality and sustainability;
- Enhancing the student experience and collaborative endeavours for high quality achievers;
- Financial challenges;
- Relationship building with national and international YEBO partners for driving multi-discipline research and becoming solutions based in advancing the South African challenges;
- The expansion of the UWC internationalisation initiatives into Sub-Saharan African countries; and
- Relationship building with YEBO – knowledge creation and lifelong learning.



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