

SANORD 4th BIENNIAL
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1st - 4th DECEMBER 2013



Bingu International Conference Centre, Lilongwe, Malawi

Theme: Contributions of Universities

towards attaining MDGs

#SANORD2013

*We are happy to announce there are over **hundred registered conference delegates**. If you wish to join please note the online registration will close tomorrow Friday 15 Nov 2013. **If you have not yet registered please register online** via the conference website: www.unima.mw/sanord/index.html or www.medcol.mw/sanord, thank you! See 8. Registration.*

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1. Introduction

SANORD Overview

The Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD) started its operations in 2007 with eight founding members. Since 2007 the organisation has grown to 42 members, 25 southern African institutions (Botswana, Namibia, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) and 17 Nordic institutions (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden). SANORD is a non-profit, membership driven organisation and is committed to advancing strategic, multilateral academic networking and collaboration between Southern African and Nordic institutions of higher education and research, as we seek to address new local and global challenges of innovation and development.

We know that many of the world's problems are global in nature and exceed the fragmented capacities of single institutions, countries and regions and, instead, require our combined efforts. It is therefore important that we should try to make sense of our own realities and the tools we use to improve them. It has to do with our coping skills and how we respond to our challenges.

Our former chairperson of SANORD, Prof Brian O'Connell refers to Manuel Castells who argues that one way of coping with our anticipated global challenges is "through knowledge and networks" by which he would certainly include the ever-growing networks of the world's premier knowledge production engines, our universities. The oft quoted conclusion by Castells is: "if knowledge is the electricity of the new information international economy, then institutions of higher education are the power sources on which a new development process must rely". And the question remains: What contribution have our universities made concerning the Millennium Development Goals?

More than 10 years have passed since world leaders established Millennium Development Goals and targets to free humanity from extreme poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. The Millennium Declaration and the MDG framework for accountability derived from it have inspired Higher Education Institutions (HEI) to contribute to development efforts and helped set global and national research priorities and focus subsequent actions.

To this regard, our conference will attempt to address four key Millennium Development goals: Goal 3, 6, 7 and 8 namely; Promote gender equality and empower women; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; Ensure Environmental Sustainability and Developing a global partnership for development, respectively under the following sub-themes:

- a) Relevance of Research in Higher Education
- b) Strategic Management and Higher Education financing
- c) Access and equity in Higher Education.

This a major challenge to our universities and SANORD is an important network that must play its role and participate in the global struggle for a good human future. This year's conference wants to draw on Nordic and Southern African experiences with ways to establish or further develop partnerships between higher education institutions in general and especially between our SANORD member institutions.

The very special role of universities as citadels (Damtew Teferra), as sites of discovery and of fearless contestation, will be illustrated as delegates and presenters engage with the 2013 theme of "Towards the end of the Millennium Development Goals Era: What contribution have our universities made? We look forward to your company and your eager participation in these discussions and to the further development of our SANORD network.



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2. SANORD Governance activities

The Board members will meet **on Sunday, 1 December 2013** and our Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 4th December from 10.30 – 12.30**. Our Council meetings are open. We would like to invite all delegates to attend and participate in the discussions.

3. SANORD Social activities

Our Welcoming Reception is scheduled for Sunday evening, 1 December 2013. This will be an opportune time to meet old friends but also to establish new links and friendships.

The SANORD Gala Dinner is scheduled for **Tuesday, 3rd December** 2013. This is also the space where SANORD publications (2009 and 2012 events) and a short presentation of 2014 Symposium in Karlstad will be highlighted.

4. SANORD conference programme

SANORD workshops will start on **Sunday, 1st December**. Three working groups have been identified and they will discuss various actions like a) short-term and long-term objectives for SANORD, b) a framework for research collaboration among SANORD members and c) developing a funding information centre which could help facilitate more academic activities among SANORD members. On **Wednesday, 4th December** during a plenary session the Working groups will present their findings and we invite delegates for an open discussion.

The Conference will start on Monday, 2nd Dec with welcoming remarks and a keynote address by Prof Brian O'Connell. This is followed by an interactive dialogue session on "The role of higher education in achieving the MDG's". We also have three high profile keynote speakers who will address specific subthemes and engage the delegates. Our SANORD Portal will also be presented on Wednesday. Thereafter we end our conference with a closing plenary session.

5. Parallel & Panel Sessions

We have received 61 abstracts and 41 have been accepted. There are 3 parallel sessions and delegates from the Nordic region (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden) and the Southern Africa region (Botswana, Namibia, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) will participate and share their research and best practices.

The three plenary sessions fall under the following themes: Strategic Management and Higher Education Financing (SMHEF), Access and equity in Higher Education (AEHE) and Relevance of Research in Higher education (RRHE).

In addition on Tuesday, 3rd December two of SANORD council members namely, Uppsala University and The University of Malawi will give parallel presentations on their universities. We would like to further develop this item in our conference.

6. Keynote speakers

Also **Associate Professor Dixie Maluwa-Banda**, Director for Higher Learning, Ministry of Education, Malawi, is now confirmed as a keynote speaker.



Professor Brian O'Connell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape

Professor Brian O'Connell, the Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Western Cape, has been a professional educator for 41 years. He co-authored the National Education Policy Initiative's report on Teacher Education and has written extensively on education and the legacy of apartheid. He is a noted public speaker and has made hundreds of speeches and presentations from community to state level in Africa and abroad. His vocation and passion is education.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor Eva Wiberg, Lund University

Eva Wiberg has particular responsibility for first-, second- and third-cycle education, associated quality assurance and internationalisation. She is a Professor of Italian. Her research concerns second language acquisition and bilingualism, with a focus on Italian. Eva Wiberg has long experience of teaching and supervision. She is a Dame of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (Stella della Solidarietà Italiana).



Prof. M. Phakeng, Full Professor and Vice-Principal of Research & Innovation at Unisa

Professor Phakeng has published over 50 reviewed articles and four edited volumes. Her publications have to date, received more than 400 citations. She is a B2 NRF-rated scientist, which indicates that she has considerable international recognition. Prof. Setati has also won several awards for her research and community work, the latest being the 2011 NSTF award for being the most outstanding Senior Black Female Researcher over the last 5 to 10 years in recognition of her innovative, quality research on teaching and learning mathematics in multilingual classrooms.



Vice-Chancellor, Eva Åkesson, Uppsala University

Eva Åkesson is a professor of chemical physics (femtochemistry). She was selected as senior researcher by the Research Council in the field Photochemical reaction mechanisms 1996. In 2005 she became a titular member IUPAC's Committee on Chemistry Education. She has chaired international expert panels for evaluating leadership and governance of education at two different Nordic universities. Besides doing research, she has worked as a teacher, director of studies, Vice-Rector and later as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Lund University. In 2012, she became Vice-Chancellor of Uppsala University.

7. Excursion Lake Malawi - Salima

On Thursday, **5th December** we will spend the day at beautiful Lake Malawi, the 3rd largest and 2nd deepest lake in Africa, runs along most of its eastern border. It's described as the "*Warm Heart of Africa*", referring to the friendliness of the people.

Lake Malawi is blessed with a rich diversity of flora and fauna: for instance the majority of the estimated 700 fish species in Lake Malawi are cichlids, mostly endemic to Malawi. The lake has shorelines on western Mozambique, eastern Malawi, and southern Tanzania. With a population estimated at 43,000, Salima, only 20km from Senga Bay, is the eighth-largest town in Malawi. Salima is an important service and trading centre.

Please note that the excursion is **not included in the registration fee.** With inquiries and pre-bookings please contact Mrs. Wasiri (registrar@kcn.unima.mw) and/or Dr. Lucinda Manda-Taylor (lucindamanda@gmail.com).



8. Registration

At the moment there are over hundred registered delegates. The registration online facility will close on Friday 15 November 2013. **If you have not yet registered please register online** via the conference website: www.unima.mw/sanord/index.html or www.medcol.mw/sanord.

Once you have registered please send an email that you have registered to Geoffrey Sakala gsakala@unima.mw and Maureen Davis mdavis@uwc.ac.za. An invoice for payment will be sent to you. See more information www.unima.mw/sanord. This is an added action to ensure that we capture all registered delegates.

9. Conference Accommodation

Many of our delegates are booked in at the following accommodation options:

- [Wamkulu Palace](#)
- [Sunbird Hotels & Resorts](#)
- [Ufulu Gardens](#)
- [Malawi Sogecoa Golden Peacock](#)

Please ensure that you go online for more detail of these hotels and liaise with them. Don't forget to mention that you will be attending the SANORD conference.



10. Practical matters

Please note it is the rainy season in Malawi, so delegates should bring raincoats and umbrellas along to the conference.

There is organised transport for picking up delegates from the airport to hotels on arrival. Delegates will also be taken to the airport for departure.

Travel arrangements and visas for international delegates, please appoint inquiries for the travel agent appointed: Cedric Links, email cedric.links@dumatravel.co.za.

10. Conclusion

More information about the conference will be made available on the SANORD portal www.sanord.net and the Conference

website www.unima.mw/sanord. Questions about the conference logistics may be directed to Wilson Mandala (wmandala2002@gmail.com) or Lucinda Manda-Taylor (lucindamanda@gmail.com) or Maureen Davis. Issues concerning the annual SANORD Board and Council meetings should be addressed to Maureen Davis (mdavis@uwc.ac.za) at the SANORD Central Office

11. The Conference Programme

We are happy to announce the conference programme. Please note there are still minor changes and venues to be added. **The finalized programme will be available at the conference venue.**



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Day Zero (Sunday, 1st December 2013)

SANORD Business Meeting (All functions at Capital Hotel)

09.30 – 16.00	Arrival of delegates		
12.00 – 15.00hrs	<p>Working group 1</p> <p>Developing a strategy for SANORD with short-term and long-term objectives:</p> <p>Venue: tbc</p>	<p>Working Group 2</p> <p>Developing a framework for research collaboration among SANORD members</p> <p>Venue: tbc</p>	<p>Working group 3</p> <p>Developing a funding information centre which could help facilitate more academic activities among SANORD members</p> <p>Venue: tbc</p>
15.00 -16.00			Free afternoon
16.00 – 18.00	<p>SANORD Board Meeting Venue: Capital Hotel Board Room</p> <p>(Board members only)</p> <p>Time: 16.00 – 18.00</p>		
18.30 – 21.00	<p>VC, Rectors and HE Reps Vice Chancellor Dr Emmanuel Fabiano,</p> <p>Venue: Capital Hotel Rectors and Higher Education Officials and SANORD Board members to be invited (by invitation only, maximum 20 members)</p>		Free Evening

Day One (Monday, 2nd December 2013)

7.30 – 8.30	<p>Registration of delegates</p> <p>Venue: BIC Foyer</p>		
8.30– 10.30 Venue: Main Auditorium	<p>Opening Function</p> <p>THEME: “Towards the end of the Millennium Development Goals Era:” What contribution have our universities made?</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof. Address Malata</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Vice Chancellor - University of Malawi • Prof. Astri Andresen, Chairperson of the SANORD Council <p>Opening Keynote Address: Prof. Brian O’Connell, Vice Chancellor – University of the Western Cape</p> <p>Official Opening of the Conference by the Minister of Education, Science & Technology Hon. Dr. Lucious Kanyumba</p>		
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Group Photograph</p> <p>Tea /Coffee break</p>		
11.00 – 12.00	<p>Plenary Session 1: Strategic Management and Higher Education Financing (SMHEF)</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof. A. Mtenje, Pro-VC, UNIMA</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. Eva Akesson, Uppsala University, Sweden</p>		
12.00 – 13.00	<p>Lunch</p>		
	<p><i>Theme:</i></p> <p><i>Venue:</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson: Prof. Adamson Muula</i></p>	<p><i>Theme:</i></p> <p><i>Venue:</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson: Dr. Steve Taulo</i></p>	<p><i>Theme:</i></p> <p><i>Venue:</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson: Dr. Mathildah Chithila</i></p>

13.00 – 13.30	<p>University Networks for Supporting University Strategic Management: A Case Study of UNIPID</p> <p>Presenters: Melissa Plath, Johanna Kivimäki – UniPID, Finland</p>	<p>A Review of Progress Towards the Adoption of Market Oriented System as a Means of Financing Public Universities In Malawi: A Case of Private Public Partnership</p> <p>Presenter: Madalitso Mukiwa - UNIMA</p>	<p>Unsatisfied and Growing Demands for Higher Education in Africa: How Can South Africa Higher Education Institutions Respond to Emerging Student Markets on the Continent?</p> <p>Presenter: Gabriel Tati – UWC (SA)</p>
13.30 – 14.00	<p>Consortium of new Southern African Medical schools, CONSAMS: a network in Health education promoting Global partnership for Development.</p> <p>Presenter: Vainio Olli, Bowa Kasonde, Eichbaum Quentin, Matlhagela Keikantse, Nyarango Peter, Pires Paulo & Tlale Nonkosi – Uni of Oulo (Finland)</p>	<p>Rethinking access to Higher Education in Malawi: Lessons from the Malawi Institute of Management and UK universities’ collaboration with blended Learning pedagogical approach</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Ida Mbendera & Dr. Rebecca Ward- Malawi Institute of Management</p>	<p>Funding Challenges in Higher Education Institutions with Focus on the Malawi Polytechnic: An Institution at A Crossroads</p> <p>Presenter: Andrew Chimpololo - UNIMA</p>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Chairperson: Dr. Wilson Mandala</p> <p>Facilitators: Prof. Margot Wallstrom</p> <p>High Level Dialogue Session on HE and MDGs</p>		
15.00 – 15.30	<p>Refreshment break</p>		
15.30 – 16.30	<p>Networking discussions amongst delegates</p>		
18.00 – 20.00	<p>Free Evening</p>		

Day Two (Tuesday, 3rd December 2013)

8.30 - 9.30	Plenary Session 2: Access and equity in Higher Education (AEHE)		
Venue:	Keynote address: Associate Prof. D. Maluwa Banda Chairperson: Prof. Ken Maleta		
	Theme: Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Olivia Liwewe	Theme: Venue: Chairperson: TBI	Theme: Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Nancy Chitera
9.30 – 10.00	Gender Perspectives Over Infrastructural Design & Implementation: The Case of Malawi's Learning Institutions. Presenters: Lillian Sankhulani, Stella Namalima - UNAM	Policy Analysis on The Non Discrimination Based on Gender on Students Access in Higher Learning Institutions in Malawi in order to Achieve Gender Equality. Presenters: Maggie Madimbo, Limbikani Kamlongera - African Bible College	Higher Education and Malawi's National Development Agenda: The Response of Higher Education Institutions on Access. Presenters: Felix Benson Lombe -
10.00 – 10.30	International exchange benefits and challenges: a South African University perspective Presenter: Prof. Lorna Holtman	Access and equity in Higher Education Presenters: Emmanuel Botlhale - UB	Using SMS-BASED Classroom Response to Enhance Student Engagement in Higher Education. Presenters: Austin Mpando, Gift Khangamwa, Vanwyk Chikasanda – UNIMA - The Polytechnic
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshment break		
	Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Olivia Liwewe	Venue: Chairperson: TBI	Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Nancy Chitera

11.00 – 11.30	<p>Engendering the Reach, Equity, Equality and Access in Addressing Systematic Exclusion in the Entry, Participation and Completion of Higher Education</p> <p>Presenters: Dickens P. Mahwayo</p>	<p>Consequences for future global (post-millennium) development goals</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. Tor Halvorsen</p>	<p>Understanding Quality Assurance at The Malawi Polytechnic through Students' Evaluation of Staff</p> <p>Presenters: Vanwyk K.M. Chikasanda, Harry S.H. Gombachika - UNIMA</p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Enhancing Teaching And Learning Through ICTs: Readiness to Adopt New Pedagogical Practices at Malawi Polytechnic</p> <p>Presenters: R.K. Mgawi . Vanwyk K. M. Chikasanda - UNIMA</p>	<p>Students' Response to E-Learning in Two SADC Universities</p> <p>Presenters: Eno Akpabio - University of Dar es Salaam</p>	<p>Empowering Women: The Case of A Master's Programme In Teacher Education</p> <p>Presenters: Anne Marit V. Danbolt, Lars Anders Kulbrandstad , Dr. John Luangala, Louise Mostert, Gerd Wikan -</p>
	Chairperson: Dr. G. Kamchedzera	Chairperson: Dr. Gombachika	Chairperson: TBI
12.00 – 12.30	<p>Access to University Education in Malawi: Questions of Equity and Equal Opportunity</p> <p>Presenters: Symon Ernest Chiziwa - UNIMA</p>	<p>Access Vs Equity for Students with Disabilities in the University of Malawi</p> <p>Presenters: Elizabeth Tikondwe Kamchedzera - UNIMA</p>	<p>Perception of Male & Female Partner And Nurses on Male Involvement in the Reproductive Health Context</p> <p>Presenters: Hans J Amukugo (PhD) Prof. Karen Jooste</p>
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Access equity and quality in Higher Education in Botswana: Enablers and Hinderers</p> <p>Presenters: Dr O. S. Phibion, Dr Pedzani Perci Monyatsi (UB)</p>	<p>Student enrolment management- The importance of career guidance in making informed decision about post-school study: A case of learners from poorly resourced schools involved in Mathematics and science. Presenters: Cheryl Pearce – UWC (SA)</p>	<p>Promoting Research in a Resource Challenged Institution: Case of Mzuzu University</p> <p>Presenters: Dr V.Y. Mgomezulu – Mzuzu University</p>

13.00 – 14.00	Lunch		
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Chairperson: Dr. Francis Chikunkhuzeni</p> <p>Does Uppsala University make the world a better place?</p> <p>Presenters: Prof Eva Akesson, Peter Sundin, Dr Maria-Teresa Bejarano, Prof Sten Hagberg</p> <p>Venue:</p>	<p>Chairperson: Dr. Joseph Chimombo</p> <p>University of Malawi: The Past, Present and the Possible Future</p> <p>Presenter: Prof. Chris Kamlongera</p> <p>Venue:</p>	
15.00 – 15.30	Refreshment break		
	<p>Theme:</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Francis Chikunkhuzeni</p>	<p>Theme:</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Joseph Chimombo</p>	<p>Theme:</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Lucinda Manda-Taylor</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p>The Emerging Pattern of Disability in Rwanda.</p> <p>Presenters: M'kumbuzi VRP , Sagahutu JB, Kagwiza J , Urimubenshi G, Mostert-Wentzel - University of Malawi, Kigali Health Institute, Kigali Health Institute, University of Pretoria</p>	<p>Young People`s Involvement in Safe Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Activities In Nyambi And Chikweo Areas in Machinga.</p> <p>Presenters: Sann Jali - Foundation for Youth Empowerment</p>	<p>The Polytechnic of Namibia contributions towards the millennium goals</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Elva Gomez de Sibandze</p> <p>Polytechnic of Namibia</p>
18.00 – 21.00	<p>Gala Dinner for all (Venue: The BICCC)</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Benedicto Okomaatani Malunga</p> <p>With the two book launches – SANORD publications (2009 and 2012 events)</p> <p>Announcement of 2014 Symposium in Karlstad</p>		

Day Three (Wednesday, 4th December 2013)

8.30 – 9.30	Plenary Session 3: <i>Relevance of Research in Higher education (RRHE)</i> Chairperson: TBI Presenter: Prof. M. Phakeng Venue:		
	Venue: Chairperson: TBI	Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Chikasanda	Venue: Chairperson: Dr. Grace Chiuye
09.30 – 10.00	Towards Doctoral Student Research Development on a Web 2.0 Platform Presenters: Dorcas Ejemeh Krubu & Prof. Lorna Holtman – UWC (SA)	Investigating Faculty Perspectives on Teaching about HIV/AIDS: The Case of The University of Malawi Polytechnic Presenters: Dr. Abu Bockarie - University of Regina	Reducing child mortality and empowering women through improving hospital management for severe malnutrition in poor resources settings: Presenters: Thandi Puoane & David Sanders – UWC (SA)
10.00 – 10.30	Refreshment break		
10.30 – 12.30	SANORD Council meeting (Open meeting - all welcome) Venue:		
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch		
	Chairperson: Prof. Sosten Chiotha	Chairperson: TBI	Chairperson: Dr. Ursula Kafulafula
13.30 – 14.00	Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Presenter: Jenni Koivisto – Karlstad Uni	The role of research in developing postgraduate higher education programs Presenters: Stephanie G Burton – UP (SA)	Higher Education for Rural Societies Affected by HIV and AIDS, Gender Inequality and Unemployment Presenter: Christina Landman (UNISA)
14.00 – 14.30	Rules of Engagement for Accreditation of Engineering Programs: Why African Universities	Exploratory Research of Government Health Policy With	MDG's and Beyond. A Critical Assessment and A

