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"Learning together for change – Advancing education for all through higher education".

**Conference Venue:** 

Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology

Arusha, Tanzania, April 27th – 29th April 2015

#### "Can Higher Education provide access to promote change but sustain quality?"

#### 27 April 2015 11:00 - 11:40

Merle Hodges: Director: International Office, Cape Peninsula University of Technology



# CONTEXT CHANGE AND VALUES

- Member of HR and REM board Committee of Cape Nature a provincial environmental government agency
- "Research has shown that organisations in which values are aligned have much higher levels of employee engagement and success"
  - Values CARE
  - Policies are aligned
  - Talent search from disadvantaged contexts
  - Capacity Development Programme APP 977 workshops for the period
  - Blue Band with CARE
  - HR DIRECTOR "STAFF NOW REMEMBERS THE VALUES"

#### "DID YOU STOP ANY OF THE STAFF ASKING HOW THEY FEEL AFTER ALL THESE INTERVENTIONS?" MUST LIVE IT



# CONTEXT CHANGE AND VALUES

#### ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA) Four questions

i. What do you see as the most significant directions for higher education as we move deeper into the twenty-first century, and what sort of impact might these directions have on the human experience for good or ill?

ii. How can universities harness the opportunities afforded by globalization, (especially given its outsized influence on the human experience), to more effectively and regularly to fulfill their mission?

iii. What are higher education's responsibilities in addressing the world's key challenges and how well do you think universities are doing in that regard?

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#### Focus on question 4

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#### Start at home ANTHONY FRANK

List of Robben Island political prisoners Number: 8/8018

#### 266 VOORTREKKER ROAD KRAAIFONTEIN

Date Admitted : 72.04.06

Date Released: 78.04.05

Robben Island



# REVOLUTIONARY TEACHING by Frank

- LISTEN WITH ATTENTION
- LOOK AT ALL PEOPLE WITH NO BIAS (pigmentation)
- READ and LISTEN:
- MUSIC classical
- SPEECH" MARTIN LUTHER KING ' I HAVE A DREAM – my 4 little children will be judged by their character and not....."



# The values Frank taught.

- Developing through mentorship
- Respect for human dignity
- True non-racialism
- Cultural development through speech, music, written and social interaction
- Internationalization through travel of the mind This should lead to mobility.





# On BECOMING A SCIENTIST

- Work with my mother in the local school for the advantaged.
- Swept classroom floors Science classroom
- When studying those specimens my dream of becoming a scientist was born.
  "He mentored me to lift my eyes from the floor to look at the classroom, to dream"



## PRIMARY SCHOOL AND VALUES

- SWISS PROJECT MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH + LIFE-SKILLS and MENTORSHIP.
- ON THE PLAYGROUND INTERNALIZATION OF LIFE SKILLS.
- TEACHER PROVIDED **BALLS** ENABLER
- INHIBITER SOCIO-ECONMIC-CULTURAL barriers



#### **TEACHER TRANSFORMATION**

- Science Workshops at venues AWAY FROM CONTEXT
- Procedural, Moral, Ethical and Critical Thinking Teacher Question: Can come to my classroom to demonstrate this to class size of 89 learners?"
- Research: "Teachers apply learning according to context and environment" (Johnson '08)

<u> Ubuntu – no direct rebuttals</u>



#### Values and Change at HEI's

SA - EQUITY AND TRANSFORMATION
 AGENDA SOFT VALUES YOUR REALITY

HARD DATA

VALUES<br/>COMMITMENT<br/>ATTITUDEBLCOLWHIIND2040125

CAREER PATHING - MENTORSHIP BOTTOM OF ECONOMIC ACADEMIC PYRAMID

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION WHO STILL HAS OWNERSHIP?

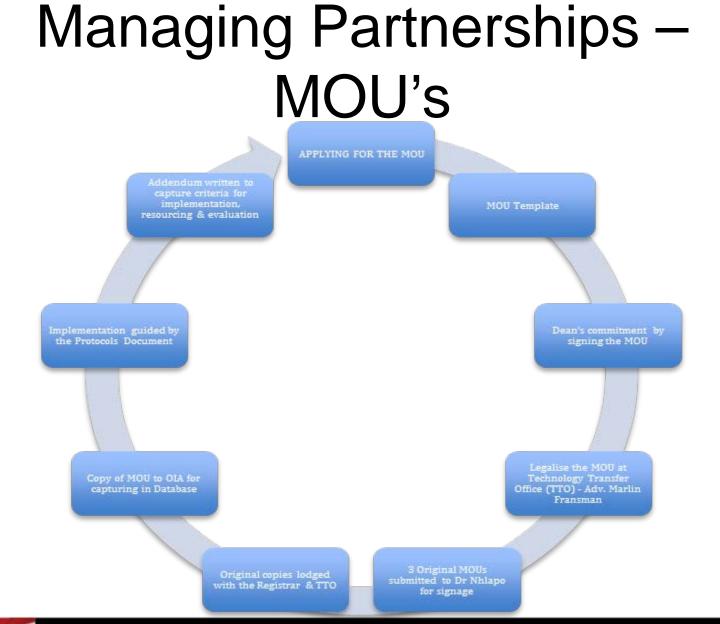


# LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGE

- INDIVIDUAL
  - LACK CONFIDENCE
  - ENTITLEMENT OVER CONFIDENT
  - GOOD LEADERSHIP
    - TEAMWORK
    - DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL SKILLS
    - PROCEDURAL THINKING
    - COLLEGEALITY
    - Policies, Processes, data......









# Record Exchange mobility process

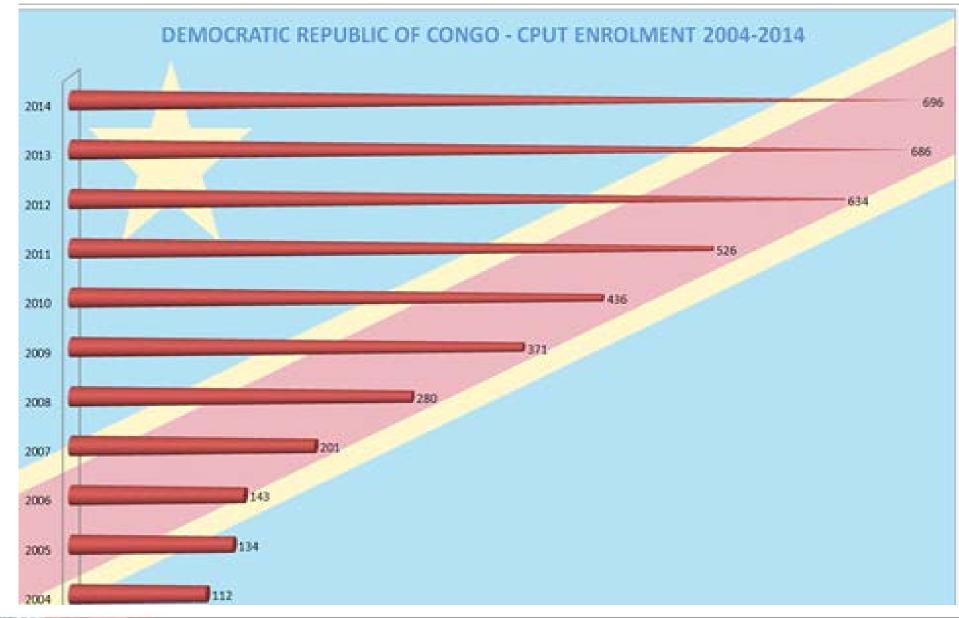




#### IEASA TOP 20 INTERNATIONAL ENROLMENT 2012









#### CPUT TOP 26 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 2004-2014



# INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

- My ALMA MATER GOOD LEADERSHIP
- 2015 INAGURATION OF NEW VICE CHANCELLOR.
- HISTORY AND BIG SHOES TO FILL
- Then INWARD LOOKING IMPLODING
- Now OUTWARD looking EXCELLENCE.
- tactile, visible, present, sympathetic concrete (funding, buildings)LEADERSHIP



# Change and International partnerships

- Presentation : Partners' International Curriculum Development agenda based on Diversity; Sustainability; Access......
- But South African Partners only the Top Research HEI's – UCT, SUN etc WITS (in draft) after I asked for a CPUT partnership.
- Question? Is there a match between agenda and ethical partnership selection?



# CHANGE IS COMPLEX

- IF WE WANT TO CHANGE WE SHOULD:
- UNDERSTAND ITS COMPLEXITIES
- ITS PEOPLE
- THEIR COMPLEXES
- THEIR AMBITIONS
- HOW THEY LEARN
- CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH THEY LEARN



# CHANGE IS COMPLEX

- THEIR CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETENCES
- THE BROAD QUESTIONS THEY YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
- BE HONEST WITH YOUR AGENDA
- DO NOT HIDE BEHIND VALUES -RHETORIC WHILE BEING GUIDED BY RANKINGS



#### Context

#### CAPE TOWN HARBOUR – GRANGER BAY CAMPUS









#### CAPE TOWN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT





# MY LAST THOUGHT

"LET US TRULY LIVE FOR OUR CHILDREN" ONLY THEN WILL/COULD

> CHANGE AND QUALITY BECOME Synonymous



#### I THANK YOU

#### The new world

 "In the coming years we are going to see great new ideas being born at the interface of cultural boundaries." (Sarkar, 2010)



