

Editor's Letter

Welcome to the 18th edition of Study SA, the only publication that provides a contemporary overview of internationalisation in South African Higher Education. Acknowledging that the digital age is upon us, IEASA is launching an interactive digital version of Study SA, which means that information pertaining to any university of specific interest may be easily accessed, without having to page through a whole document. It also means that the link may be shared widely with university partners, funders and all persons interested in South African Higher Education.

This edition's proposed theme is Engaged Universities: Comprehensive Internationalisation - A Dialogue Between Local and Global Realities. The official launch of the 18th edition of Study SA will take place at IEASA's 2019 annual conference, August 21st-23rd, in Somerset West, located near Cape Town. The 2019 conference theme is *Internationalisation of Higher Education in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Innovation, Diversity, Inequality and Inclusion*.

The previous 17 issues of Study SA may now be found on the IEASA website <https://www.ieasa.studysa.org/>, which was launched earlier in 2019, under the Publications section, courtesy of a digitisation project by Rhodes University Library Services. <http://studysa.org/study-sa/>.

Study SA opens with an introduction to the IEASA Management Council, along with this edition's acknowledgment and appreciation.

A foreword from the former Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Naledi Pandor, speaks of two significant new policy initiatives: the Policy Framework on Internationalisation of Higher Education in South Africa and the National Plan for Post School Education and Training, which the Minister anticipates could really contribute to improvement in the quality of South Africa's Higher education. IEASA warmly congratulates Dr Pandor on receiving her Doctorate in Transformation in Higher Education, from the University of Pretoria, a member institution of IEASA. As we go to print, Minister Pandor has recently taken on a new portfolio as Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. We thank the Minister for her contribution to the reform of our Higher Education system and wish her well in her new ministerial portfolio. We also welcome and look forward to working with Dr Blade Nzimande as the Minister of the newly merged Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, consisting of the former Department of Higher Education and Training and the Department of Science and Technology.

A message from the current CEO of Universities South Africa (USAF), Dr Ahmed Bawa, outlines the priorities for the 26 public universities. USAf kindly provided partial funding for this edition of Study SA for which we are extremely grateful.

The President of IEASA, Ms Orla Quinlan (Rhodes University), comments on the importance and role of international educators in the current fraught and uncertain global climate; the uneven resourcing of international offices in South Africa and the uneven approach to internationalisation; a strategic component of a modern university. The President considers the impact of some of these changes in the South African Higher Education sector on IEASA and suggests strategies to reenergise and reinvigorate IEASA. The President encourages colleagues to undertake joint initiatives within IEASA to both contribute to and benefit from the promotion of more comprehensively internationalised universities in South Africa.

Our news on activities since the 17th edition of Study SA includes a dedicated workshop on the implications of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) draft policy framework on internationalisation of Higher Education in South Africa (held at the 2018 IEASA conference and jointly facilitated by IEASA and the DHET). A second joint workshop was also undertaken collaboratively between IEASA, the British Council and the DHET. Again this focused on the draft policy framework for the internationalisation of Higher Education in South Africa and the implications for International



IEASA continues its advocacy role in the Higher Education Sector.



Provider and Programme Mobility (IPPM). The draft policy framework on Internationalisation of Higher Education has now been through several iterations and is due to be released.

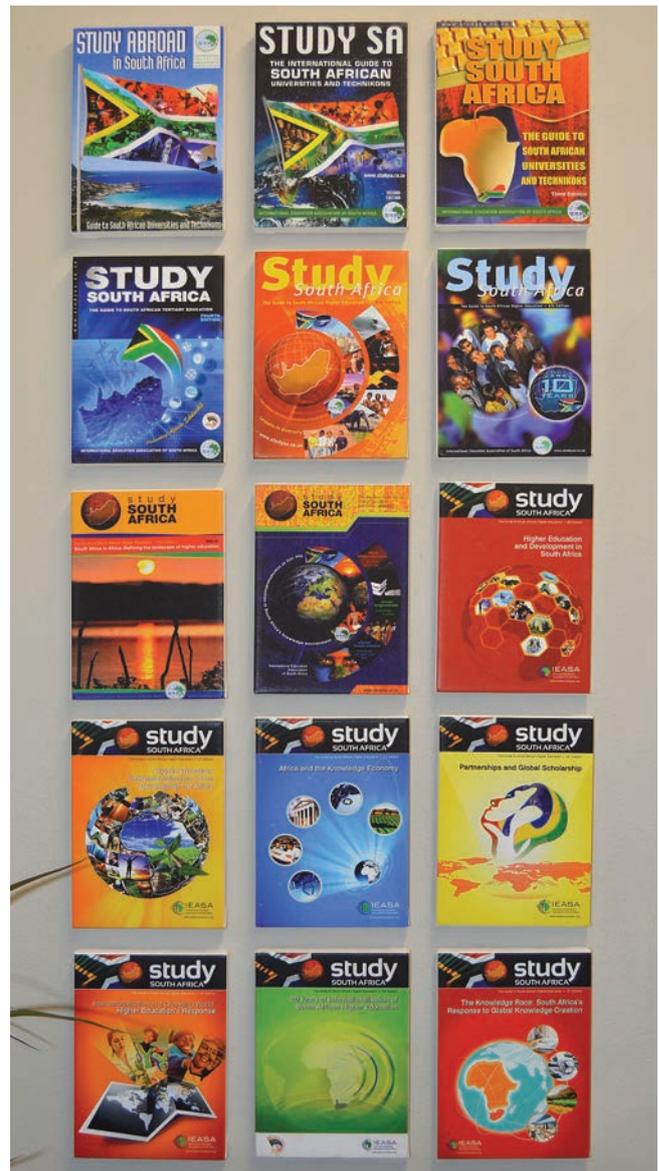
This 18th edition proceeds with a very interesting review of the current context of South African Higher Education in relation to internationalisation, authored by two IEASA members, Dr Nico Jooste and Mr Cornelius Hagenmeier (University of the Free State) under the auspices of the newly formed African Center for Higher Education on Internationalisation. This new research argues that South Africa is transforming from being a hub for undergraduate education to a hub for postgraduate education, more specifically for doctoral education. 60% of International students studying in South Africa are from South African Development Community (SADC) countries and 18% are from the rest of Africa. A detailed analysis of the SADC students studying in South Africa, as well as the number of students studying in SADC is provided. While the ranking systems remain controversial, the ranking of the overall South African Higher Education system, in comparative global terms, is also explored towards the end of this section.

The Destination South Africa article provides background and some practical information on getting around South Africa for those who have yet to experience the delights that this beautiful country has to offer.

IEASA continues its work with the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) to clarify visa application procedures, communicate visa processes to our members and to request interventions and exemptions when the processing of international students visas is unduly delayed. For example, IEASA intervened with DHA to reduce the volume of delayed visa applications in Zimbabwe in early 2019. An update on recent developments in immigration is included in this edition, as well as key tips to staying safe, to be passed on to international students studying in South Africa.

Medical aid is a compulsory requirement for every international student. To ensure protection for international students, IEASA has appointed ACA Healthcare, a division of Sanlam, to assist international students in obtaining appropriate health care. ACA Healthcare, together with IEASA, do an annual evaluation of available schemes and make clear proposals to universities around the most appropriate schemes, against the background of a wide range of criteria, including financial stability, benefits, costs and service offering. Each year they advise on which medical aid schemes are providing the best value for international students in meeting this compulsory visa requirement.

The Higher Education Destination Map at the start of the university profiles section illustrates the geographical location of the 26 public universities in South Africa. Thereafter, an overview of each of the public institutions in South Africa follows, along with contact details for each university.



Finally, we alert you to the geographical location of the 2020 annual IEASA conference, which will be Gauteng.

I trust that you will enjoy both the hard copy and the digital version of this 18th edition of Study SA. South Africa remains a very popular study destination and we look forward to your further engagement with us.

South Africa increasingly needs the voice of IEASA to represent issues pertaining to international affairs in Higher Education, inside the country, and to represent South African Higher Education outside the country. In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has supported IEASA. We look forward to continuing and increasing our engagement with you.

Ms Orla Quinlan, Editor

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