

Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education 2018 Lekgotla

In response to the high levels of unemployment in South Africa, the Department Higher Education and Training has introduced measures to stimulate entrepreneurship development at universities. Higher Education Institutions are well-placed to catalyse entrepreneurship and innovation for the development of a new economy. A vibrant entrepreneurship ecosystem at universities in South Africa would, amongst others, encourage students to consider entrepreneurship as a career path.

The Department of Higher Education and Training has formalised the Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) Programme. This programme is being implemented through a partnership with Universities South Africa (USAf), with the Department having an oversight role.

A key project in the EDHE Programme is the second national **EDHE Lekgotla**, scheduled for **27 to 29 June 2018**, which is to take place at the **University of Cape Town**. The first two days of this event are aimed primarily at academics and support professionals at universities, while the third day consists of a tour of the Western Cape university entrepreneurship ecosystem in parallel with a **Student Entrepreneurs Indaba** for existing student entrepreneurs. During the first two days of the lekgotla, there will be joint sessions, followed by three breakaway tracks focused on sharing best practice aligned with the primary goals of the EDHE Programme and its Communities of Practice, i.e.

- Development of Student Entrepreneurship;
- Entrepreneurship Development in Academia; and
- Development of Entrepreneurial Universities.

Colleagues with an interest in entrepreneurship development in higher education are welcome to attend the EDHE Lekgotla 2018. Registrations take place and additional information is available on www.edhe.co.za. Please ensure that you select the “*government official*” option when registering. (Government officials may attend free of charge, but other delegates are required to pay a registration fee.) Please note that only a limited number of delegates can be accommodated and **pre-registration is a requirement**.

In the interest of sustainability and for practical reasons, the **Whova** mobile event app will be the means of communication of programme, logistics, interpersonal engagement and more. The Whova mobile app may be downloaded on IOS and Android devices free of charge at any stage.

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