The Rt Hon Baroness Patricia Scotland of Asthal
PC, Queens Counsel, Secretary General of the Commonwealth

Dr Joanna Newman
Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities

Professor Richard Mauditt
Order of the British Empire

Mr Sonny Leong
Companion of the Order of the British Empire

Hon. Dr Itah Kandjii-Murangi
Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation, Namibia

Professor Peter Okebukola,
Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Nigeria

Professor Mabel Imbuga
Vice Chancellor, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya

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CONFERENCE Speakers
The CEC, a parliament based NGO, was founded over 50 years ago, at the time of the first Commonwealth Education Ministers’ Conference.

Its purpose is to create an informed public opinion on the salient issues concerning education and training in the Commonwealth and to identify appropriate ways in which Britain and the European Union can best contribute to their development.

The aims of CEC are to:

- Provide a forum where Members of Parliament and others with an interest in the Commonwealth can exchange information and views
- Initiate action to foster educational cooperation and the sharing of experience among countries and governments of the Commonwealth
- Offer to informed and experienced persons from the UK and other Commonwealth countries a platform for the discussion of educational issues and developments
- Liaise with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth High Commissions, and cooperate with government departments in the UK and in the European Union, and with NGOs and professional bodies in the field, for the improvement and development of education throughout the Commonwealth
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07:30 – 08:30  Registration
08:30 – 11:15  Official Opening Ceremony

Session 1  Keynote Address
&
Panel Discussion: “Enterprise, Innovation, Skills-How can Education and Business form an Alliance?”

Chairperson  Professor Kenneth Matengu,
Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation & Development - UNAM

11:15 – 11.25  Introduction to the Conference Theme and Topics:
Professor Richard Mawditt
OBE, UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management.

11:25 – 12:00  Keynote Address
Dr Itah Kandjii-Murangi,
Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation,
Namibia
Topic: Education as a driver for economic growth.

12:00 – 13:15  Panelists
Ms Emma Wade Smith, UK Regional Trade Director
Mr Lionel Matthews, MD Nedbank Namibia
Mr Sven Thieme, Chairperson NCCI tbc;
Hon. Adv. Bience Gawanas, Chairperson Red Cross Society, tbc

13:15 – 13h30  Delegates questions, comment and discussion
13:30 – 14:30  Lunch
Session 2

Strengthening the bridge between schools, tertiary education and industry. How can this be done? Best Practices globally.

Chairperson: Dr Charmaine Villet
Dean, UNAM Faculty of Education

14:30 – 15:15 Keynote Presentation
15:15 – 15:30 Delegates questions, comment and discussion.
15:30 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions – Delegates’ Presentations
18:00 – 20:00 Welcome Cocktail

Hosted by the National Council for Higher Education

Venue: Safari Hotel & Conference Centre

The NCHE has as objects to promote the establishment of a co-ordinated higher education system, the access of students to higher education institutions, and quality assurance in higher education; as well as to advise on the allocation of moneys to public higher education institutions.

Pursuant to the Higher Education Act, Act 26 of 2003, the NCHE is responsible for:

- Accrediting, with the concurrence of the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA), programmes of higher education provided at higher education institutions;
- Monitoring the quality assurance mechanisms of higher education institutions;
- Taking measures to promote access of students to higher education institutions;
- Undertaking such research with regard to its objects as it may think necessary or as the Minister of Education may require;
- Advising the Minister of Education of its own accord or at request of the Minister on -
  - The structure of the higher education system in general;
  - Quality promotion and quality assurance in higher education;
  - The allocation of public moneys to higher education institutions;
  - The governance of higher education institutions;
  - Any other aspect related to higher education; and
- Performing such other functions as may be entrusted to the NCHE by or under the Higher Education Act.
Session 3  
Topic: Building capacity through tertiary education: The role of quality and relevance in Best Practice.

Chairperson  
Professor Peter Katjavivi (MP)  
Speaker of the National Assembly  
Republic of Namibia

08:30 – 09:15  
Keynote Presentation  
Professor Peter Okebukola  
Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Nigeria

Respondent:  
Prof. Kingo Mchombu  
Acting Vice Chancellor  
International University of Management

09:30 – 09:45  
Delegates, questions, comment and discussion.

09:45 – 10.15  
Tea Break

10:15 – 12:00  
Parallel Sessions – Delegates’ Presentations
**Session 4**  
Panel Presentations  
Connectivity, Digital Learning, Publication and Access to Information

**Chairperson**  
Dr Alastair Niven

12.00 – 13:00  
Harnessing the Digital Age in Academic Publication  
Mr Sonny Leong  
Companion of the Order of the British Empire

**Academic Publishing**  
Jill Kinahan,  
Deputy Director: Centre for Research and Publications & UNAM Press Publisher

**Digital Learning and Access to information**  
Dr Maggy Beukes-Amiss,  
Director Centre for Open, Distance and eLearning, UNAM

**Connectivity and Education**  
Mr Festus Mbandeka  
CEO, Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

13:00 – 14:00  
Lunch

**Session 5**  
Education’s impact on the Knowledge Economy.

**Chairperson**  
Dr Ellen Namhila  
Pro-Vice Chancellor, Administration, Finance & Resource Mobilisation, UNAM

14:00 – 15:00  
Keynote Presentation  
Professor Mabel Imbuga,  
Vice Chancellor, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya.

**Respondent:**  
Prof. Tjama Tjivikua,  
Vice Chancellor, Namibia University of Science and Technology
15:00 – 15:15  Delegates questions, comment and discussion.

15:15 – 16:00  Reports from Parallel Sessions

**Session 6**  
*Quo Vadis? What Future for Bridging the Gap?*

**Chairperson**  
*Professor Frednard Gideon*  
Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, UNAM

16:00 – 16:45  **Keynote Presentation**  
*Dr Joanna Newman,*  
Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities

**Respondent:**  
*Prof. Kenneth Matengu*  
Pro-Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation & Development, UNAM

16:45  **Closing remarks**  
*Mr Macks Shivute,*  
CEO, NCHE

18:30 – 21:30  **Dinner and Closing Ceremony with Cultural Performances, hosted by UNAM**

**Venue:** Joe’s Beer House

UNAM is the largest and leading National institution of higher education in the country. Academic programmes are designed to meet national human resource requirements through quality teaching, research, consultancy, and community services. Instruction emanate from eight faculties and five school across 12 campuses nationwide.

As it enters its 25th Jubilee of existence this year, UNAM prides itself for being home to a diverse student population of over 24,000 and over 37,085 alumni, who are serving the country in various sectors of the economy with most occupying prominent positions in government and the private sector, as well as worldwide.

Through its highly competent and dedicated staff and quality infrastructure, the University has been serving the nation in various ways, and contributes significantly to national reconstruction and development since its inception.
DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2017
(EXCURSIONS)

Participants to choose only ONE activity to participate in:

08:30 – 12:00

1. Tour of UNAM Campus and Medical School
2. City of Windhoek bus tour
3. Visit to the Craft Centres

***End of the Conference***