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Launch of the National University Entrepreneurship

Ecosystem Baseline Report -- 26 February 2020

The Michaelangelo Hotel, Sandton, 17:30 to 20:30

Key findings of a baseline research study on the entrepreneurship development ecosystem at South Africa's universities will be made public at a special launch function in the evening of Wednesday, 26 February in Johannesburg.

The baseline report provides insight into **the extent to which the entrepreneurship ecosystem is enabling** South Africa's 26 public universities. After **investigating high-level activities** and **practices currently underway** at these institutions, the report has thematically structured and mapped the existing practices, identified capacity and potential and recommended further action in a range of focus areas.

This study contributes to the aims of the Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) programme, i.e. to support the development of entrepreneurial universities, entrepreneurship in academia and student entrepreneurship. In particular, the study was focused on reading the baseline state of entrepreneurship development at universities and understanding the innovation capacity and potential in the sector, with the aim **to guide university entrepreneurship strategies**. Findings of this study will also be instrumental in the **development of a national policy framework on entrepreneurship development** in higher education.

Stakeholders with an interest in entrepreneurship and innovation at universities have been invited to share this landmark event with vice-chancellors, their deputies and other leaders at South African universities. The report is likely to be useful to leaders in the public and private sector, and institutions with an interest in becoming more entrepreneurial, diversifying income generation and/or the commercialisation of the innovation-entrepreneurship value chain.

The baseline study, commissioned as a key project of the EDHE programme during 2019, was conducted by Pivot Global Education for the Department Higher Education and Training (DHET) and Universities South Africa (USAf), in partnership with the British Council. The EDHE Programme is supported by the DHET's University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP) in collaboration with Universities South Africa (USAf).

Attendance at this event is by invitation only. A limited number of hard copies of the report will be made available at the event, while the digital version will be available on the EDHE website at www.edhe.co.za.



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