



BCG Consultancy wraps up

A two-month consultancy with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) came to an end in April with a very productive morning workshop to discuss suggested new initiatives, growth opportunities, and quick wins.



The project will now move forward with the help of a project management tool created by BCG. We look forward to a busy year ahead!

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NBT-by-numbers



Facebook followers



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NBT Reports distributed

CETAP reaches out

CETAP staff have enjoyed reaching out to prospective students over the past two months:



Youth Development Programme Career Expo

In March, we distributed NBT pamphlets and interacted with approximately 1500 learners from schools in Athlone, Heideveld, Manenberg, Gugulethu, Bellville South, Belhar, Elsies River and Nyanga at a Careers Exhibition held in Belhar.



UCT's Open Day

We interacted with and distributed NBT pamphlets to some 3000 prospective students at UCT's Open Day, held in April. We also gave presentations about the NBTs to approximately 750 prospective students and their parents in the Leslie Social Sciences building.



100UP

CETAP's research leads worked through some of the NBT exemplar questions with the 100UP learners to allay some of their fears of writing the tests.

"100UP is a UCT project that aims to address the problem of under-representation by targeting school learners from disadvantaged backgrounds and coaching them towards access to the university. "

CETAP on the move

CETAP Director, Naziema Jappie, visited the US in April, to strengthen ties with testing organisations, ETS and ACT:

Visit to Educational Testing Services (ETS), Princeton, USA

“The meetings were organized by the office of Prof Michael Nettles VP PERC, ETS and were held with the following people to discuss further collaboration and strategic initiatives for a sustainable future for CETAP.

- Walt MacDonald, President and CEO, ETS
- Dave Hunt, Executive Vice President & COO
- Scott Weaver, VP Chief Strategy Officer

In addition, CETAP and ETS will collaborate on research that will help us understand not just how students score in assessments but the strategy the students uses to get an answer. Emerging research from ETS on process data provides better insight into what a test is measuring and how students interact with the test questions.”



Naziema and ETS President & CEO, Walt MacDonald



L-R: Donna Matovinovic (Vice President Test Development), Naziema Jappie, and Tami Streinz (Vice President Account Management & Implementation)

Visit to ACT, Iowa City, USA

“This was a first visit to ACT which employs approximately 2000 workers in various aspects of assessment and college readiness. The meeting was organized by Patric Coates and Jacqueline Krain.

The history of ACT is interesting since it began in 1959. ACT adopts the ACT Complete: Holistic Framework of Education and Work Readiness. One of the critical aspects of this framework is to identify times of intervention for “at-risk” students and decide on and manage additional support for them. Through research ACT has managed to develop the framework that provides a complete description of knowledge and

skills individuals need to know in order to succeed at college.

ACT has many tests and other e-learning tools, like ACT Online Prep and ACT OpenEd App for students. Working collaboratively with ACT will give CETAP the added advantage of moving into other domains of assessment in the future which will be beneficial to students.”

Internationalization Summit



CETAP's Director, Naziema Jappie, attended the 5th Annual Internationalization Summit at the University of Denver in April.

Issues about access and equity in higher education in relation to racial-equity, ethnic-minority and affirmative action global policies were explored. Experts from Brazil, Cuba, The Netherlands and South Africa shared their international perspectives on the larger policy discourse towards equity-affirming regulations within higher education.

(<https://www.du.edu/intz/summit/program.html>)

Congratulations to Pragashni Padayachee



CETAP's Mathematics Research Lead, Pragashni Padayachee, has been appointed as a member of the Next Generation Professoriate (NGP).

The NGP "advances the development of mid-career academics, particularly black and female staff" and provides targeted support to the candidates.

We congratulate Pragashni on this fine achievement and wish her success in the future!

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