

Dear CHED colleagues,

In the last few months, I have noticed headlines warning us of mental health issues among staff and students. Many universities including, UCT, have risen to the challenge and are actively working to build cultures and support for staff and students. Whilst the concerns for students are on the increase, we must not forget that our staff are just as important to our sustainability in higher education.

Well-meaning strategies are good but better if implanted across the faculties and campuses, simply stating a commitment to health and wellness is not enough. I urge each one of you to reflect on your own mental health and wellness now when we are all under pressure with workloads and exams etc. let's act together and promote active lifestyles and mindfulness about our physical and mental health in our departments and faculty.

Consider various options that can get you started talking and engaging on mental and physical health, I can suggest that we start a monthly wellness walk in the department or faculty. This could also lead to networking and engaging, even if this means leaving your warm home to come to campus, then do it.

A quote from the late President Nelson Mandela: "Exercise is the key not only to physical health but to peace of mind."

STAFF NEWS

Naziema Jappie



Training of HoDs (HoDEP)



CHED through the ASPD Staff development unit, conducted training in August this year for new HoDs across the university. It was held over two days and the various speakers gave input into the aspects relating to how HoDs function within an academic environment. Dr Jappie presented a session on Collegial Leadership: The Double Edge Sword and Mr Richard Perez from The School of Design Thinking conducted an exciting session with HoDs.

Dr Jappie presented at the HERS-SA Academy on Higher Education Leadership through a Social justice Lens

RESEARCH, COLLABORATION & CONFERENCES

The research and development of CEA provides assessment services, run workshops and seminars, and do reliability and validity studies and research. Academic Assessments, Research, Research Reports, Academic Papers, Conferences, Seminars and workshop, and Statistical Analysis.



Visiting Rutgers Univeristy Delegation Visit by delegation from Rutgers University as part of the on-going collaboration and exchange of ideas with post- graduate students.



Dr Jappie attended the IEASA 25th Conference in Durban, South Africa.





Dr Naziema Jappie, attended and presented at the Education & Development Conference in Lisbon, Portugal from 22 to 26 June 2023.

The CEA R&D team, Tatiana Sango and Sanet Steyn, (Left) recently participated in Frontier Research in Educational Measurement (FREMO) 2023 conference organised by the Centre for Educational Measurement (CEMO) at the University of Oslo. At FREMO 2023, the CEA R&D team also had the opportunity to present their research via a poster titled "Mathematics and Academic Literacy: cross-domain analysis in high-stakes assessment for augmented practices in diagnostic interpretation."

Day to Register Online

23-Apr

20-May 30-Apr

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Sunday test session (Pencil and Paper)

National test session (Pencil and Paper)

Online test session

5-Jun

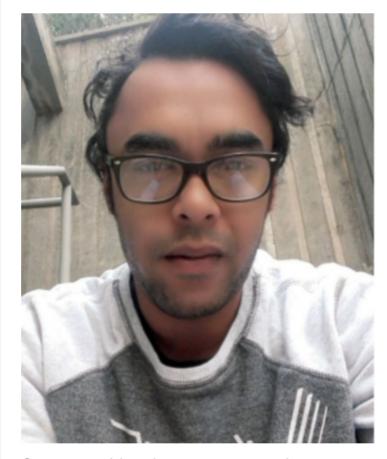
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Dates 13-May

NBT NEWS



Someone old and someone new whom we cherish as part of the CEA family - Mr Yusrie **Ismail** who has worked as a temporary staff for over 10 years was finally appoited as a full- ad time staff and store clerk in CEA. This has shown that sometimes its not about just a degree, but experience.

The Centre for Educational Assessments is
home of The National Benchmark Tests
(NBT). The purpose of the NBTs is to identify
academic potential in any learners who have
not had access to adequate schooling and to
ensure appropriate learning support when they
get to university. The strength of the tests lies
in the fact that they contribute to and improve
success at higher education institutions.
There are still a sessions that are open for
2023, see timetable above.

NBT INTAKE FOR 2024

CEA has begun the year with an over-arching assessment of the South African National Benchmark Tests (NBT). For 2024 intake 25 testing sessions have been scheduled. The sessions are divided into 16 Pencil and Paper testing, 5 Online testing and 4 Sundays test session from May 2023 to January 2024.

The NBT registrations for 2023 intake will open on 3rd April 2023 for writers who wish to write

the NBT for the next coming sessions.

More information on how to register can be found at the NBT website: www.nbt.ac.za



CEA host monthly **Brown Bag Seminars** to discuss commonalities in teaching, learning, assessment, and research. Kindly contact Ms Tatiana Sango if you wish to present your research.

CEA is proud to announce the upcoming DMSRIS Symposium in October 2023 and Standard Setting Exercise

Ms. Sanet Steyn, AL Research Lead, Ms. Tatiana Sango, Maths Research Lead, Mrs. Precious Mudavanhu, statistician and Mr Emlyn Balarin will be working this together.

This year also marks the year in which CEA conducts the Standard Setting exercise with the assistance of Dr Wanda Swiggett from the Educational Testing Services (ETS), USA.

CEA will be hosting delegates from around the country for both these events.



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