



# Observatory PASCAL

*Place Management, Social Capital and Learning Regions*

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*PASCAL Universities Regional Engagement Project (PURE)*

*ACTION PLAN*

*GABORONE, BOTSWANA*

**July 2009 to December, 2010**

## **1. July 2009**

- Establish a formal UB/Gaborone City partnership – e.g. UB Vice Chancellors office to work on the Memorandum of Understanding with the city.
- Study the regional benchmarking tool and see how it can be used in our context (i.e. promoting the City Plan delivery in the three areas, namely, *environmental sustainability; arts and culture; and SME development*) – Gabo.
- Set a project coordination Committee (to reflect a balance of UB and City authorities engaged in the relevant areas of the partnership focus). Committee Chair – Prof Frank Youngman, Deputy Chair – Deputy Mayor; Secretariat- Department of Adult Education.
- Set up a research committee/an institutions bench marking tool committee (that will reflect a broader institutional picture) - Chair Gabo.
- Set up a PASCAL 2010 Conference Organizing Committee (Chair: Dr. Modise).

## **2. August 2009**

- Hold an Internal UB workshop: on regional engagement; – to identify specific activities in our three areas of focus, as well as to prepare for their participation on the benchmarking tools.
- Launch the UB/Gaborone City Partnership.
- Prepare participation list on the benchmarking tools.
- Prepare for the sub-cluster meeting.
- Storan's visit to see the 2010 PASCAL Conference Venue.

## **3. September – October 2009**

- UB to join a regional cluster.
- Engage in Sub-cluster activities/meetings.
- HEI and the City institutions are invited to answer the benchmarking tools.

## **4. November – December 2009**

- Organize a one day seminar to share the conclusions of the benchmarking tools exercise
- Prepare a summary of the resolutions on “Community engagement” with the sub-themes concerning the University's:
  - Contribution to the economic development.
  - Arts and cultural development.
  - Environmental sustainability for the Gaborone region.



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## **5. January- February 2010**

- Start preparing for the second CDG regional (Botswana and Lesotho) visit.
- Prepare for the Paris OECD workshop in Paris.

## **6. March to April 2010**

- Further use of the bench marking tools in PURE related activities – e.g. for the Mapping exercise.
- Participate in the Sub-cluster meetings or activities.
- Write the second PURE regional visit report.
- Continue preparations for the International Conference.

## **7. May – June 2010**

- Measuring progress and writing of the Draft final report of the Botswana PURE project.
- Request for the PURE outline template for the PURE final synthesis report.

## **8. July to August 2010**

- Workshop: with all those who were involved in the UB/City Partnership activities to draw the key lessons from this community and regional engagement exercise.

## **9. July - October**

- Preparations for the PASCAL Conference Continue.
- Prepare the Gaborone region presentation at the PURE – regions meeting to be held in December in Gaborone in conjunction with the PASCAL International Conference.

## **10. November-December 2010**

- Host the PASCAL International Conference (1-2 December, 2010).