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DOCTORAL EDUCATION IN COMMONWEALTH AFRICA

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PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

- Consultant commissioned by COMSEC has identified the followings:
 - A Regional Focus with identified topics, thus;
 - The First Inaugural Workshop Nov 2014 has identified Funding for Higher Education as one possible topic for 2015.
 - The second possible topic could be Doctoral Education and this meeting is a platform to discuss this in collaboration with network partners and other organizations.

PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

- Network partners may suggest other topics too (second day meeting), but this will be introduced today by Prof. Asha Kanwar from COL.

WHY DOCTORAL EDUCATION?

- A very important issue in many developing countries in the Commonwealth.
- PhD factory?
- Meeting demands
 - ❖ In the academia in many developing countries of the Commonwealth.

WHY DOCTORAL EDUCATION?

- World Bank, among others, has highlighted the importance of doctoral education.
 - ❖ Once this topic is agreed at this meeting, we will then get an endorsement and chart way forward (in terms of collaboration etc.)

WHY COMMONWEALTH AFRICA?

- CTEF need to identify regional focus.
- The consultant has identified Commonwealth Africa (for now we will focus on Commonwealth Africa).
- If collaborative efforts are in placed these could be expanded to other regions of the Commonwealth.



THIS MEETING

- We have invited CTEF's network partners, potential partners and organizations having interest in Africa, such as the AADUN, Malaysia's Global Reach, RMIT (Prof. D Cuthbert, who has been conducting several workshops on doctoral education).
- IAU and ACU were specially invited as they have done important work on doctoral education in Africa.



OUTPUT FROM THIS MEETING

- Endorsement from MoE, network partners and other partners that Doctoral Education is a worthwhile topic to pursue in Commonwealth Africa.
- How do we move forward on this, collaboratively?
- Report of meeting, when CTEF has to update its establishment at CCEM. Policy paper, perhaps on some elements of best practice already in place.

OUTPUT FROM THIS MEETING

- Engagements with stakeholders in Commonwealth Africa could then proceed after endorsement from MoE, CCEM.
- Exposure to Malaysian academics and researchers who are developing academic and research interest on Africa (and we really do not have many in Malaysia at the moment).



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