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Invitation to attend the 4th Meeting of OERu Partners

Dear OERu Partners and Colleagues

North-West University is honoured to host the 4th Meeting of OERu Anchor Partners. Planning for this event is well underway and we would like to invite OERu partner representatives to participate in this meeting on 7 and 8 October 2015 in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa.

The purpose of the 4th meeting of OERu partners is to:

- Review progress with the implementation of the OERu Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017.
- Agree and plan operational priorities for 2016
- Recalibrate key performance indicators for the OERu Strategic Planning
- Refine open business models for OERu partnership
- Identify and plan strategic initiatives for 2016 and beyond.


Details regarding venue, transport, accommodation and other items of interest are available on the meetings.oeru.org website. Please RSVP **before 31 August 2015** by registering directly online here: <https://goo.gl/n4vLFX>

The symposium will be followed by the 3rd Meeting of the Council of Chief Executive Officers on 9 October 2015. The 2015 series of OERu meetings have been scheduled to coincide with the 26th ICDE world conference and ICDE President's meeting the following week for those travelling to South Africa for those events. Details relating to these events are provided in Annex B.

If you require any further information or assistance regarding these two events please contact Rassie Louw at Rassie.Louw@nwu.ac.za.

We are very excited to be hosting both annual meetings of the OERu family in South Africa, which is the first time the network will be convening on the African continent. We look to welcoming you personally to South Africa and hope that you will be able to stay on a little longer to experience a little South African hospitality and the many tourist attractions our country has to offer.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Oosthuizen', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Prof Martin Oosthuizen

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching-Learning

North West University

Vice-Chair, Executive Committee of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers.

The [OERu](#) is an international innovation partnership of universities, polytechnics, community colleges and non-teaching agencies who are widening access to more affordable education opportunities using open education approaches. The OERu is also an official project of the UNESCO-COL OER chair network. The OERu philanthropic network draws its strength from our international diversity with thirty three partner institutions from six global regions.

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- [University of South Africa](#) (South Africa)
- [National Open University of Nigeria](#) (Nigeria)
- [North-West University](#) (South Africa)

Asia

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Europe

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Middle East

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North America

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Schedule of OERu 2015 meetings and events

1. OERu 14.09 Planning consultation (Online SCOPE planning seminar)	
When	September (Dates to be confirmed)
Where	Online
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners
Purpose	Discussions to inform the meeting agendas and prepare inputs for the 4 th international meeting of OERu partners.
Hosts	BCcampus and OER Foundation

2. OERu 15.10 International meeting of OERu partners	
When	7 and 8 October 2015 (All day meetings)
Where	Quest Conference Estate, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa
Who	Staff, Managers and Chief Executives from OERu partner institutions
Purpose	4 th meeting of OERu partners to discuss OERu strategy, progress and future operations.
Host	North-West University, South Africa.
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/

4. 3rd meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers	
When	9 October 10 November 2013 (9:00am to 2:00pm)
Where	Quest Conference Estate, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu anchor partners (or senior leader nominees).
Purpose	Review implementation of the OERu Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017 Discuss open business models for OERu partner institutions
Host	Professor Martin Oosthuizen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching-Learning, North-West University

ICDE Events

1. [26th ICDE World Conference](#), 13 – 16 October 2015, Sun City, South Africa
2. [ICDE Presidents' Summit 2015](#), 14 – 16 October 2015, Sun City, South Africa