

Collaborating with Academia

A case study of eThekweni Municipality

KM Learning Exchange

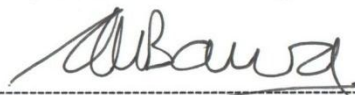
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FOSTERING GREATER COLLABORATION BETWEEN ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

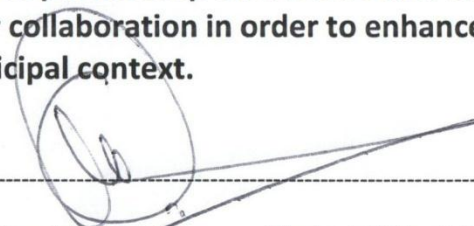
We, the undersigned parties, hereby pledge to work in partnership with each other with the objective of strengthening and synergising efforts, through closer collaboration in order to enhance research, skills, experiential learning and knowledge within the municipal context.



Vice Chancellor and Principal of DUT



Vice Chancellor: UKZN
Registrar



His Worship, the Mayor: eThekweni Municipality



Vice Chancellor: MUT



Areas of Collaboration

1. Research & Innovation

- Joint involvement in research processes and outputs



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2. Sharing of Knowledge, Resources and Expertise

- Forging a closer working relationship between academics and city practitioners eg Built Environment Seminar Series , moderators



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3. Work - Integrated learning

- Facilitate opportunities for experiential learning
- Blend theory with practice (learning site in city, guest lectures)



Areas of Collaboration

4. Influencing role of academia and city-practitioners

- Academics as experts in shaping policies and programs
- City practitioners influencing academic content (relevancy)



Areas of Collaboration

5. Harness networks and lever partnerships

- Sharing networks, managing knowledge, sustaining relations



EMERGING LESSONS

- Shared vision and agreed objectives (SML)
- Patience, endurance and realistic expectations
 - Visibility and presence
 - Internal support and external buy-in
 - Quick wins (demonstrable)
- Strategic positioning and forward planning



Thank You

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