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# REFLECTION AND FEEDBACK

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# HISTORY OF EDHE

- Started in the year 2011 without funding.
- EDHE has been successful in different countries and SA and it is now on the bandwagon.
- **Purpose**
- Reduce poverty, unemployment and increase economy.
- The importance of teaching entrepreneurship.
- Curriculum development policy.
- Teacher development.
- Private sector & Government collaboration.
- TTTs role entrepreneurship trust teaching.

# HISTORY OF EDHE

- Study was conducted to evaluate the status of Universities in Entrepreneurship.
- It was only taught to business schools then.
- Lack of funding and staff qualifications were a major challenge for implementing entrepreneurship.
- Recommendation of the TTT to HRDC in 2012.
- Three Universities championed its introduction (Wits, UCT and UKZN)
- Forum for entrepreneurship development centers at Higher Education (FEDCI) 18 July 2013.
- Started in 2011 without funding but EDHE in 2016/17.
- Flagship of USAF in 2019 and funded by CICDG

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Entrepreneurship into center stage as an essential job creation strategy.
- 2014/15 established entrepreneurship centers.
- acknowledging initial partners such as Dr Richard Maponya, UJ , ENACTUS
- Minister Naledi Pandor as a Patron

# ARCHIVING THE EXTRA ORDINARY WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE

- Communicate positive expectations to people and they will live up to it.
- Executive leaders has a role to unlock the genius.
- Information focus/ knowing more.
- Creative intelligence (institute for creative thinking)
- The need to change mindset to be Entrepreneur.
- We need to reduce poverty as executive leaders.

# **NUTS AND BOLD: STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM**

- Innovation and entrepreneurship culture.
- Universities to introduce entrepreneurship.
- Creation of environments that allow people to connect.
- The importance of Ecosystems in innovation.
- Building the future
- Definition of Innovation & Entrepreneurship.
- Importance of partnerships.
- Challenges of funding.
- Demand led innovation.

# DISCUSSIONS

- How did the partnership develop?
  - Business incubator funded by SEDA- work with business and local communities (DUT).
  - The need for the policy development for an enabling environment
  - Staff and students who have business to be supported.
  - Not to limit Entrepreneurship to one sector.
- Ideas on how it can be implemented in different Universities.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIVERSITIES THROUGH EDHE

- Student Entrepreneurship- gold in undergraduate students.
- Stellenbosch , DUT, for the undergraduate students eg. Turn up speakers business
- Intended impact of EDHE
- Equip every students
- Support academics
- Support Universities
- Vision for EDHE phase2
- Approach for EDHE
- Baseline study
- Research policy
- UNECA study on advanced entrepreneurship.
- EDHE Lekgotla
- USAf Conference in October



# ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY

- Evolution/ change which is not always good,
- Evolution of Universities.
- Innovation quadruped Helix
- Engaged chemistry work with other sectors
- 6 elements of an entrepreneurial University.

# SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- How do we use social innovation and inclusivity to implement solutions
- We need social entrepreneurship to solve challenges which can not be solved through technological innovation
- Shared nature of the context for social innovation
- Projects emerge from individuals, families, community and society
- Universities or institutions in social entrepreneurship should cooperate with students
- Socio Novus Innovative process
- Social leadership model

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