



# SAAIR

## Southern African Association for Institutional Research

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# Who are we?



The 2017/18 Executive Committee



# Who do we serve?



The 2017 Annual Conference delegates – Windhoek Namibia

# Vision

- The Southern African Association for Institutional Research (SAAIR) is a dynamic association with vision of promoting institutional research, training and development, and the exchange of information in the context of an effective Institutional Research unit in each institution of higher education.

# Statement of Purpose

- The major purpose of the Association is to contribute significantly to the understanding, planning and effectiveness of higher education institutions and systems in the Southern African region.
- The Association serves its members by providing capacity development and networking opportunities.
- In keeping with the dynamic nature of institutions of higher education, the Association exposes its members to diverse thinking and applications of research principles and methodologies beyond the lens of Higher Education practice.
- It also looks for opportunities to connect its members and to share their research via various platforms, some of which may be offered by the Association itself.

# Data and Decisions Academy

- The Data & Decisions Academy courses provide self-paced, online professional development for institutional researchers. Academy courses build IR skills needed to support data-informed decision making.

# Learner Analytics Workshop (LA)

- The Learner Analytics (LA) workshops are strategic one to two day events organised by SAAIR. These workshops are aimed at developing the ability of practitioners in the field of LA and institutional research.

# HEMIS Foundation

- The purpose of HEMIS Foundation is to:
  - Explain the nature and scope of the South African Higher Education Management System (HEMIS) and
  - Locate it in the broader South African Higher Education context.



# HEMIS Institute

- The purpose of HEMIS Institute is to:
  - Discuss and workshop HEMIS related issues,
  - Engage with officials of the DHET and the CHE on aspects impacting on HEMIS,
  - Cover various aspects of statutory reporting, and
  - Develop skills in the area of statutory reporting.

# Institutional Research Workshop (IR)

- The IR is aimed primarily at:
  - Introducing Institutional research to staff members at institutions of HE in Southern Africa who are relatively new to the practice of IR,
  - Managing information that institutions of HE gather for their own planning and management purposes, and the data they provide to Government.

# Quality Institute (QI)

- The purpose of QI is mainly aimed at:
  - A general introduction to the practice of quality assurance (QA) in HE,
  - Consider better practice and benchmarking in the area of QA, and
  - Share valuable experience gained over time.

# SAAIR Conference

- SAAIR hosts an annual conference which is probably Southern Africa's largest gathering of higher education professionals working in IR, assessment, planning, and related postsecondary education fields. The conference features presentations by delegates representing all sectors of higher education and accommodates exhibit stalls that feature some of the latest tools and resources supporting data use and decision making.

# Scholarship Programme

- The scholarship programme provides an opportunity for young Institutional Research (IR) staff to develop their skills and knowledge as practitioners supporting decision making in Higher Education. Scholarships assist staff to attend the annual SAAIR Conference.



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