



## **AABS Newsletter # 3**

### **December 2006**

Dear AABS Members,

I hope you are well.

I thought I would send a newsletter to all members prior to the end of the year to let you know the main activities of the Board subsequent to our first meeting of business schools in 2006 which was held at Lagos Business School in May 2006.

1. Plans are in place for 3rd Teaching the Practice of Management workshop which will take place at the Gordon Institute of Business Science in May 2007. Prof Tom Piper from Harvard Business School will be the lead faculty. It promises to build on the good work that has been done in the past and we look forward to having some 65 delegates on the programme.
2. The IFC have made a significant contribution to the funding of the operational costs of the AABS. This makes an important difference to our ability to organise events, meetings and undertake the activities that we planned at our prior meeting.
3. You will also have heard of the Dean's visit to leading business schools which will take place in February 2007. A number of Deans and Directors have signed up for this programme. The group is being led by Jonathan Cook and visits will be made to relevant business schools and other institutions in Europe and the USA.
4. A regional programme has been developed in conjunction with the Kellogg Foundation and Georgetown University which has led to a series of workshops that are planned for Deans SADC member countries and will commence in 2007.
5. You will have received a communication indicating that at its most recent meeting in October 2007 in Nairobi, the board agreed to call for new membership applications to the Association. The board agreed that new members should at least meet or preferably exceed the minimum criteria previously agreed to.
6. At its most recent board meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, the board took the following decisions:
  - Approved the decision to open for new members in 2007
  - Planned and developed the concept of the Deans visit
  - Agreed to revisit the membership criteria
  - Agreed to begin the investigation of an accreditation project
  - Agreed to begin the process of establishing an advisory board for AABS
  - Agreed that board members and deans would be invited, where financially viable, to attend international accreditation body meetings in 2007 to represent AABS
7. At a recent South African Business School Association meeting, it was agreed to continue the research and teaching colloquia which are being held in South Africa and to

invite full members of AABS to nominate faculty to attend these colloquia. Details of these colloquia can be found on the following website <http://www.sabsa.co.za>

8. In the course of the last few months, a number of interviews in international press have been given, including George Njenga on CNN <http://edition.cnn.com/2006/BUSINESS/10/26/execed.Africa/index.html> and mine on Business Week international [http://www.businessweek.com/bschools/content/nov2006/bs20061102\\_015069.htm?chan=top+news\\_top+news+index\\_b-schools](http://www.businessweek.com/bschools/content/nov2006/bs20061102_015069.htm?chan=top+news_top+news+index_b-schools)

9. The Board agreed in principle to complete a memorandum of understanding with MERC which is being headed by Dr Guy Pfefferman who continues to display a high level of commitment and interest in the activities of African business schools and who will remain a partner in AABS activities in the future.

Best wishes for 2007.

**Professor Nick Binedell**  
**Chairman**

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