

FINNISH—AFRICAN EXCHANGE NETWORK FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (FANHEES)

Coordinator: Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Partners: University of Botswana, Botswana; Polytechnic of Namibia, Namibia; North West University, South Africa; Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland; HAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Study areas: Environmental Sciences

What are the main aims of your network?

The project establishes a working co-operation between North and South in the areas of environmental technology and nature conservation.

The involved universities from the South have a very good level of knowledge in many areas of environmental sciences e.g. environmental management, polluted soils and waters and mining industries. Main expertise at the Finnish universities of applied sciences relate to environmental management, waste management and recycling, polluted soils, water management and environmental sound business. The extensive environmental knowledge of the partners offers a good basis for the cooperation.

The project will also aim to create a general framework for a joint study programme related to global climate change.

What kind of activities are there in your network?

The primary focus of the project is student and teacher mobility. Project will also utilise possibilities of eLearning practices, which will be used to support exchange studies prior to, during, and after the study abroad period.

Students participating in the exchange programme will also be encouraged to carry out practical work placements in participating African countries or in Finland. The work placement will also offer good topics for dissertations, and the participating universities can establish cooperation possibilities with potential employees from public and private sector.

