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ON THE MAKHANDA EDUCATION SUMMIT

A COMMUNITY CONVENING FOR DEVELOPMENT

KAGISO TRUST EDUCATION INDABA

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BACKGROUND

The Makhanda Education Summit was a city-wide convening of the Basic Education Sector in Makhanda, led by the Rhodes University Vice-Chancellor, Prof Sizwe Mabizela

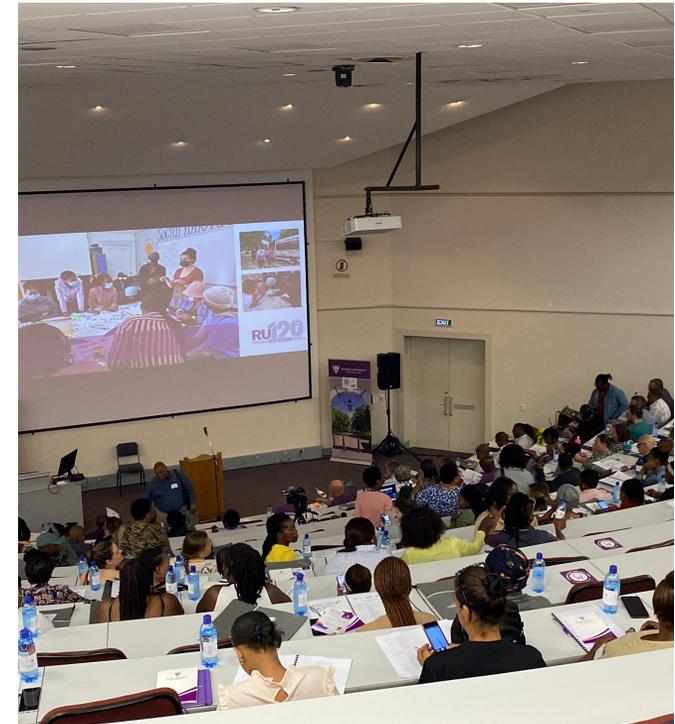
The Summit followed a period of sustained intervention and developmental activity by multiple stake holders in the education sector Makhanda geared improving school outcomes.



OBJECTIVES

The Summit sought to serve the following critical purposes:

- Map out who is doing what and at what level of the schooling system.
- Identify how Makhanda education stakeholders could use the available resources for maximum and sustainable impact
- Explore how Makhanda education stakeholders could ensure better alignment of the various interventions at various levels of the schooling system



WHY A SUMMIT

The Summit was more than an event – it was simultaneously a **reflection point** on the work that had been done and a **strategic moment** to shape what is to happen.

To fully appreciate it, one needs to understand the importance of the full journey taken to its convening.

The Summit was informed by the development mutually-beneficial and community oriented partnerships.



Towards a Summit: A decade of development

A visual journey through ten years of the education sector of Makhanda:

<https://bit.ly/mesjourney>



Towards a Summit: Planning Process

Appointment of a multi-stakeholder Planning Committee representing the basic education sector – 4 Meetings held.

Appointment of sectoral subcommittees to focus on specific sectors, namely Early Childhood Development (ECD), Primary Schools and Secondary Schools – regular interaction with relevant sectoral stakeholders

Briefing session convened with school principals in Makhanda – mobilise buy-in.

Sustained media drive to communicate key message and purpose.



In planning, we mobilised.

The Summit



Over 350 local education stakeholders present



Concentrated sectoral discussions enabled the development of key sectoral priorities going forward.



A bold shared vision was developed to propel the way forward:

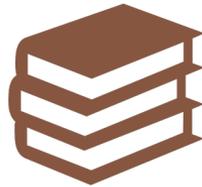
“By 2028, Makhanda emerges as the leading academic educational centre and city in South Africa and is recognised as such, thereby affording all local children and young people the benefit of good quality and relevant education at pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary levels”

PARTNERSHIP FOR CHANGE



The Summit worked because different coordinating structures came together:

Vice-Chancellor's Initiative
Makhanda Circle of Unity Education Cluster
Makhanda School Principal's Forum



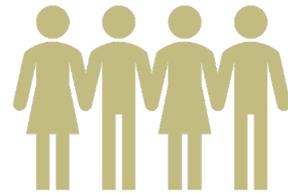
A strong education sector laid a solid foundation



ALL parts of the education sector participated meaningfully, from fee-exempt to private schools.

Built on the positive developments of the past few years to enhance partnership and collaboration between different sectoral parts and schools

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**Strong Leadership enabled
sustained mobilization efforts**



**It could only happen when it
happened**