



# **UPeTD :**

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## Context



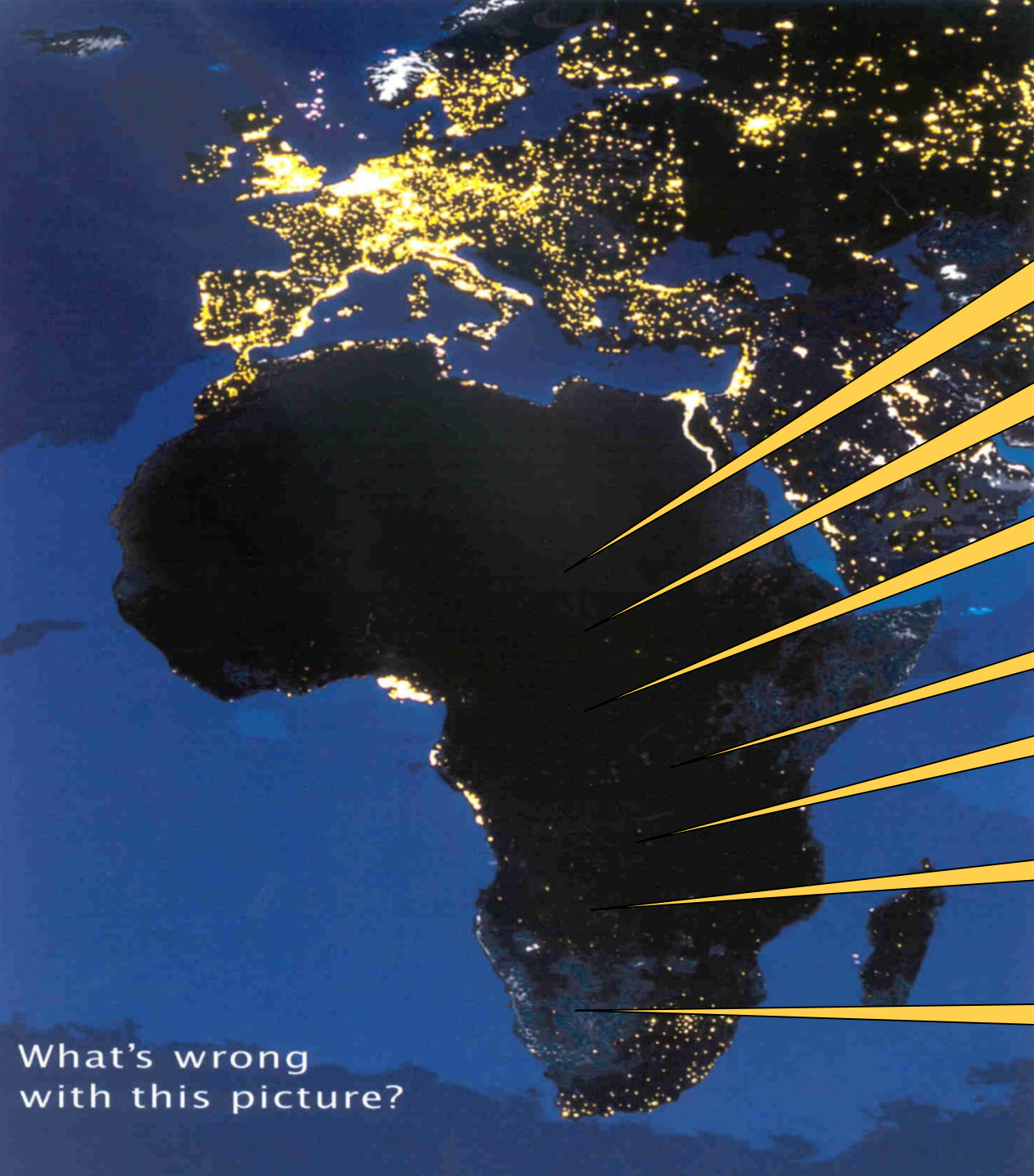
*The African Century*

## Implementation

## Goals

- Poverty to Prosperity
- UP Research Excellence
- The Innovation Generation





**Marginalized**

**Not part of global economy**

**Not part of Knowledge Society**

**Poverty and unemployment**

**50% live on < \$1 per day**

**Life expectancy = 54**

**Literacy rate = 41%**

What's wrong with this picture?



*“the determination of Africans to extricate themselves and the continent from the malaise of underdevelopment and exclusion in a globalising world”*







### **Biggest residential university**

- 34000** on campus students
- 28000** distance students
- 10000** postgraduate students
- 1500** foreign students
- 1916** study programmes









## 2001

Degrees awarded	Publications	Patents
6748 906 masters 134 doctorates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 882 articles</li><li>2. 60 book chapters</li><li>3. 15 books</li><li>4. 123 published conference papers</li></ol>	11 new patents registered



### Our vision

*To compete with and benchmark ourselves against the best research universities internationally*



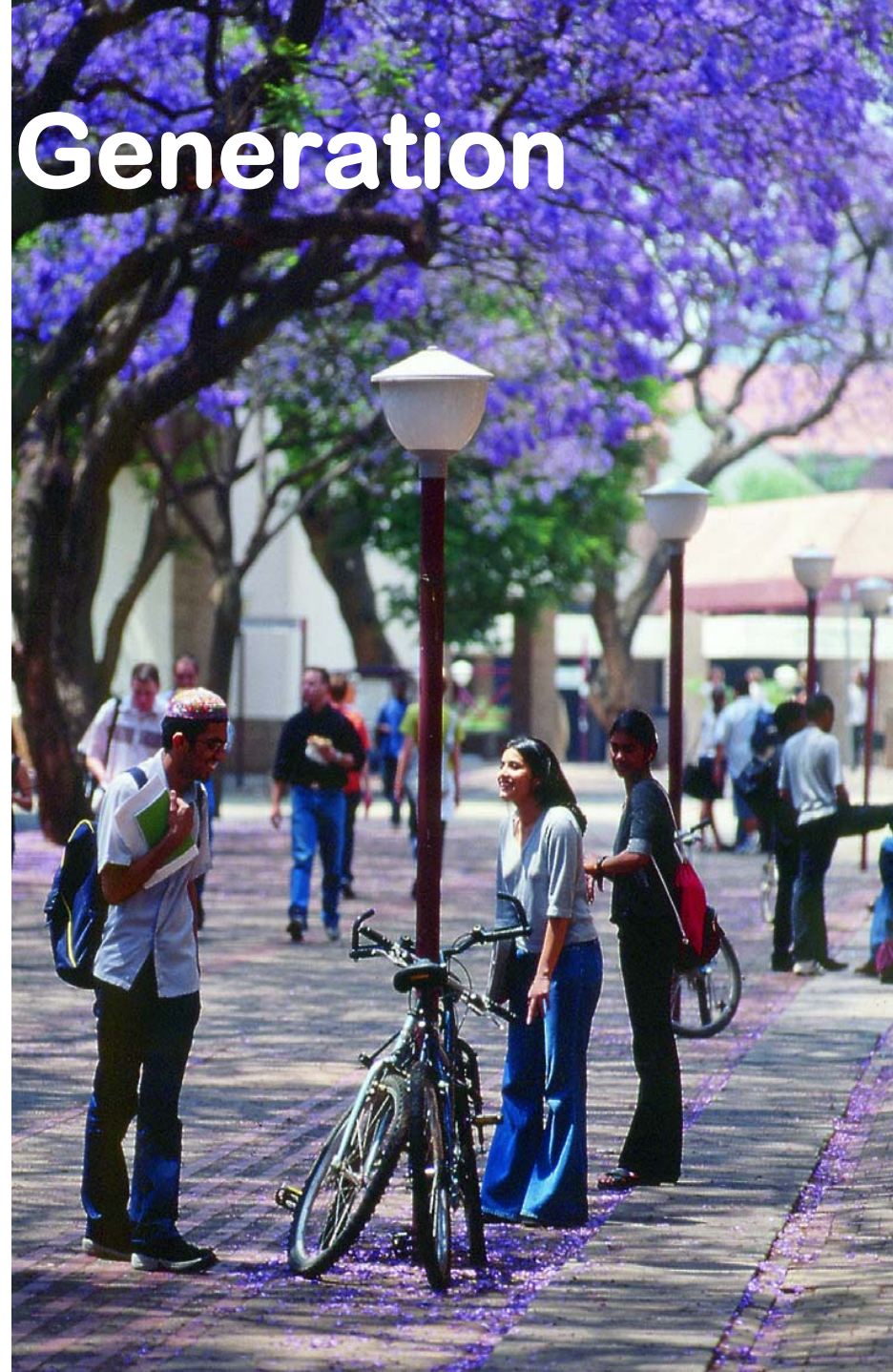


### Critical factors

- **Exciting research programmes attracting the best talent**
- **National/international collaboration and networking**
- **Focal areas aligned with national priorities and local areas of excellence**
- **Research leadership and management**

# The Innovation Generation

- world-class people
- well-rounded
- creative
- responsible
- productive citizens
- future leaders

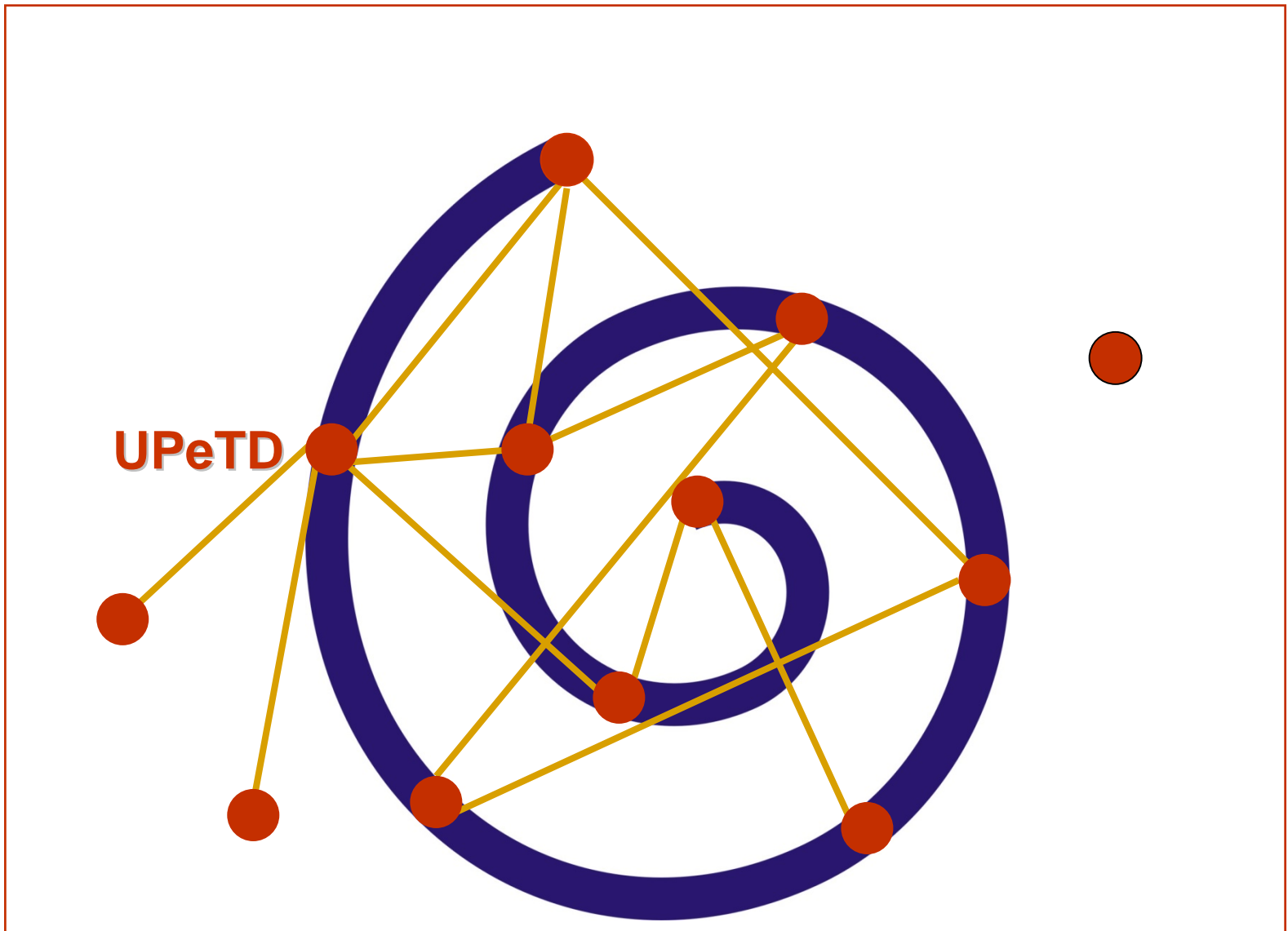






### Implications for the University

- **Excellent academic education**
- **Exposure to the knowledge society**
- **Introduced to the world of research and scholarship**



**The Value net of role players in the postgraduate process**







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*We build the road by walking it*

- Project development
- Achievements
- Problems

## Goals



**2000**

## **Library: opportunity**

- **Integration into academic processes**
- **Knowledge stewardship**
- **eUniversity**





## Low-key implementation

- **Decentralised postgraduate administration**
- **IT's enabling role:**
  - **spare server**
  - **minimal software modification**
  - **PDF**



## Web site

- **Public interface**
- **Work area for students for self-submission**
- **<http://upetd.up.ac.za>**



## Staffing

- **Project leader**
- **Quality controller**
- **Liaison and graphics support**
- **IT support**





## Training

- **Staff training**
- **Group sessions**
- **Individual training**



## Marketing

- **Students, supervisors, faculty administration**
- **Group meetings**
- **Posters, brochures, bookmarks**
- **Messages: mail, e-mail, SMS**







## **Current status**

**39 doctoral theses;**

**26 masters dissertations**

**60% independent**

- **Feedback from readers: research co-operation**
- **Access for examiners**
- **Web site for postgraduate support**
- **Anti-plagiarism initiative**



## **Buy-in unsatisfactory**

- **Unaware of advantages**
- **Not the logical option**

## • **Procedural problem:**

**hard copies for faculty**

**→ creating ETD is an additional task**

## • **Solution: mandatory submission**





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*Cape to Cairo*



- ETD specific goals
- eScholarship

# Goals 1: ETD specific goals



- 1. Lobbying for mandatory submission:  
D: 2004    M: 2005**
- 2. Streamlining processes and workflows for mandatory submission**
- 3. Improved support for staff and students, particularly on the web**
- 4. New hardware**





**5. Migrating to XML**

**6. Becoming OAI compliant**

**7. Promoting enriched content and other formats**

**8. Getting involved with African initiatives:**

- DATAD and Digital Library for Theses and Dissertations in Africa**
- UNESCO**



## eScholarship

- International trend
- Knowledge stewardship
- DSpace, eprints.org

1. Institutional repositories of UP articles
2. Communities of practice documentation
3. Learning and research material
4. Virtual publications
5. eJournals



## Success story

- **Contributing to freely available ETDs**
- **Showcasing the results of UP's postgraduate research**
- **Changing policies, procedures and paradigms on campus**
- **Paved the way for comprehensive eScholarship initiative**



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