



Strength through collaboration:

The UNISA-UP partnership

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Productive partnerships are those which evolve and continue to yield benefits, create new value and work through interpersonal connections and internal infrastructures which enhance learning for all parties
(Rosabeth Moss Kantor , 1990)

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Research @ UNISA

“Be a **leading research institution** in South Africa”

“**Long term investment** in the creation of new and improved knowledge and insights”

“Unisa’s research policy is based on the principle of **academic freedom** – it encourages **free and open intellectual inquiry** and is a prerequisite for academic excellence”

Objectives:

“**Enhance scholarly stature** of the University”

“Combination of research and community service is important” – **transfer research to community**

“**Disseminate research findings** [in many forms e.g. reports, books, articles, media] – so that they may be confirmed, evaluated, applied by others

– UNISA Research Policy www.unisa.ac.za

Historical background



2004:

SASLI Workshop on Institutional Repositories

2005-2006:

UP embarked on an Institutional Repository project



2005-2006:

Situation at Unisa

2006:

Dr Buhle Mbamba-Thata appointed

Establishing the partnership...



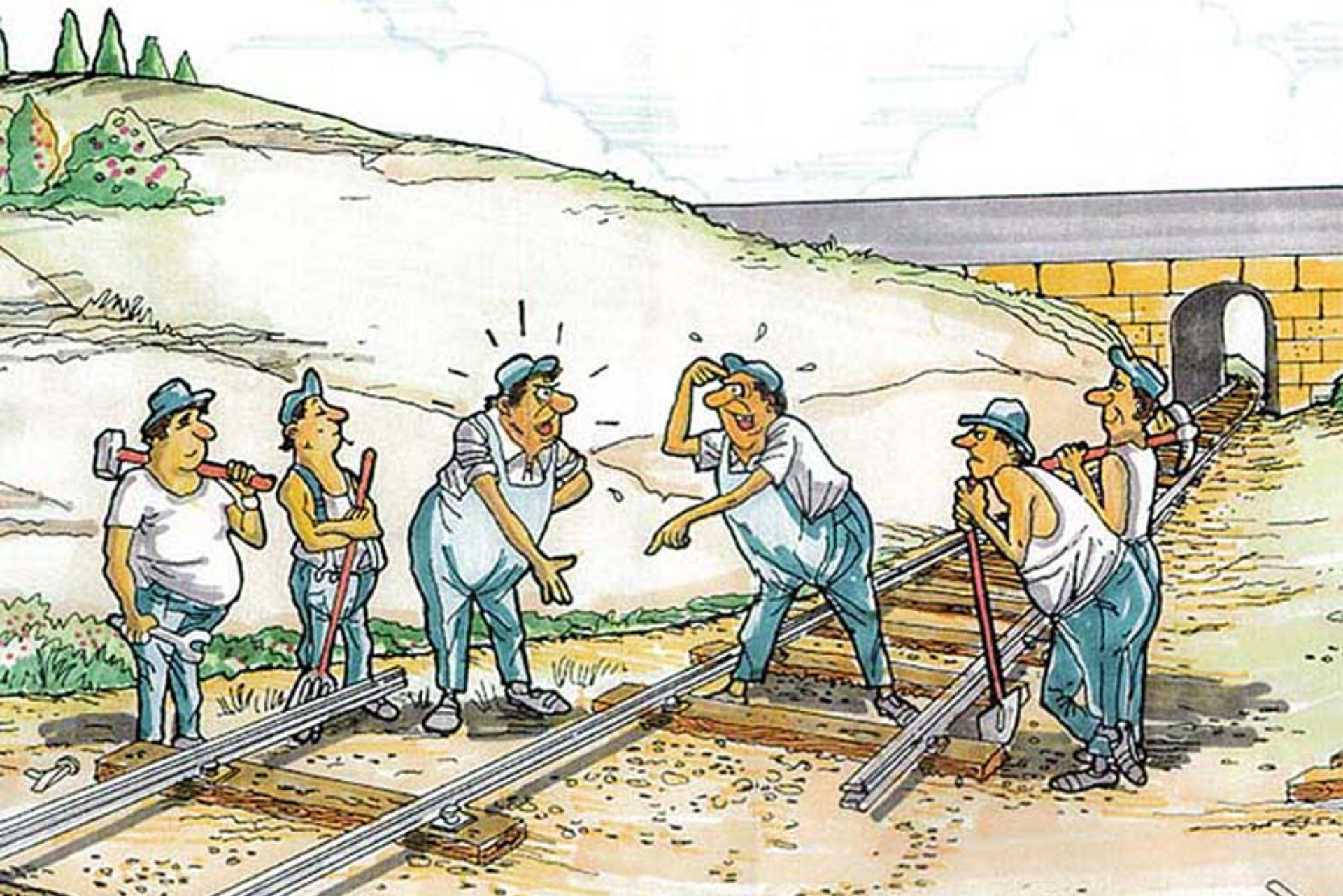
Dr Buhle Mbamba-Thata



Mr Robert Maropa



Team Work



Critical success factors

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Tools

Experience

Authorisations

Manpower

What else

Orders and instructions

Requirements

Knock it off

The Team



Unisa Institutional Repository Timeline

2007 - 2008

- Needs assessment
- Evaluation of software
- Proposal
- Champions identified
- Hardware & Staffing

February/ March 2008

Deployment of IR on Developmental Server

<http://163.200.219.67:8080/dspace/>

6 March 2008

- Introduction & training
- IR Project Manager

Currently ...

- Evaluation of IR on Developmental Server
- IR Policy

Project Phases

Analysis

Design

Development

Implementation

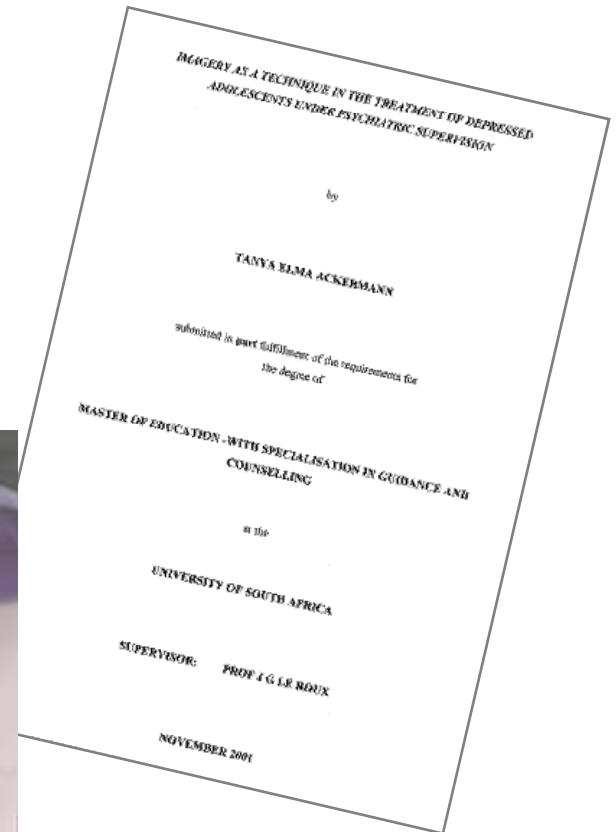
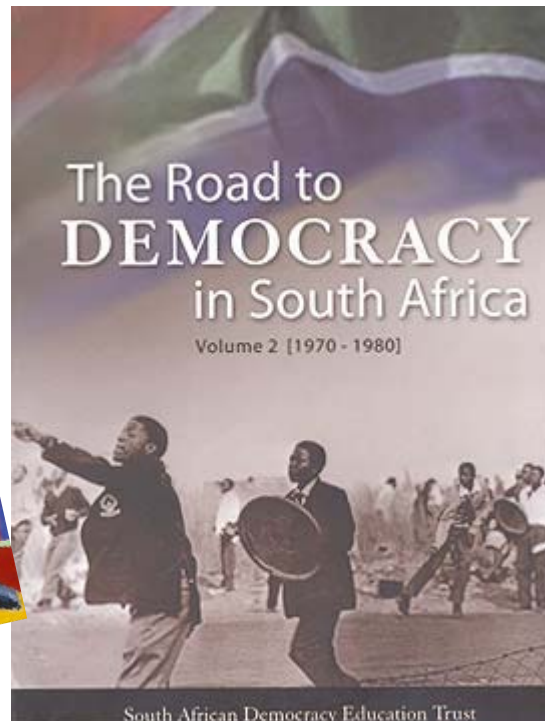
Evaluation

The scope of UIR

- 1.** Scholarly publications (journal articles)
- 2.** Theses and dissertations
- 3.** Historical & archival material
- 4.** Popular research material
- 5.** Unpublished research
- 6.** Inaugural addresses
- 7.** Conference proceedings
- 8.** PDF documents, photos, images, video clips, sound clips

UNISA Champions

1. UnisaETD
2. Unisa Press
3. Unisa Art Gallery



Training Sessions



UNISA Institutional Repository

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UNISA DSpace is Live!

Welcome to the UNISA open access digital research repository!

All participants for this evaluation phase are requested to please register at [My DSpace](#). This will enable the IR Manager to assign certain rights to you. Thank you for participating in this evaluation!

Evaluation: 10 - 21 March 2008
Evaluation Instrument to be added soon

Inquiries: [UNISA IR Manager](#) Tel.:  012 429 3426 

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UP Institutional Repository

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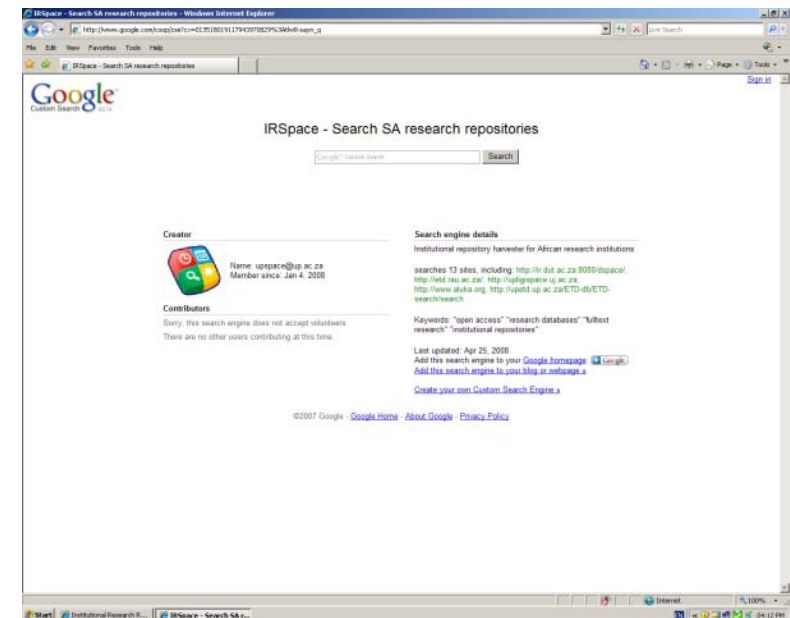
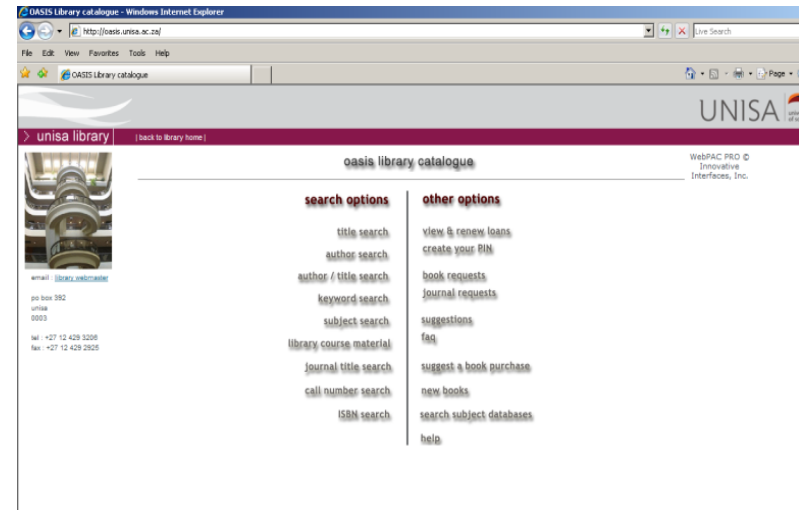
Exposure on the WWW

- 1. Library Catalogue**
- 2. Web pages**
- 3. Search Engines (Google & Google Scholar)**
- 4. Metadata Harvesters**
- 5. IR Registries**

Exposure on the WWW

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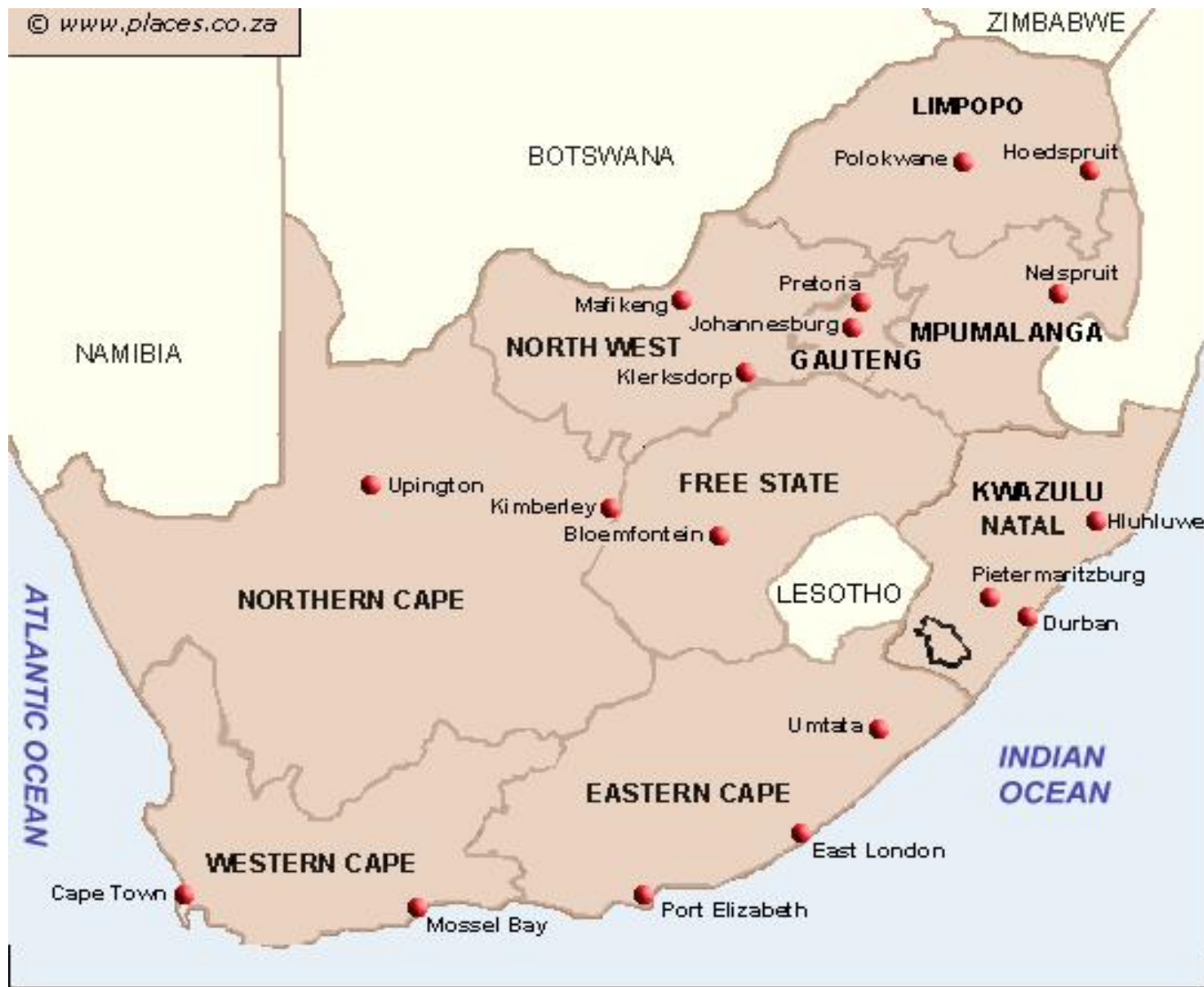
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Outcomes of UIR

1. New roles & responsibilities
2. Positive attitude
3. Communities of practice (social networks)
4. Knowledge transfer
5. Organizational learning
6. Change of mind-sets
7. Empowerment
8. Teamwork & collaboration
- 9. Management support**

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To conclude ...

“This project has transformed my life as a Dean in three ways.

First, it made me aware of the **power of technology** in managing the multiplicity of written tasks—media articles, media interviews, newspaper columns, intellectual pieces—that simply drift into spaces where I can never find these original writings.

Second, it made me aware of the **efficiency of dissemination** of ideas in this information age if one simply took the time to create such a web space.

Third, it made me aware of the **power of collaboration between** academic authors and the academic information services (library)—something that I had not explored until now. I am deeply grateful to the persistence of my academic library colleagues in opening up this new world in the life of a busy Dean” –

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, former Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Pretoria, Personal E-mail Communication, May 08, 2006.



Questions & Answers

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