

Conference
Utilisation of Research Findings:
Strategies for Improving Return on R&D Investment
Dates: 9 -10 October 2003
Venue: Eskom Convention Centre,
Dale Road, Halfway House
DRAFT PROGRAMME

(Speakers still to be confirmed)

DAY 1: 9 October 2003

08:30 - 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

Session 1: Scene-setting

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome

09:10 - 09:25 Opening

09:25 - 10:00 Keynote address:
 Prof. Barry Bozeman (School of Public Policy; Georgia Institute of
 Technology)

10:00 - 10:15 The NACI study- Empirical evidence

10:15 - 10:30 The NACI study –Main findings and recommendations

10:30 - 11:00 **TEA**

Session 2: Government

11:00 - 11:20 Utilisation as an element of the national R&D strategy
 Department of Science and Technology

11:20 - 11:40 Outcomes and impact as criteria for government funding
 National Treasury

11:40 - 11:55 Institutional policy for utilisation: Funding Agency
 National Research Foundation

11:55 – 12:10 Institutional policy for utilisation: Research institution
 CSIR

12:10 – 12:30 Open discussion

12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

Session 3: Business panel on absorptive capacity

13:30 - 13:45 Big business - SASOL

13:45 – 14:00 SMME- Godisa Project

14:00 – 14:15 Multinational Corporation - BMW

14:15 – 14:40 Open discussion

14:40 - 15:00 **TEA**

Session 4: Breakaway session

15:00 – 16:30 Discussions

19:00 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

DAY 2: 10 October 2003

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION + POSTER PRESENTATION**

Session 5: *Academic Panel on Utilisation*

09:00 – 09:15 Perspectives and practices of a research university
University of Cape Town

09:15 – 09:30 Perspectives and practices of a Technikon
Technikon North West

09:30 - 09:45 Perspectives and practices of a developing university
University of the North

09:45 - 10:00 An higher education sector perspective
Council for Higher Education

10:00 - 10:30 Open discussion

10:30 - 11:00 **TEA + POSTER PRESENTATION**

Session 6: *Management for utilisation and Conclusion of Conference*

11:00 - 11:20 Research management for utilisation

11:20 - 11:35 Utilisation in the international context

11:35 – 12:15 Report-back by breakaway groups

12:15 – 12:45 Utilisation of research findings in South Africa: Perspectives of the
conference

12:45 – 14:00 **LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**