

The Centre for Development Support (CDS) is a progressive research and development unit within the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of the Free State (UFS) with the broad aim of promoting sustainable human development in the broader South African society. In addition to this, the CDS also presents a two-year multi-disciplinary Master's Programme in Development Studies (MDS) with lecturers from sixteen departments at the UFS, using resource-based learning. This degree is designed for people who are currently working in a development-related context, or who intend to do so.

Vision

To be a leading research, training, and knowledge centre promoting sustainable human development

Mission

Promoting sustainable development through:

- Conducting applied and policyorientated research to inform, steer, and facilitate development initiatives, development programmes, and academic excellence
- Building capacity through training and development programmes
- Being a knowledge centre focused on four niche areas, namely
 - o poverty and social development,
 - o human settlements/housing
 - local economic development/enterprise development,
 - and rendering a consultative service on socio-economic development issues and initiatives to clients in the private and public sector, as well as the NGOs and CBOs
- Being part of a broad network of national and international development expertise.
- The CDS strives to achieve this mission with passion, a spirit of entrepreneurship, and through partnerships
- socio-economic characteristics of arid areas

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Doctoral studies

- Bertha Aliko Kibona: Higher Education and Human Development: Students' and Graduates' perspectives from two Tanzanian universities. Supervisor: Prof Melanie Walker; Co-supervisor: Dr P Mukwambo.
- Ndakaitei Manase: Narratives of capability formation for students with learning disabilities at a South African university. Supervisor: Dr P Del Monte; Co-supervisor: Dr P Mukwambo and Prof Melanie Walker.
- Martino Kamwano Mazinga: The role of public universities in fostering graduates' capabilities for rural development in Malawi. Supervisor: Dr M Höppener; Co-supervisor: Dr NN Mtawa and Prof Melanie Walker.
- Monique Eleanor Kwachou Tangah: Cameroonian women's empowerment through Higher Education: an African-feminist and capability approach analysis. Supervisor: Prof Melanie Walker; Co-supervisor: Dr Carmen Martinez-Vargas.
- Ernest Peresu: Community-based mdr-tb management: task-shifting to community treatment supporters in Eswatini. Supervisor: Prof JC Heunis; Co-supervisor: Prof D De Graeve and Dr Gladys Kigozi.
- Fenella Alison Somerville: Capabilities for media graduate employability: The case of private Higher Education. Supervisor: Prof Melanie Walker; Co-supervisor: Dr Faith Mkwananzi.

Master's studies (mini-dissertation)

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International collaborative projects

Impact of renewable energy on Upington with Cranfield University, UK Common Good First, Glasgow University

- Supporting Youth in Social Entrepreneurship, Glasgow University
- Miratho project: Inclusive higher education learning outcomes for rural youth: developing a multi-dimensional capabilities-based higher education Index, ESRC
- Mobility exchanges of staff and students, Valencia University of Techology
- African Higher Education in a COVID-19 and post COVID-19 world
- Youth agency, civic engagement, and sustainable development: Ideas for Southern Africa.
- In preparation of ARUA Collaborative PhD Programs in the Natural Sciences and the Humanities and Social Science Disciplines
- Ibali: Storying new discourses of educational inclusion/exclusion in the UK, Nigeria, and South Africa.
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Contract research projects

Impact of a wind farm on a local community, Funded by the DG Murray Trust

State of the Cities Report, SACN

Impact of Lesotho migrants on social services in the Free State, Free State Department of Social Development

Enhancing University Community Engagement at Sol Plaatje University: Matching Institutional Outlook

Other research projects

Life after varsity: Rural youth narratives on their postuniversity trajectories, NRF

Enhancing University Community Engagement at Sol Plaatje University: Matching Institutional Outlook, NRF

Technological and epidemiological changes: Opportunities for New frontiers of Engaged Scholarship

Student housing and studentification in Bloemfontein Endurance of spatial inequality in the Mangaung

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