

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

Books and edited books

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Book chapters

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Doctoral studies

- Andrew Nkhoma: Youth aspirations and experiences of alternative higher education programmes in Malawi. Supervisor: Prof Mikateko Mathebula; Co-Supervisor: Dr Ntimi Mtawa.
- Edward Mboyonga: The role of private universities in widening access and expanding students' capabilities in Zambia. Supervisor: Prof Mikateko Mathebula; Co-Supervisor: Prof Melanie Walker.
- Eurica Palmer: Early childhood male medical circumcision. Supervisor: Prof JGL Marais; Co-Supervisor: Prof M Engelbrecht.
- Farirai Zinatsa: Self-initiated strategies for labour market integration among tied migrants in South Africa. Supervisor: Dr MD Saurombe; Co-supervisor: Prof Sethulego Matebesi.
- Kurauone Masungo: Social media activism: A case study of student voices and participation at a South African

university. Supervisor: Prof Melanie Walker; Co-Supervisor: Dr Fenella Somerville.

Malefetsane Mokoena: Dependencies and decentralized government for the governance of housing delivery in Mangaung. Supervisor: Prof JGL Marais; Cosupervisors: Dr N Masithela and Dr A Venter.

Master's studies (mini-dissertation)

Babalwa Mbobo
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Petrus Nangolo
Selaelo Leshabana
Thabo Ntsane
Thandeka Mosotoane
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Zolile Mqotyana

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.

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures (TESF) network, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund through the Economic and Social Research Council Network Plus scheme

The acceptability and feasibility of an adaptation of the Mediational Intervention of Sensitising Caregivers (MISC) for community-based organisations in a sample of South African HIV/AIDS orphans

The impact of COVID-19 on children

Industrial disasters, disclosure deficits: Can transparency level the playing field?

The reproductive health of adolescents in South Africa

Contract research projects

Gender dynamics in Loeriesfontein

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

Enactus UFS / independent student organisations focusing on climate

Climate Meraka

The township economy in Viljoenskroon

Community care and engagement for culturally significant architecture in the Free State Province

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