



# Highlights Division for Global Engagement



## Message from the Senior Director

In July, a group of UJ students from the School of Tourism and Hospitality visited Caucasus University, Georgia as part of an exchange programme. The university also hosted the Miss Universe Botswana finalists, conversations focused on collaboration to build a world that is sustainable, compassionate, and thriving. In mid-July, Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede attended the International Media and Communication Association (IAMCR) conference hosted at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Singapore. Prof. Rodny-Gumede participated on two panels, met with colleagues from the Journal of Emerging Media and met with bi-lateral partners.

In September, the International Student and Recruitment team visited schools in Tanzania as part of UJ's international recruitment strategy. Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede and Ms. Anisa Khan attended the European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference and exhibition in September. The event provided an opportunity to engage with SASUF regarding opportunities for collaboration. Further engagement with new and existing partners also took place.

## Study Abroad and International Student Services

### Short Learning Programmes

- Eberhard Karls University Outbound 21 June – 19 July 2025
- NICE 2025 (Edinburgh) Virtual March – June 2025 Outbound 27 June – 6 July 2025
- Korea University Outbound 5 – 14 July 2025
- TU Berlin 5 – 19 July 2025
- Caucasus University Outbound 26 June – 7 July 2025
- University of Cincinnati Outbound 4 – 14 September 2025

### Africa by Bus

- Faculty of Education – Botswana 25 – 29 August 2025
- College of Business – Zimbabwe 30 August – 3 September 2025
- Faculty of Engineering – Namibia 1 – 5 September 2025

Exchange Student Inbound and Outbound

Brazilian Project Inbound

ISEP Project

Arrival and Departure Orientation (10 sessions)

Study Abroad portal Phase 5 Development

Chaperone Climate Corps Summer School in South Korea, 6 – 13 July 2025

Chaperone Africa by bus – Botswana with Education 25 – 29 August 2025

International Festival – 26 September 2025

### General office administration

- Follow up on visa applications
- Communicate with prospective students regarding immigration enquiries'
- Assist students with residence applications
- Preparing a report on Asylum Seekers to send to the DHA
- Working on medical aid report for the Department of Home Affairs
- Attend to enquiries.



*Africa By Bus trip to Zimbabwe*



*Brazilian students hosted by Faculty of Humanities*



## Academic Services

### EMERGING POWER REGIONS: QATAR-SA PEACE CENTRE AND SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Following the successful delegation to Qatar in April this year, in which Academic Services secured a meeting with the Education Above All Foundation, we were invited to submit a funding proposal in support of scholarships for refugee and displaced students from across the Middle East and Africa. Ms. Khan and Ms. Ntombise have been working tirelessly over this period in support of the development of the funding proposal and budget as well as in securing high-level government endorsements. The Academic services unit (Ms. Khan) secured two endorsements, one from the Minister of Higher Education, Dr Buti Manamela and the other from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

### CANADA- SOUTH AFRICA

Ms Khan helped to secure visa for 8 staff members from the Faculty of Health Sciences through assisting with contact with the Canadian High Commission. Ms Khan is also working closely with colleagues from McMaster University and Carleton University regarding the SACUN network and a research engagement linked with the future funding call expected to be announced in 2026. Ms. Khan also met with McMaster University at the EAIE conference in September to discuss plans for 2026.

### COLOMBIA

Aligned with the Strategic Plan focus on Pan-African and Global South partnerships (GFP4), UJ participated in the IEASA- RCI ASCUN joint GloSouth project. The delegation to Colombia included Ms Khan and Prof. Federico Fresschi and resulted in new connections with UNIMINUTO Colombia Universidad Católica de Colombia, Universidad Católica de Manizales, and Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira. The delegation visit also resulted in in-person and online engagements between the Universidad Externado de Colombia and UJ in political sciences and international affairs driven

by Fritz Nganje Jerónimo Delgado-Caicedo and Pierre Gerstlé. Ms Khan has also participated in the development of a joint MOOC on global south partnerships and advancing scholarship and understanding between our countries and in a grant proposal that will fund one staff member from Universitè De Manizales to come to UJ next February.

### **NETWORKS AND CONFERENCES**

**IEASA NETWORK AND CONFERENCE** - Ms Anisa Khan was invited as a plenary speaker at the 2025 IEASA Conference where she delivered a joint presentation with Siyabulela “Madiba” Mandela, great grandson of the late Tata Madiba Nelson Mandela. The conference was held in Stellenbosch from the 26-29th August. Ms Khan also delivered a presentation on the SDG’s, Rankings and Peace and Social Justice. Ms Khan is also an IEASA Council member and provides strategic guidance to IEASA regarding global south engagements and future steps regarding GloSouth.

**SASUF** - The SASUF+ 2025-2028 was launched this August and Ms Khan presented the UJ and Stockholm University strategy work package on AU-EU Policy at the SASUF South Africa meeting of which UJ is a lead university. Ms Khan also accompanied the SASUF programme manager at engagements with the National Research Foundation, Business Sweden, AUDA NEPAD and the Embassy of Sweden.

**EAIE CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS** - Ahead of the EAIE conference, several meetings and engagements were held. Ms Khan and Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede attended Lund partner day and as part of this, Ms Khan is working with the ELDU group at UJ to cascade the training and model on creating a Global Dynamic Engagement model at UJ that incorporates a global innovation ecosystem and 4th gen university concept. Ms Khan also presented at the U21 research meeting held during the Lund University partner day. The Meeting formed part of deliberations on how we can improve our bilateral research collaboration through U21 an our engagement in nature positive coalition. After this meeting we visited Malmo University where we strategized on our SASUF opportunities together and we are developing a new agreement with Malmo University

Ms Khan presented a poster at EAIE on the Una-Europa Alliance of which UJ is a part of the Africa working group. partners across our various networks and regional priorities, including other parts of Africa, Colombia, Palestine, Hong Kong, Finland, Canada, Brazil, Japan, the UK, Sweden, France, Italy and many more! An immediate return on the investment of attending the conference was that Ms Khan connected with the City University Hong Kong. She then invited Prof Kenneth Leung to UJ as he was travelling to SA for another event. This has resulted in a very successful meeting with the faculty and many new initiatives underway including a research exchange for students and scholarships.

After the EAIE conference, we spent the morning at Stockholm University and received expert input from a group of AU-EU Policy advisors. The attendees were invited and identified by Ms Khan.



*IEASA Network and Conference, Stellenbosch*



*European Association for International Education (EAIE) Conference*

## GFP4 Targets- end September

On track- exceeded

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT AND PARTNERSHIPS	Increase active partnerships that focus on societal impact and sustainability	GF&P4	Number of active pan-African and other global south partnerships, as evidenced in collaboration agreements and actual activities, that focus on societal impact and sustainability (cumulative from 2025) (N)	85
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## ERASMUS PLUS STAFF MOBILITIES

The Team coordinated and facilitated the nomination of 34 UJ staff members from January – September for the Erasmus Plus programme as per below.

ERASMUS PLUS OUTGOING NOMINATIONS						
No	Country	University	UJ Staff member	Faculty	Type	Travel dates 2025
1	Turkiye	Afyon Kotacepe	Mr Lebethe Malefo	IO	Training	10- 14 June
			Prof Bulelwa Maphela	CBE	Teaching	
2	Poland	AGH Krakow	Prof Mike Henning	Science	Teaching	15 -19 September
3	Romania	Babes Bolyai	Dr Suzall Timm	Humanities	Teaching	9 - 13 June
			Prof Elizaebth Lubinga	Humanities	Teaching	
			Prof Anna Oksiutycz-Munyawiri	Humanities	Teaching	
			Prof David Du Toit	Humanities	Teaching	
			Ms Sunita Menon	Strategic Projects (VC's office)	Training	
			Ms Rethabile Mosia	Humanities	Training	21- 25 July
			Mr Thabang Mothebe	IO	Training	
Ms Nosipho Sonjica	HCM	Training				

4	Poland	Krakow University of Economics	Prof Herman Boikanyo	CBE	Teaching	Last moment for exchange is December 2025.
			Prof Michael Adelowotan	CBE	Teaching	
6	Italy	Politecnico di Torino	Dr Major Mabuza	FEBE	Training	07 - 11 July
7	Bulgaria	Sofia University	Prof Adeoye Akinola	Humanities	Teaching	25 May - 01 June
8	Basque Country	University of the Basque Country	Prof Adeoye Akinola	Humanities	Teaching	Before 31st July 2026.
			Prof Tinuade Ojo			
			Dr Maud Blose			
9	Finland	Helsinki University	Prof Eugene Baron	Humanities	Teaching	15 - 19 September
10	Austria	Klagenfurt Univeristy	Prof Paepae Thulane	Science	Training	22- 26 June
11	Portugal	Minho Univeristy	Dr Hellen Agumba	Education	Teaching	Last moment for exchange is July 2027
			Prof Monique Keevy	CBE		
			Roxanne Bailey	CBE		
12	Italy	University of Pisa	Ms Anisa Khan	IO	Training	23- 27 June
13	Netherlands	Twente University	Ms Nickey Janse van Rensburg	Process, Energy & Environmental Technology Station (UJ PEETS)		12 - 24 May
14	Lithuania	Vilnius Academy of Arts	Mr Martin Bolton	FADA	Training	10-14 June
15	Poland	University of Wroclaw	Mrs Varona Sathiyah	Humanities	Training	22- 29 June
16	Amsterdam	Vrije Univeristy	Dr Sinethemba Sidloyi	Humanities	Teaching and Training	21 June - 1 July
			Dr Anthony Kaziboni	Humanities		21 June - 28 June

17	Slovakia	Matej Bel University	Dr Craig Andrew	Science	Training	1- 5 September
18	Estonia	Tartu University	Ms Motshwene, Penny	HCM	Training	Before 31st July 2026.
			Ms Tiyiselani Maphiri	Academic Development and Innovation		
19	Finland	Laurea University	Prof David Poee	CBE		
			Cashandra Mara	CBE		

### UJELP

For the 3rd quarter of the year, for the period July to September the results are as follows:

Placement Test 1	Total registrations	Placement Test 2	Total registrations
Elementary level (A1 and A2)	2	Elementary level (A1 and A2)	7
Intermediary level (B1 and B2)	6	Intermediary level (B1 and B2)	2
Advanced level (C1 and C2)	0	Advanced level (C1 and C2)	0

### CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Region	Country	Name	Faculty	Type
Europe	Austria	BOKU University	IO	Erasmus +
Middle East	Türkiye	Ankara University	School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy	Collaboration Agreement
China	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Baptist University	IO	Student Exchange Agreement
China	China	Nanjing Tech University	Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment	MOU
South America	Columbia	University of South Carolina	Faculty of Health Science	MOU

# International Student Recruitment, Admissions and Marketing

## RECRUITMENT

### JULY

A visit from visit from Sifundzani High School, Eswatini on 01 July 2025;

- Campus, Library, Engineering, and Science tour
- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

### AUGUST

Eswatini School Visits from 24 July to 2 August 2025

Sisekelo High School, Ka-Zakhali School, Harold's School, Milestone School, Lusundvu School  
Enjabulweni Shool, St Michael's School

Sifundzani School, Waterford School Fair, St Francis School, St Marks School, Bahai School, and  
Jabez School

- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

Benchmarking exercise with University of Fort Hare on 7 August 2025

- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

### SEPTEMBER Tanzania School Visit 1-6 September 2025

- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

A visit from sponsored prospective students by Total Energies Ghana on 25 September 2025

- Campus, Library, Engineering and Science tour
- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

Attended the Uganda School Visit/Fairs from 29 September – 4 October 2025.

Galaxy International School Uganda, International School of Uganda, Light Academy Secondary  
School, Aga Khan School, Acorns International School, Vienna College, Rainbow International  
School, Heritage International School, and Horizon International School, Jinja + nearby school  
in Jinja.

- Applications, admission, and registration of prospective students with International credentials.
- Student welfare and Study Abroad opportunities
- Student sponsorship/Bursaries

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*Eswatini School visit*



*Tanzania School visit*

## Communications and Marketing

- UJ Athletics' talent boosts South African athletes on the global stage  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-athletics-talent-boosts-south-african-athletes-on-the-global-stage/>
- Caribbean intellectual Prof David Scott brings Small Axe and big questions to South Africa  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/caribbean-intellectual-prof-david-scott-brings-small-axe-and-big-questions-to-south-africa/>
- UJ among world's Top 60 universities on Facebook in 2025 uniRank  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-among-worlds-top-60-universities-on-facebook-in-2025-unirank/>
- UJ strengthens international student recruitment in Tanzania  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-strengthens-international-student-recruitment-in-tanzania/>
- UJ to host prestigious 2026 African Accounting and Finance Association conference  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-to-host-prestigious-2026-african-accounting-and-finance-association-conference-2/>
- More than 80 UJ researchers ranked among world's top scientists  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/more-than-80-uj-researchers-ranked-among-worlds-top-scientists/>
- Pillay, Okon put UJ on world stage, win bronze in World Athletics Champs  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/pillay-okon-put-uj-on-world-stage-win-bronze-in-world-athletics-champs/>
- Wu Opera mesmerises UJ  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/wu-opera-mesmerizes-uj/>



*Nigerian Delegation visit*



*Ambassador of Algeria to South Africa visit*



*SUNY Polytechnic Institute visit*



*University of South Carolina visit*