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- **Jonathan Jansen, South Africa**
Keynote Speaker
Rector & Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Free State
Jonathan Jansen is Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Free State
He is a strong proponent of intellectual freedom and the first black president of UFS. After he was appointed he subsequently initiated a process for campus-wide racial integration among students. In 2010 The University was awarded the **World Universities Forum Award for Best Practice in Higher Education** which praised amongst other the racial integration and harmonisation of the student community.
Jansen is the Honorary Professor of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand and Visiting Fellow at the National Research Foundation.
- **Yeah Samaké, Mali**
Literacy & Education for all –
Bringing real, sustainable & lasting change to Mali
Social entrepreneur and politician from Ouelessebougou, Mali. Samaké is the Managing Director of the Empower Mali Foundation, the current Mayor of Ouelessebougou, Vice President of Mali's League of Mayors, and was a candidate in the 2013 Malian presidential election. Yeah Samaké is interested in **enhancing his people's educational level as a base for a strong economy and true democracy.**

Skills Education College, Switzerland **Beatrice Gregus & Sandra Rindler** **'Vocational Skills Education System' - Skills & Academic Education with Benefit for Economy and Society**

Sandra Rindler and Beatrice Gregus, Teachers of Trade, Bachelors in Science of Nursing, present the Swiss 'Vocational Skills Education System', where skills and academic education are rotationally taught.

This system has a long tradition in Switzerland and it is one of the keys to a **successful access to the economic world and crucial for a low unemployment rate of the youth.** It opens the door to lifelong learning and development of economic power and social and political competence; a model that has currently been studied by many nations and that is applicable anywhere - an extremely empowering concept.

- **Antony V. Trowbridge, South Africa**

Workshop: Empowering and educating communities for rural development

Antony Trowbridge is founder of **INTER AFRIKA PLAN** and author of the 'Peace and Development' **Open Distance course of self-instruction in 'Cooperative Governance', 'Ethical Leadership' and 'Community Economics'**. He is currently working with rural development initiatives set up by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, and Korana King, Josiah. Winner of the Stockholm Challenge and a World Bank Development Marketplace Award In 1995 he won the South African INTERBOU Award for the concept of 'e-villages as economically viable and ecologically sustainable human settlements'.

- **Daya Baghwandas, Malaysia, Australia**

Neuro Education – Empowering the Human Potential

Neuro Education is the body of knowledge linking brain development, human evolution, life and learning. Daya's work with neuro education with all ages is about supporting the foundations for achieving our human potential. She uses neuro sciences as the **platform to understand the physical, physiological, emotional, social and intellectual demands of life**. Drawing on insights from early childhood development, adults can learn to improve the way they organise themselves in life and as learners. Daya will be unpacking the different dimensions of our human journey by making the **connection between the human physiology, human brain and empowering the human potential** in her lecture and workshop.

Daya Bhagwandas has worked in the field of education and early childhood learning with 'normal' and challenged children and adults for a period of 20 years. She achieved her qualifications and work experience in Australia, Malaysia, USA, Europe and India: Neuro Education and Sound Therapy, Speech Pathology And Audiology BSc India.

- **Howard Grace, Great Britain**

Documentary Film: "Beyond Forgiving – A South African Story"

Executive Director of the Film *Beyond Forgiving*.

After studying physics and 14 years working on a voluntary basis with Initiatives of Change, mostly overseas in the 1970s, he spent three-and-a-half years in South Africa with his young family supporting friends who were engaged with bringing change to their country. But in 1979 had to leave at very short notice due to falling foul of the security police. At the age of 40, back in England, he trained to be a mathematics teacher. In 1995 he developed a programme going into senior High Schools to **stimulate thought about purpose in life and motivation**. In 2003 he met Ginn and Letlapa and invited Letlapa to join him in this programme for six weeks. The impact that this made eventually led to Howard deciding to make a film of the story so that it could reach out to the world. With director Imad Karam and a camera man he went back to South Africa for the first time in 33 years to do the filming for ***Beyond Forgiving***. For him it is especially fulfilling to be able to support the telling of such an inspiring story emerging from that painful era. His focus is on the **use and promotion of the film internationally**.

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- 1.3 Architecture & Town Planning

2 Science, Engineering & Technology

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4 Law, Constitution & Conflict Resolution

- 4.1 Law & Conflict Resolution
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5 Human Sciences & Theology

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6 Education

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