

USB and USB-ED rated highly both locally and abroad



The local leadership and international standing of the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) and USB Executive Development Ltd (USB-ED) - the executive education arm of the USB - has again been recognised this year through rankings and ratings by leading bodies worldwide.

The USB has been named the No 1 business school in South Africa by the *Professional Management Review* (PMR.africa). The business school has also been rated as one of only two African business schools with an A-rating for "universal business schools with major international influence" in the French EDUNIVERSAL Official Selection.

This comes as USB-ED has been ranked 45th among the world's top executive education providers in the *Financial Times* executive-education rankings for 2008.

It is not only the USB and USB-ED that are receiving international recognition, however. An MBA student of the USB - Kagisho Mahura - was chosen as one of the four finalists for the international *Independent* MBA Student of the Year Award 2008 hosted by the Association of MBAs (AMBA) in London.

At the end of 2006, Kagisho was a member of the trio of USB students who won the National Black MBA Association Case Competition sponsored by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation in the USA by beating teams from 28 other leading business schools.


Prof Eon Smit, director of the USB, commenting on the USB's rankings, says, "It's particularly gratifying to observe that a scientific study reflects favourable market perceptions of the USB's sustained efforts to accommodate the needs of the business world and to ensure top-quality business education."

Frik Landman, CEO of USB-ED, says that the ranking by the *Financial Times* places USB-ED among the very best of American and European executive-education providers. "It's the result of years of hard work to make sure that, although we operate

in Africa, our offering in terms of quality remains comparable on a global level."

The quality of the USB is monitored and regularly evaluated by a team of independent analysts from international accreditation agencies.

The USB remains the only business school of a South African university with two international accreditations: EQUIS from the European Foundation for Management Development and from AMBA.

The USB is furthermore the only school outside Europe that is a member of the European Doctoral Programmes Association in Management and Business Administration, based on the quality of its PhD. The USB is also ranked in the New York-based Beyond Grey Pinstripes Top 100 Schools list for promoting social and environmental sustainability. 

Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement at the USB

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has become the patron of the Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement (ACDS) at the USB.

According to Prof. Barney Jordaan, Head of the ACDS, "it is an honour for the ACDS" to have Archbishop Tutu as its patron. "What makes this Centre unique is that it's the first time that such an initiative focusing on dispute settlement as an alternative means to expensive litigation will be researched at a South African business school," explains Prof. Jordaan.

The ACDS at the USB is an African hub for dispute-settlement theory and practice. It addresses the increasing need to settle disputes of all forms at an early stage using alternative forms of dispute resolution (such as dialogue and mediation).

The Centre, which houses a panel of specialist mediators across a spectrum of disciplines, focuses on research, programme development, teaching and training, as well as consultation regarding dispute system design.

Visit www.usb.ac.za/disputesettlement for more information.



Kagisho Mahura



Welcoming Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu as patron of the USB's Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement are Ms Wahida Parker, Equillore CEO; Prof Barney Jordaan, Head of the Centre, and Prof Eon Smit, Director of the University of Stellenbosch Business School.