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SAHISA / ISASA CONFERENCE 2009

• Thank You from the Conference Committee

“Buholi: kinship in diversity” – Linking Laterally

Dear Colleagues

Greetings from your North East Conference Organising Committee 2009!

We write to thank you most sincerely for your enthusiastic participation in a busy conference. Given the historical context we are confident that as a precursor to the transformation that is about to take place Conference 2009 has achieved many of our objectives. An added bonus has been the reinforcement of the kinship that we have with one another and we thank you for strengthening these ties.

A few added details (more housekeeping!)

- Speaker presentations, including all their contributions, will be posted to the SAHISA website during the course of this week. See the brand new and informative www.sahisa.org.
- All conference-specific documents are available under the *Downloads -> SAHISA Conference 2009* section of the website. Please note that you must be registered and logged in to access this section of the site.
- The Head Line – Conference Daily Newsletter – will also be accessible on the website, including the Final Day.
- Conference photos have been formatted for easy access on this website.

To those who were stuck at the airstrip on your way home – we regret that your Organising Committee has no jurisdiction over the weather, the water supply and the whatsit. We hope that all travelled safely, eventually, and that the weekend provided some much needed time for reflection.

It has been suggested, in this era of quotes, that Coco has furnished us with an underscore for this year's Conference! Perhaps not!

Marcus Tullius Cicero may well be more appropriate as we leave one another to face the year-end fuss and frenzy:

What sweetness remains in life if you take away friendship? Depriving life of friendship is life depriving the world of the sun. Friendship is the only thing in the world whose usefulness all humankind are agreed upon.

With best wishes to our old friends and the newly found.

Kathy Thompson and Conference 2009 Team of the North East.

• Thank You from the North East Region

Dear Colleagues

The SAHISA conference for 2009 has come and gone. What a great conference we have had. The conference committee noted from the outset that because the conference was in Swaziland we wanted

to give the conference a broader, regional Southern African flavor which would reflect the concepts of "Lateral Linking" and "Kinship in Diversity". We also wanted to explore themes common to the Southern African context.

As I look back at conference I believe that we have achieved just that. From the minute Buhle Dlamini started his talk on Afro-centric leadership in the 21st century, (surely a theme for all African countries) to Patricia Glynn's walk through Southern Africa, we have ourselves experienced a journey of discovery and self-evaluation as the excellent speakers stimulated our thoughts, emotions and our souls.

A big thank you must go to Greg Theron for putting together a superb set of speakers, and to ISASA for organizing Peter Cobb.

The entertainment was not far behind. The Swazi experience was delightful and informative and served to develop our understanding of the cultural diversity in Southern Africa. We wish to take this opportunity to thank delegates for being receptive to the Swazi experience and for being open and willing to fully participate in the programme.

The evening at "House on Fire" was absolutely amazing and truly memorable. The lovely setting together with a very good band, made for an evening of great entertainment, and a good party was had by all.

The collegiality was good, but I regret that our programme did not allow for a little more informal time for delegates to just sit and chat. I have noted this and will pass this on to the new organizing committee. We are indeed grateful to everyone for having made Conference 2009 a great success and for having shared this experience with us in the tranquil Ezulwini valley.

It would be very remiss of me not to thank the rest of the organizing committee for their sterling efforts. A huge thank you to one and all for this. (Mike Roets and Brett Frost, you may now breathe again)

To our Swazi colleagues thank you for ensuring that conference had the Swazi flavour and for valuable help and input into all matters.

A great thank you must go to our Regional Director, Lyn Nelson and to our Conference Chairman, Kathy Thompson for all their hours of hard work.

And finally a huge thank you to our own Three Musketeers: Jenny, Marina and Bentoe. The amount of work that you three got through was enough for four separate miracles.

Best wishes to the organizing committee for 2010.

Hein Weber (SAHISA Regional Chair for the North East Region)

• Conference Evaluation

Hein Weber has received only 59 Conference Evaluation Form returns! We need approximately another 300. Please fill in and return the forms as a matter of urgency.

If you have misplaced your handout, please download another from the *Downloads* -> *SAHISA Conference 2009* section of the SAHISA website.

Completed returns should please be forwarded by email to heinw@khanyisaeducentre.co.za or by fax to 086 608 7213.

ARTICLE OF INTEREST

- **Back to School Address by Barack Obama**

In true motivational style, we present the text of President Obama's 'Back to School' speech on Tuesday 8 September.

The full text of the speech can be downloaded from the *Electronic Library -> Articles of Interest* section of the SAHISA website. The speech was not without controversy, as can be seen from [this article](#).

For all the hubbub among adults over the back-to-school speech, many youngsters took the president's message to heart.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **SAHISA Conference Presentations**

As mentioned, many of the presentations seen at conference will be made available on the SAHISA website during the course of this week.

Links to both of Peter Cobb's presentations are already available in the *Downloads -> SAHISA Conference 2009* section the website.

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LEADERSHIP WEBSITE TO VIEW

- **SAHISA Website**

Last week saw the launch of the new SAHISA website: www.sahisa.org. Please visit the website and register as a user. Registration will enable you to access SAHISA only documentation, including conference presentations.

Where the registration form asks for a name, please enter your full name (first name and surname) so that we can verify that you are a SAHISA member. You can, however, select any username and password you would like.

The general registration will be open until 17 September. Thereafter, registration will be performed on a request basis from the SAHISA office.

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GENERAL

- **"Get It Right"**

We try to "get it right" and communicate information that you can trust.

If we have neglected to communicate any relevant details or if you would like to contribute to the SAHISA Weekly Bulletin, please contact Jenny Mundell.

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- **Quote of the Week**

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, worse when they despise him ... But of a good leader who talks little when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, "We did it ourselves."

~ Lao Tzu