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About this report

This report synthesises the data and main findings of the eight African case studies which formed part of the HERANA Higher Education and Economic Development research programme. Other publications in the series include:

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By Pundy Pillay (2010)

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By Tracy Bailey, Nico Cloete and Pundy Pillay (2010)

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These reports provide the detailed evidence of the case studies of eight African countries and universities, focusing on national policy and coordination, as well as detailed information about the universities in the sample. These reports would be of particular interest to university leadership, as well as national policy-makers.

**Academic publications**

Drawing on the above-mentioned reports and publications, we are also in the process of preparing three academic articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals as well as a chapter in a book.