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## The e-skills agenda within the Eidos International Public Policy Congress 2012



### The intention of the Congress?

The Eidos International Public Policy Congress provides a platform for multi-national networking, information sharing and the incubation of ideas.

**When?** The Eidos International Public Policy Congress was held from 8-10 February 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Who attended?** E-skills representatives across business, government, education and civil society from South Africa, Australia and Kenya.

**What is Eidos?** The Eidos Institute is an independent public policy think tank with 11 Australian and two South African university partners.



Delegates at the recent Eidos International Public Policy Congress 2012



e-SI working group

A key part of the recent Eidos International Public Policy Congress 2012 was the focus on developing the South African e-skills agenda through three research programmes.

### Building on outcomes from 2011

Three research programmes, related to the South African national e-skills agenda, were identified in the previous Eidos Congress in 2011. The research programmes fall under the 'ICT and Digital Inclusion' working group which is facilitated by the e-Skills Institute.

The research programmes are:

- An evaluation framework for assessing the impact of e-skills interventions against national strategic plans in developing nation states
- ICTs for life events and social needs
- The establishment of a collaborative base for Creative Industries research and development across South Africa and developing the capacity for comparative and collaborative research with international efforts

### Further development of the research programmes

The 'ICT and Digital Inclusion' working group (driven by the e-Skills Institute) updated delegates on progress since the last meeting. The three research programmes were taken to the next level and expanded upon during the Congress.

### Output from the congress

A document detailing the proposed cross-national tasks, actions and strategies to ensure national ICT and Digital inclusion was produced.

### The Eidos/e-Skills Institute connection

The e-Skills Institute signed Memorandums of Understanding with five participating universities, as well as with the Australian Eidos Institute. (Eidos has a research network, involving 13 Australian and South African universities, that allows for collaborative research on public policy.)

The e-Skills Institute organised a visit by the five universities to Eidos in Australia. The intention was to leverage the Eidos research network to assist in building a South African research network for collaborative research on public policy. This has developed into the National Research Network for e-Skills (ReSNES). Further to that, the e-Skills Institute and Eidos work together to share resources.

Both the development of ReSNES and the consequent sharing of resources exist to influence policy that is relevant to driving the South African e-skills agenda.

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## partners in the e-Skills Institute multi-stakeholder collaboration



education



government/South Africa



civil society



business



global developmental  
partners

Please note that this list will be extended as there are Memorandums of Understanding in progress across all sectors.

The e-Skills Institute is a national catalyst, facilitator and responsive change agent in the development of SA, within the globally evolving information and knowledge-based environment, by leading the creation of key e-skills development strategy, solutions, practises and the implementation thereof, to benefit the total population. The e-Skills Institute focuses primarily on three components: research, teaching and learning, and innovation.