



## Virtual Public Dialogue

### International partnerships in the context of COVID-19 and beyond

Societies, including universities are undergoing fundamental changes and adjustments against the backdrop of COVID-19. Against this background, the 2020 International Education Week (IEW) Public Dialogue of the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) will focus on international partnerships in the context of COVID-19 and beyond. The conversation amongst others, will reflect on the impact of the pandemic on internationalisation: Challenges, opportunities and lessons learned.

#### About the Speaker

**Dr Samia Chasi** currently serves as the Strategic Advisor to the International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA). She is passionate about facilitating deeper understanding and connections between diverse people and institutions by creating spaces for critical engagement and constructive dialogue.

Dr Chasi is a practitioner-scholar in higher education internationalisation with more than 20 years of experience in this field through positions in international offices of German and South African universities, an agency of the European Commission as well as representations of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC) and the British Council in South Africa. While higher education partnerships have been the main focus of her work, she also has gained valuable insights and experience in vocational and entrepreneurship education through initiatives driven in partnership with education institutions, government departments and the private sector.



Dr Chasi graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in 2019. Her doctoral thesis critically examines North- South partnerships in higher education from a global South perspective, facilitated by a postcolonial framework. She also holds a Master of Philosophy in Engineering Management from the University of Johannesburg and a Master of Arts in English, Russian and Sociology from the University of Rostock, Germany.

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