

Where are we ten years later? The complexity of South African education transition

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Objectives

Identify the complex mix of forces that explain the current education transformation

1. Issues from Schooling (Teacher Policy) and
2. Higher education (Student access)



Education Context

- Public Education Structure
 - Schooling (12 Years of schooling – 10 in policy)
 - Post School Provision
 - FET (Technical College Sector)
 - HET (University/Technikon sector)

Transformation

Access, Redress and Equity



TRANSFORMATION

Efficiency 



Economic Policy: Equity vs Efficiency

• Growth, Employment
and Redistribution
(GEAR)

• Efficiency/Responsibility/
National Interest

• 1996

• Reconstruction and
Development
Programme (RDP)

• Equity/Redress/National
Historical (contextual)

Interests

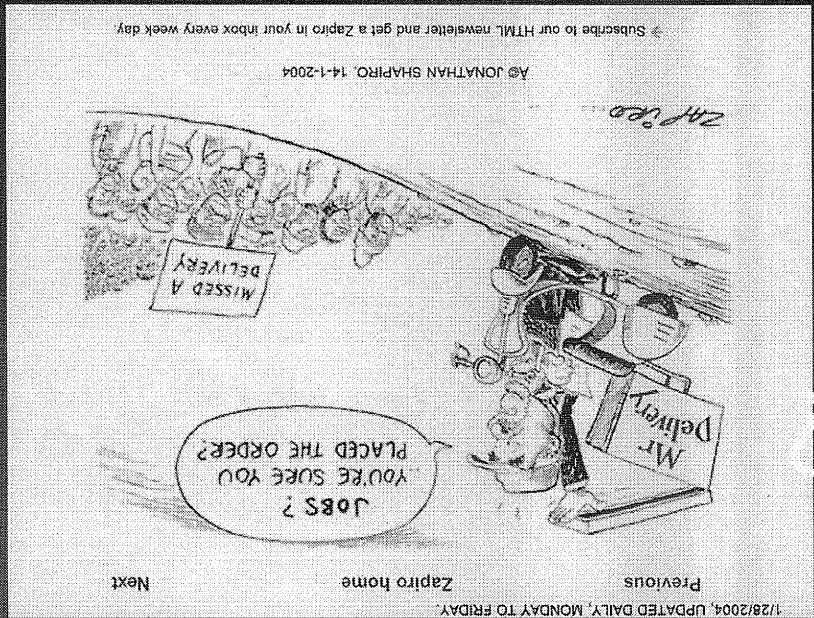
• 1994



Social Challenges

- Racial Differentiation
- Poverty and Inequality - Gini Coefficient 0,57 (2000)
- Unemployment – 40%
- Aids Prevalence
 - 11,4% Prevalence = almost 5 million living with aids
 - 16% - 15-49 years
- Skills Development (education)

Delivery



On Gear(ing)

- Output?
- Investment?
- 'Low Growth/Low Skills/Low Employment Path'
- Other:
- Gini Coefficient (0,57 (2000) - unchanged or deteriorated since 1993
- Social safety gap not there to support increased poverty
- > half pop. Live below live below \$32US per month.
- Only 3 mil. Reached by poverty relief measures

Where are we? Higher Education

- Legislative Context
- Integration
- Student Composition
- Staff
- Access
- Transformation???

2. HE Governance and Funding

- Governance
- Capacity
- Autonomy
- Funding

- Nature of Funding
- (Subsidy)
- Student Debt (HDIs)
- Direct State Intervention
- in HDIs
- Marketisation element
- evident – Self sustaining



3. Curriculum reorientation

- The Quality Legacy
- Skewed Graduation
- Trends (Black enrollment - Engineering 3%; Natural Sciences 12%, Medicine 9%)
- Purpose (National or International)
- National Qualification system
- Marketisation Elements
- National Imperative or International Benchmark

Table 2: South Africa and the 2002 HDI

HDI rank	Life expectancy at birth (years) 2000	Adult literacy rate (%) 2000	Gross enrolment ratio (%) 1999	GDP pc (PPP US\$) 2000	Life expectancy Index	Educational Index	GDP Index	HDI	GDP rank
10	52.1	85.3	93	9 401	0.45	0.88	0.7	0.69	-56
7	48.7	61.5	42	1 690	0.40	0.55	0.4	0.47	1
SSA	48.7	61.5	42	1 690	0.40	0.55	0.4	0.47	1
Medium Human Development	67.1	78.9	67	4 141	0.70	0.75	0.6	0.69	1
Middle Income	69.7	86.0	73	5 734	0.75	0.82	0.6	0.74	7

(Based from UNDP 2002)

