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Jania Geoghegan visits SA

South Africa has been revelling in the World Cup festive spirit, and it has been a real treat to welcome visitors from all around the world to enjoy one of the greatest sporting events on African soil. One such visitor was Jania Geoghegan who heads up Friends of Education Africa in the UK and who is also chairman of Education Africa Global Ambassadors.

Although Jania's trip coincided with the World Cup, for Jania it was business as usual as she spent a whirlwind two days visiting the Education Africa offices, attending meetings with staff and supporters, and visiting two of our projects on site – the Jouberton Early Learning Centre in Klerksdorp and the Teddy Bear Pre-School in Orange Farm.

Having recently moved into our new offices, Jania's visit also presented us with an opportunity to host a cocktail party in our boardroom to introduce her to some of the key players of our SAMUN project. We were delighted to have Mr Eric Matsomane from MTN Foundation, who is the sole sponsor of this project, with us.

Sudeshan Reddy from the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Pretoria, also joined us, as well as Hannah Yilma, an Education Africa Global Ambassador. A number of past participants of the SAMUN were also present, and it was fantastic to catch up with them and hear their stories of how SAMUN has inspired them to achieve great things in life. ■



Linda Gould, James Urdang, Pam Radebe, Jania Geoghegan, Angie Makwetla, and Eric Matsomane.

Friends of Education Africa in Vienna is officially launched

Education Africa is delighted to announce that we have finalised the appointment of a Board of Trustees for our Austrian Association, *Friends of Education Africa in Vienna*. The office will be run by Irene Gröpel who is based in Vienna.

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James Urdang, executive director of Education Africa, is delighted that the board has been appointed. "We have been working with our friends in Austria for many years and the City of Vienna has been instrumental in the success of Masibambane College, one of our key projects. It is fitting that many of the individuals who have been working with us since 1996 are represented on the Board of *Friends of Education Africa in Vienna*. We look forward to many years of continued success together." ■

Trustees meet in new offices



The Education Africa Trustees meeting took place on 9 June and we were delighted to host our trustees in our new offices. From left: Mark Henning, Krishna Patel, Wendy Saner (Accounts), Linda Gould, Angie Makwetla, James Urdang and Sandile Hlope. This was Sandile's first Trustees meeting as he is the newest addition to the Board. Education Africa is proud to have him aboard and we look forward to a long and meaningful association. ■

Marimba band performs at FIFA Congress

The Masibambane Marimba band was invited to perform at the 60th annual FIFA Congress which was held at Gallagher Estates, Midrand on the 9th June. The Congress was attended by high-profile delegates from the various FIFA affiliated countries. ■



Diski dancers at HSBC



Education Africa Trustee Krishna Patel invited the Diski dancers of the Masibambane after-care project to the HSBC offices in Sandton to demonstrate and teach the Diski dance to HSBC staff. The occasion was the Bafana Bafana "United we Stand" Celebration on 9 June prior to the official start of the FIFA 2010 World Cup. ■

Education Africa arts and culture tour to Vienna

Education Africa is enormously proud to have been given the opportunity to arrange an arts and culture tour to Austria for members of the Masibambane College Marimba band. With the assistance of our office in Vienna, we were able to organise a 10-day tour which left for Vienna on Youth Day, June 16th.

The tour proved to be very inspirational and an enormous success and included visits to an art exhibition, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, boat ride, visit to the United Nations offices as well as much sight-seeing and a fun day at the world famous amusement park, the "Prater".

During the ten days, the band performed on nine occasions and wowed the audiences. One of the highlights was their performance at the annual Danube Festival which attracts 2 million visitors to the weekend-long festivities. The Marimba band had a crowd of more than 2000 people rocking and rolling and received a standing ovation. Other highlights included performing at the Ke Nako Africa Fan Park for the FIFA 2010 World Cup, and a performance at the Africa Day celebrations hosted at the UN offices.

Following the success of our many international tours, the Education Africa Board of Trustees has agreed to include "International Arts & Culture Tours" to Education Africa's project portfolio. ■

"Use Your Head" for South Africa

Friends of Education Africa in the UK has launched an innovative fundraising campaign to coincide with the Football World Cup currently being hosted in South Africa.

Known as "Use your Head", the campaign is being boosted by international music star Simon Webbe (of Blue fame) who, together with Education Africa, is asking people across the UK to help raise money by performing tricks and heading a football.

"As a promising and talented footballer when he was younger, Simon Webbe knows how the 'beautiful game' can help transform people's lives," says Chris Brown, director at Friends of Education Africa. The money raised will help give children access to the valuable education they need to improve their lives.

Participants were asked to submit their videos or photos to our dedicated facebook page, www.facebook.com/useyourheadforafrica, where a special panel will judge the most creative submission. The prizes up for grabs include flights to South Africa with Virgin Atlantic, a weekend stay at an exclusive 5-star venue, signed footballs and more. To ensure any money raised goes to the right place, participants are asked to donate via their facebook page or use Education Africa's JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/educationafrica. ■