

FUNDISA FOR CHANGE (FFC) ACTIVITIES - TIMELINE

2010

- DEA produces the first environmental sector skills plan
- DEA, DST, SANBI & Lewis Foundation produce Human Capital Development Strategies for the environmental sector
- All confirm the need for teacher training in environmental content across the curriculum

2011

- DEA leads establishment of National Environmental Skills Planning Development Forum and engagement with all SETAs
- SANBI and Lewis Foundation establish a TDN consortium. Led by Rhodes University, partners include DEA, SANBI, Sanparks, NGO's
- Consortium engages DBE, ETDP SETA and SACE, as well as other universities
- Consortium reviews CAPS, produces training framework and drafts first modules, with university partners

2012

- Consortium lead by DEA, SANBI further engages DBE, SETA and SACE
- Consortium finalizes production of CAPS modules and pilots them in selected sites
- Consortium extends to form a national network of universities, environmental organisations and other teacher education service providers
- Consortium motivates for funding for national roll out of courses once piloted
- Consortium motivates for the accreditation of the course

2013

- A national coordinator is appointed
- The FFC band is launched
- First set of teacher education materials are published
- An implementation plan is developed and implementation begins
- Stage 1 training begins training school-based supporters
- The DBE approves FFC business plan
- Materials development & workshops are run
- Stage 2 training begins. Train the Trainer workshops are run to prepare teams for piloting materials
- Stage 3 training begins. Training of FET Life Sciences and Geography teachers
- FFC website goes live

2014

- FFC programme launched by Deputy Minister, Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi
- FFC hosts its first conference
- FFC establishes a research programme
- FFC research programme receives funding from NRF
- Rhodes University hosts "Training of trainers" workshop for provincial teams in preparation for teacher training

2015

- FFC researchers present at NESS
- FFC 25 year curriculum seminar hosted
- First FFC M.ED researchers graduate
- PhD study on FFC Professional Learning Communities complete
- FFC training offered in 6 provinces

2016

- FFC programmes approved by SACE
- UNFCC Climate Change Funding for FFC
- Pilot testing of My2050 Energy Calculator by FFC programme
- FFC researchers featured in SAJEE Special Issue
- FFC research features in Springer book on Schooling and SD in Africa
- FFC Strategic Planning held
- Funding from Murray & Roberts for FFC online courses
- UNISA short course approval for FFC programmes obtained
- FFC training offered in all 9 provinces
- Additional funds received from Lewis Foundation for 50% advocacy position

2017

- Full time National Coordinator appointed
- Funding received from DEA to support 100 teachers
- Fundisa for Change participates in Community of Practice (COP) for Science education through HRD
- Research synthesized into easily accessible resource and included onto website
- Online ToT developed
- Fundisa participates and is presented at the international RWL conference
- MOU developed to locate the programme at UNISA