



Association of International Education Administrators
Leaders in International Higher Education

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Association of International Education Administrators affirms Nelson Mandela Bay Declaration

WASHINGTON, DC, February 21, 2014-- Participants at the Global Dialogue, hosted by the International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA) on January 15-17, 2014 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, developed the Nelson Mandela Bay Declaration on the Future of Internationalization of Higher Education. The Declaration emphasizes “the importance of decision-making and practices in the development of internationalization activities that are imbued with ethical considerations and inclusivity.” The Declaration identifies three integrated areas of development for internationalization efforts, and a list of ten action steps for a global higher education agenda that is “equitable, ethical, socially responsible, accessible, and accountable.” The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), representing over 800 institutional leaders engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education, has released a statement approved by AIEA’s governing board at their February 16 meeting in Washington, DC that affirms the Nelson Mandela Bay Declaration.

AIEA’s statement of affirmation highlights “the necessity to develop internationalization practices that focus on improving higher education in all regions of the world, to reiterate the value of diversity and multiple perspectives throughout international education efforts, and the need for leaders in international higher education to engage in deeper multilateralism for the mutual benefit of all entities and constituencies impacted by our advancements in internationalizing higher education.” The statement of affirmation can be found at [this link](#).

About AIEA

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), a membership organization formed in November 1982, is composed of institutional leaders engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA brings together international education leaders with their counterparts from around the world who are furthering institutional internationalization. To find out more, please visit www.aieaworld.org

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