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Erasmus+ Key Action 107 mobility opportunity between UFS and UPV

Selection procedure of the UPV and UFS KA107 opportunity outlined:

1. The opportunity was promoted through the online communication platform of the UFS known as the digest on 10 December 2019. Herewith a link to the call: <https://intranet.ufs.ac.za/Pages/StaffIntranet.aspx#content>. **All UFS staff and students have access to the platform.**
2. Further to this, an additional e-mail was sent by the office manager, Ms. Lucretia Smith on 10 December 2019 to encourage colleagues from the Department of Development Studies to apply. Evidence of this e-mail is available on request.
3. In 2020, Prof. Walker made a recommendation for Dr's Carmen Martinez-Vargas and Mikateko Hoppener to be nominated for the staff mobility opportunity to UPV for the following reasons:
 - 3.1. To strengthen the existing ties between UFS and UPV in the form of ongoing collaboration with Prof. Alejandra Boni (and others) from UPV.
 - 3.2. The following outputs have been earmarked by the UFS nominees whilst in UPV: planned engagement with UPV students and staff which includes facilitating academic activities such as seminars, round tables, lectures and workshops that are informed by mutual research interests which are detailed in the work plans of the nominees.
 - 3.3. Participating in Action Learning processes as a way to gain and enhance knowledge systems about this type of participatory processes in the Global North.
 - 3.4. Carmen's fluency in Spanish will be an asset to ensure effective communication and engagement with student and staff at UPV.
 - 3.5. **Overall objective** that further supports the recommendation is for the nominees to gain a better understanding of how the nominees' research will be received by a Spanish audience, and to explore possibilities for undertaking this research within a different context. Furthermore, given the support for the above nomination by Prof. Alejandra Boni, the visit would generate valuable skills and knowledge that the



nominees will bring to the UFS department of development studies and to higher education and human development research group, ultimately influencing the lecturing, seminars and departmental meetings. This will also provide the department and the research group with an opportunity to advance the internationalisation footprint of the UFS.

- 3.6. **RESOLUTION:** Due to university, calendar obligations such as registration and the commencement of the academic year, a selection committee meeting could not physically convened due to diary clashes. However, the recommendation for nominees: Dr's Carmen Martinez-Vargas and Mikateko Hoppener was further supported through a round-robin e-mail by Prof. Melanie Walker (NRF: Chair in Higher Education and Human Development, Chevon Slambee (International Office) and Dr Deidre van Rooyen (Programme Director: Centre for Development Support).

Sincerely

Professor Melanie Walker