

What is ANSES?

ANSES (African Network of Social Entrepreneurship Scholars) is an academic network bringing together social entrepreneurship (SE) scholars either based or doing extensive work in Africa. Founded in 2018, ANSES is currently hosted at the University of Pretoria, Department of Business Management, and is led by the following team:

- Prof. Alex Antonites (University of Pretoria): ANSES co-founder
- Prof. Filip De Beule (KU Leuven): ANSES co-founder
- Kerryn Krige (ILO): ANSES co-founder
- Dr Alex Bignotti (University of Pretoria): ANSES director and co-founder
- Mohamed Farhoud (University of Pretoria and University Turku): ANSES co-ordinator and co-founder.

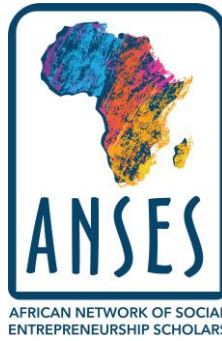
Why ANSES?

SE as a scholarly field holds immense potential for Africa, where social challenges are prevalent and whose solution is often neglected by governments and markets alike. Yet, the SE research agenda for the Continent is often fragmented and scholars often operate in isolation. Moreover, research efforts by individuals or small research groups in Africa often suffer from lack of awareness of the ongoing international research conversations on SE, as well as lower standards of academic training and less exposure to funding opportunities compared to some other regions of the world.

Aware of the role played by research in policy making and the improvement of practice, ANSES was founded to create a network where SE scholars operating in Africa can be linked to each other and be exposed to international conversations in the field, as well as to training and funding opportunities. It is our belief that the network will thus facilitate the building of a stronger and more connected SE community in Africa, which will engender higher-impact and better orchestrated research endeavours.

From the above, stem the **benefits** of belonging to ANSES:

1. Membership in an African scholarly network with the opportunity to develop linkages and collaborations
 - a. Currently, funding is available to support EMES memberships (EMES is one of the largest and most prestigious SE academic networks)
 - b. Our website will soon feature a members area
2. Research and doctoral workshops
 - a. 2020: 4 online ANSES webinars with high-impact SE scholars
 - b. 2020 EMES Doctoral Seminar (online)
3. Exposure to international conferences and training opportunities
 - a. 2021 ANSES Doctoral Workshop



- b. 2021 ANSES Research Workshop
- c. 2021 EMES Conference, Zaragoza, Spain
- 4. Exposure to opportunities for research funding
 - a. Currently, ANSES is making available funding for deserving applications for the editing of manuscripts to be published in top-tier journals

For whom is ANSES?

ANSES is for academics—faculty, researchers, post-docs and PhD students—operating in the field of SE in Africa. As SE is highly interdisciplinary, we also welcome academics from related fields, such as sustainable entrepreneurship, institutional entrepreneurship, community entrepreneurship, hybrid organisations, social impact and the social economy, to name a few. Given nature of the network and the benefits it offers, at this point in time non-academic members are not envisioned.