

Assessing the Conformity to ISO27001 Security Policy of Information Systems Policies of Universities in the SADC Region

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Abstract

It is very important for universities to devise strategies for realising their mandate and one of those strategies is to leverage on information systems for improved service efficiency and realising business goals. This is bearing in mind that organisational strategies determine which information systems to implement and which policies guide the use of the Information Systems. Universities these days rely heavily on ICT resources for the core teaching and research activities. The need for clear IS policies and procedures is therefore needed for universities to be successful in their mandate. A lot of universities these days spend time and resources creating their business processes, strategies and policies and passing it through their different structures for approval. However, there is no clear evidence that the policies are visible to the intended audience. This paper therefore investigates the online visibility of IS policies of Southern African public universities in the 15 countries of Southern African Development Community (SADC). Region and the conformity to ISO27001 standards of the IS policies. These universities are selected from those with membership of the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA).

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