

***Collaborative meta-profile development to harmonise  
mechanical engineering education in Africa***

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