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SA's first postgraduate diploma in dispute settlement starts at USB

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The first week of classes of the new Postgraduate Diploma in Dispute Settlement – a first in South Africa – started off at the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) last week.

A total of 18 students from across South Africa and as far as Namibia are part of this first group. The students have diverse backgrounds in HR, law, business, labour relations, government, parastatals and management consulting.

One of the first sessions was presented by an international expert on dispute resolution from Belgium, Prof Martin Euwema, a full professor of Organisational Psychology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. This programme is presented under the auspices of the USB's Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement (ACDS).

According to Prof Barney Jordaan, programme leader and head of the ACDS, the new Postgraduate Diploma in Dispute Settlement compares very well with similar programmes offered internationally in terms of content, depth and faculty.

"Feedback after the first block has been excellent with inputs of the facilitators being rated by some of the participants as 'world-class'. The course is very demanding both in terms of content and time. Apart from its novelty, the course has the key advantage of flexibility in that participants can qualify and be accredited as mediators in addition to receiving a postgraduate diploma," says Prof Jordaan.