

Africa-Europe Conference on Higher Education Collaboration

“Investing in people, by investing in higher education and skills in Africa“

25th October 2019

European Commission, Rue de la Loi 170 (Charlemagne Building), Brussels

08:30 Registration and coffee [*Entrance Hall/Foyer*]

09:30 **Opening session** [*Gasperi Room*]

Keynote: Prof. Narciso Matos, Vice-chancellor, Polytechnical University of Mozambique

Panel:

- Prof. Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Koen Doens, Director General, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Dr. Dorothea Rüländ, Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Moderator: Pawel Swieboda, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

10:30 Coffee break [*Foyer*]

11:00 **Thematic session I (parallel sessions)**

a. Higher Education Institutions as job generators – matching skills with labour market requirements [*Jenkins Room*]

- Mady Koanda, General Manager, 2iE, Burkina Faso
- Jean-Luc Ramamonjisoa, Chief Executive Officer, Malagasy Fund for Professional Training, Madagascar
- Bertrand Commelin, Director of European and International Development, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (Cnam), France
- Siny Samba, Co-founder of the company “Le Lionceau”, Dakar, Senegal

- Jean Michel Nicolle, President of the “Africa” Commission of the Campus France Forum, Director of the Graduate School of Engineering (EPF), Vice-President of the Conference of Deans of French Schools of Engineering (CDEFI), France
- Henriette Geiger, Director “People and Peace”, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Chair: Prof. Noureddine Manamanni, Director of External and Institutional Relations Department, Campus France

Rapporteur: Fiorella Perotto, Senior expert, Directorate General Education and Culture, European Commission

b. Supporting refugees’ and IDP’s access to higher education
[Mansholt Room]

- Almarat Mohamed Omar, Student at the University of Geneva-InZone Kakuma Campus, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya (by video)
- Barbara Moser-Mercer, founding Director of InZone, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- Susan Alupo, Programme Manager of the Access to Justice, Refugee Law Project, Makerere University, Uganda
- Dr. Yohannes Woldetensae, Senior Education Expert, Education Division, African Union Commission (HRST)
- Caroline Schmidt, Education Specialist, UNHCR
- Fouzia Warsame, Dean of Faculty of Education & Social Sciences, Somali National University (SNU), Somalia

Chair: Christian Hülshörster, Head of Division Scholarship Programmes Southern Hemisphere, DAAD

Rapporteur: Mareike Khaskeia, Head of Section “Africa”, DAAD

c. Capacity building and curriculum development through international partnerships and innovations [Gasperi Room]

- Dr. James Jowi, Executive Director, African Network for Internationalization of Education, Kenya
- Prof. Sibusiso Moyo, DVC of Research and Innovation, Durban University of Technology, South Africa
- Apiyo Okwiri, Co-lead on the establishment of the African Student and Alumni Forum, Kenya, and former President of the Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association

Chair: Maddalaine Ansell, Director Education, British Council

Rapporteur: Kevin van Cauter, Principal Consultant Higher Education, British Council

12:30 **Keynote: More synergies, more coherence, more “bridge-building”.
Introduction to the poster session** [*Gasperi Room*]

Béatrice Khaiat, Director-General, Campus France

12:45 Networking lunch & poster session [Foyer]

14:30 **Thematic session II (parallel sessions)**

d. Quality assurance and relevance of study programme
[*Mansholt Room*]

- Dr. Jeffy Mukora, Director of the National Council for Quality Assurance and Accreditation, Mozambique
- Prof. Etienne Ehile, Secretary General, Association of African Universities, Ghana
- Deirdre Lennan, International Cooperation Officer, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- Dr. Matete Madiba, Tuning-Coordinator, Coordinator of the AU’s CESA sub-cluster on students, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Dr. Andree Surssock, Senior Expert, European University Association (EUA)
- Dr. Yohannes Woldetensae, Senior Education Expert, Education Division, African Union Commission (HRST)

Chair: Stefan Bienefeld, Head of Development Co-operation and Transregional Programmes, DAAD

Rapporteur: Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Coordinator, University of Barcelona, Spain

e. Building skills and capacity in the next generation of university staff
[*Gasperi Room*]

- Dr. Beatrice Muganda, Director of Higher Education, Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Kenya
- Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), National Universities Commission, Nigeria
- Dr. Jackson Too, Senior Assistant Commission Secretary, Commission for University Education, Kenya
- Dr. Damtew Teferra, Professor of Higher Education, University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa

Chair: Prof. Ernest Aryeetey, Secretary General, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), Accra, Ghana

Rapporteur: Mark Herbert, Director Schools and Skills, British Council

f. The role of higher and vocational education and training in developing knowledge and skills - the case of agri-food transformation [Jenkins Room]

- Prof. Daniel Sila, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Kenya
- Marianne van Dorp, Manager Business Development, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands
- Hashi Abdullahi, Senior Policy Coordinator, Inclusive Green Growth department, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Prof.dr.ir. Enoch G. Achigan Dako, Programme Coordinator "Enhancing training and research mobility for novel crops breeding in Africa" (MoBreed), Benin
- Valérie Baduel, Deputy Director General for Higher Education and Research, French Ministry of Agriculture and Food, France

Chair: Mervin Bakker, Director, Netherlands Education Support Office in South Africa, Nuffic

Rapporteur: Armand Gaikema, Country Programme Manager, Nuffic

16:00 Coffee break [*Foyer*]

16:30 Closing policy session - recommendations from thematic sessions [Gasperi Room]

- Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Prof. Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Frithjof Maennel, Deputy Director General „International Cooperation in Education and Research“, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Mohamed El-Shinawi, Adviser to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt

Moderator & introduction: Freddy Weima, Director-General, Nuffic

18.00 Networking reception [*Foyer*]