10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA

2018 meeting of the African quality assurance network (AfriQAN) and symposium of rectors

10ÈME CONFÉRENCE INTERNATIONALE SUR L’ASSURANCE QUALITÉ DE L’ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR EN AFRIQUE

Réunion 2018 d’AfriQAN et symposium universitaire

18–20 September 2018
Palais des Congrès, Yaoundé
MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

14.00-16.00
ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION
Meeting of local and international organising committees (private session)

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

09.00-11.00
Chairperson: H. E. Jacques FAME NDONGO, Minister for Higher Education of Cameroon, President in function of the Council of Ministers of the African and Malagasy Council for higher education (CAMES)

Special Guests of Honour
- Minister for Higher Education of Cameroon, President in function of the Council of Ministers of the African and Malagasy Council for higher education (CAMES), H.E. Jacques FAME NDONGO
- Representing the Ambassador of the European Union to Cameroon, Ms Erja KAIKONEN
- Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union, H.E. Sara Anyang AGBOR
- Professor Juma Shabani, Chairman, ICQAHEA
- Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Dr. Yohannes Weldetensae, African Union Commission
- Professor Peter A. Okebukola, President, GUNi-Africa
- Professor Bertrand Mbatchi, Secretary General CAMES and President AfriQAN
- Professor Maurice Sossou, Rector, University of Yaoundé I

OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
National and AU Anthems
- Introduction of Platform Guests and the Conference by Professor Peter A. Okebukola, President, GUNi-Africa
- Welcome Remarks by Professor Maurice Sossou, Rector, University of Yaoundé I
- Welcome Remarks by Professor Juma Shabani, Chairman, ICQAHEA
- Welcome Remarks by Professor Bertrand Mbatchi, Secretary General CAMES, President AfriQAN

GOODWILL MESSAGES
- Professor Peter A. Okebukola, President, GUNi-Africa
- Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary General, Association of African Universities
- Dr. Yohannes Weldetensae, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission

11.00 – 11.30
TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.30-12.30
FIRST PLENARY SESSION
Regional developments in promoting synergies among Science and Technology and Humanities towards attaining the SDGs

Objective of session: This session will briefly review activities in quality assurance in higher education in Africa and highlight recent regional developments in promoting synergies among S&T and Humanities and enhancing quality assurance in attaining the SDGs.

Chairperson: Professor Nimi Briggs, Chairman, Federal University Lokoja and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Rapporteur: Dr. Arnaud Edmond Tchoffo, Faculté des Sciences Economiques et Gestion, Université Yaoundé II, Cameroon
Keynote Presenters: Professor Peter A. Okebukola and Professor Juma Shabani

12.30-13.15
PLENARY INFORMATION SESSION
ERASMUS+ and MSCA: instruments which promote synergies and cooperation in higher education

Objective of session: This is a short information session outlining the main actions of Erasmus+ and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions which are open to African higher education institutions and the latest results. Additional funding was made available for short term Erasmus+ mobility exchanges of staff and students with 12 West African countries and Cameroon and the results are very encouraging.

Contributory Presentation: Ms Deirdre Lennan, European Commission
SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The role of research and development in promoting synergies among Science and Technology and Humanities towards attaining the SDGs

Objective of session: Research is important in the quest to promote synergy among S&T and the humanities. This session will undertake a gap analysis of where we are in Africa and where we should be in the march towards attaining the SDGs. Recommendations will be made by the keynote presenter with contributions from participants.

Chairperson: Dr. Tortian Hassmik, UNESCO, Paris
Rapporteur: Ms Lucia Oarum, National Council for Higher Education, Namibia
Keynote Presenters: Professor Olugbemiro Jegede, former Secretary General, AAU and Professor Goski Alabi, President, Lawen Open University College, Ghana

PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

This panel discussion aims to highlight the achievements of the Africa-EU harmonisation initiatives to date and some of the initial ideas for the next phases, including the new initiative which will support an African Students and Alumni Association. It will be in a panel form as the discussants will be asked to focus in particular on the elements that cross-cut the initiatives, notably quality assurance and the capacities of universities to provide a relevant education offer which not only enhances employability and the mobility of students across the continent but also contributes to the achievement of the SDGs by reinforcing the University’s interaction with its socio-economic environment.

Chairperson: Ms Deirdre Lennan, European Commission
Rapporteur: Mr Jaghfar Assalih, CAMES, Burkina Faso
Intervenants on panel:
Dr. Yohannes Woldeyensae, Senior education expert, African Union Commission
Dr. Rispa Odongo, Expert Quality Assurance, Kenya
Professor Jefy Mukora, National Council for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (CNMQ), Mozambique
Ms Apiyo Okwiri, former President, Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association, Kenya
Mr Felix Kwapena Donkor, President, Africa Chapter, Erasmus Mundus Alumni, South Africa
Professor Hortense Atta Diallo, Vice Rector Université Nangui Abrogoua, Côte d’Ivoire
Professor Charles Awono Onana, Dean, Faculté des Sciences, Université Yaounde I

PLANEARY INFORMATION SESSION

Unlocking the potential of education and research by improving access to digital infrastructures and technologies: Africa Connect

This information session will provide an update on the Africa Connect Programme financed by the EU which is aiming to facilitate the creation, development and use of regional education and research communication networks and high capacity internet connectivity with a gateway to global research collaboration divided in three clusters each covering a region (East and Southern Africa, West and Central Africa and Northern Africa). The European Union now seeks to consolidate the results and to expand the scope of the activities in order to unlock the potential of education and research in enhancing human capital development in Africa by improving access to digital infrastructures and technologies.

Contributory Presentation: Dr. Pascal Hoba, CEO, Ubuntunet Alliance

VISIT STUDY IN EUROPE FAIR AND NETWORKING TIME

OFFICIAL OPENING DINNER

END OF DAY ONE
**WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**09.30-11.00**

**THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**Quality and innovation in higher education: the EU, its Member States and Africa contributing to the achievement of the SDGs**

This session aims to illustrate how a number of on-going initiatives and projects across the continent are improving the quality of higher education systems in Africa and concretely working towards the achievement of the SDGs. A number of Erasmus+ projects are focusing on societal challenges and are building the capacities of universities in Africa to offer a response to local challenges, to interact with the socio-economic sector and are also supporting the development of professionalising degree programmes, new pedagogical tools such as MOOCs and linking education with research capacity. The Tuning Africa project is boosting the capacity of staff across universities to introduce new approaches to teaching and learning. The keynote presenters will be focusing on how these initiatives are concretely contributing to the Sustainable Development goals.

**Chairperson:** Professor Ana Maria Nhampule, President, National Council for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (CNAQ), Mozambique  
**Rapporteur:** Peter Kwasi Kodjie, Secretary General, All Africa Students Union  
**Presenters:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Presenters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 How Erasmus+ is offering a response to local challenges and, supporting employability and linking education with research capacity</td>
<td>Mr Erol Külahci, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie and Prof. Hortense Diiallo, vice Rector, Université Nangui Abrogoua</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Tuning Africa: quality enhancement, employability and linking teaching, learning and research for socio-economic needs</td>
<td>Tuning representatives from Cameroon</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**11.00-11.30**

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**11.30-12.15**

**SPECIAL SESSION 1:**

**Promotion of African integration and synergies between HE institutions through teaching and research: the EU’s Jean Monnet Action**

This session will provide a brief introduction to the EU’s Jean Monnet Action and its various programmes, will present a Jean Monnet Network, its aims and objectives, with a focus on its contribution towards regional integration in (East) Africa and will discuss the idea of launching a Panafrian academic programme inspired by the Jean Monnet model to promote African integration and generate synergies between HE institutions through teaching and research.

**Chairperson:** Mr Felix Kwabena Donkor, President, Erasmus Mundus Alumni - African Chapter, South Africa  
**Rapporteur:** Dr. Michael Ahove, Lagos State University, Nigeria  
**Presentations:**
- Ms Julaina Obika, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies, Gulu University, Gulu, Uganda  
- Professor Jean-Marc Trouille, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Bradford  
- Mr Tim Clarke, former Ambassador of the EU to the African Union and to Tanzania, University of Lancaster

**12.15-13.30**

**SPECIAL SESSION 2**

**Symposium of Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors**

**Title:** Role of Vice-Chancellors, Rectors and Presidents in the promotion of synergies among science, technology and humanities: Towards the attainment of the SDGs in Africa

**Moderator:** Professor Juma Shabani, Chairman, ICQAHEA  
**Participants:** Current or former Rectors, Presidents and Vice-Chancellors  
**Rapporteur:** Professor Olatunde Owolabi, Lagos State University, Nigeria and Ms Rufina Dabo Sarr, Senegal

**13.30-14.30**

**LUNCH**
AfriQAN General Meeting

The African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) located at the Association of African Universities (AAU) was set up to provide assistance to institutions concerned with quality assurance in higher education in Africa. The network is the official platform for the cooperation of African quality assurance organisations and collaborates with similar organisations in other regions.

In April 2009, AAU organised a stakeholder’s workshop in Dodowa, Ghana, which came up with a declaration, the “Dodowa Declaration” that emphasized the importance of the network to foster collaboration and linkage among the quality assurance bodies within Africa. Accordingly, an interim AfriQAN committee was elected whose efforts led to the development of a draft AfriQAN constitution. At the first general meeting in Accra, Ghana, from 25th to 27th November 2009, the founding members of AfriQAN met and adopted the AfriQAN Constitution. In September 2012, a number of constitutional amendments were suggested, which were subsequently approved in June 2013 in Libreville, Gabon. The agenda for the 2018 meeting will include an update on the AfriQAN activities and projections for the future; subscription and membership dues.

Workshop: Parallel Sessions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WORKSHOP</th>
<th>CONTENT</th>
<th>FACILITATOR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No. 1:</td>
<td>The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility programme</td>
<td>Dr. Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission &amp; Prof. Enoch G. Achigan-Dako, University Abomey-Calavi, Benin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No. 2:</td>
<td>Combating Academic Corruption in the African higher education system to promote quality</td>
<td>Professor Peter Okebukola, Professor Nimi Briggs, Professor Sam Denola Ayanlaja, Professor Diji Ana and Fred Awaah</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No. 3:</td>
<td>Strengthening capacity in research and innovation in African higher education institutions</td>
<td>Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, National Universities Commision, Nigeria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No. 4:</td>
<td>Strategies for running effective and efficient national agencies for quality assurance and institutional QA units</td>
<td>Dr. Biodun Saliu, National Universities Commision, Nigeria</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARALLEL SESSIONS
Contributed Paper Presentations

Fifth Plenary Session

Tuning: Research work by the students

This session will provide an opportunity to students of the University of Yaoundé II to present their research work linked to Tuning Africa. Dr. Jean Tchitchoua, from the Tuning Higher Education Management group will introduce the Master students research work at the University of Yaoundé II. The contributions are from the students and the conversation will be facilitated by the Erasmus Mundus alumni and All-Africa Students Union.
14.00-15.00  PLENARY DISCUSSION SESSION
Quality assurance towards the SDGs: ideas and commitments
This session will provide an opportunity to all participants to put forward ideas and potential projects that have stemmed from the discussions and networking over the two days. It is an open session and will allow for input from the room, facilitated by a chair and a group of experts can provide direct feedback or suggestions to follow-up.

15.00-16.00  CLOSING CEREMONY
Chairperson: Professor Juma Shabani, Chairman and Coordinator, ICQAHEA
- Presentation of Communique by Rapporteur-General Dr. Biodun Saliu
- Presentation of Certificates
- Remarks by Participants
- Remarks by selected delegates
- Vote of Thanks
- Chairman’s Closing Remarks

END OF CONFERENCE

Excursions and Tours

19.00-21.00  OFFICIAL CLOSING DINNER