

Africa-Europe Conference on Higher Education Collaboration

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

25<sup>th</sup> 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
- Dr. Dorothea Rüländ, Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Koen Doens, Director General, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

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 for 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
- 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*]

Noureddine Manamanni, Director External and Institutional Relations  
Department, 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
- Dr. Matete Madiba, Tuning-Coordinator, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Deirdre Lennan, International Cooperation Officer, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- Dr. Andree Sursock, Senior Expert, European University Association
- Dr. Yohannes Woldetensae, Senior Education Expert, Education Division, African Union Commission

Chair: Stefan Bienefeld, Head of Division 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: John Bramwell, Senior Higher Education Advisor (Systems Reform), 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, 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]**

- Prof. Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European 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*]