

Europe and Africa in strategic partnership: What's new in higher education?

L'Europe et l'Afrique dans un partenariat stratégique : Quoi de neuf dans l'enseignement supérieur ?

A Europa e a África em parceria estratégica: O que há de novo no ensino superior?

HAQAA2 Webinar
March 11, 2021. 14h CET

This online event will take an in depth look at the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership and provide updated information on EU support for higher education integration on the African continent, in line with the African Union Continental Strategy for Education (CESA) and the related African harmonisation objectives. It is part of a webinar series support by the HAQAA Initiative (see below), an EU funded endeavour that, amongst other objectives related specifically to quality assurance capacity development, is supporting Africa-EU policy dialogue around harmonisation processes in the higher education sector. The webinar will take stock of current EU initiatives supporting the higher education sector at continental level in Africa and debate their importance in the run up to the forthcoming Africa-EU summit. This comes at a time when Africa is increasingly in the spotlight when it comes to research, innovation and higher education, as an important partner to tackle global challenges ranging from climate change to health.

*This webinar will have FR-ENG-PT interpretation. It is being held in the framework of the [‘OBREAL Global in Focus 2021’](#) and umbrella event looks at different perspectives on South-South North cooperation in higher education and research.

FR : Cet événement en ligne examinera en profondeur le partenariat stratégique Afrique-UE et fournira des informations actualisées sur le soutien de l'UE à l'intégration de l'enseignement supérieur sur le continent africain, conformément à la stratégie continentale de l'Union africaine pour l'éducation (CESA) et aux objectifs d'harmonisation africains qui y sont liés. Il fait partie d'une série de webinaires soutenus par l'initiative HAQAA (voir ci-dessous), une initiative financée par l'UE qui, entre autres objectifs, développe des capacités d'assurance qualité et soutient le dialogue politique Afrique-UE autour des processus d'harmonisation dans le secteur de l'enseignement supérieur. Le webinaire fera le point sur les initiatives actuelles de l'UE soutenant le secteur de l'enseignement supérieur au niveau continental en Afrique et débattera de leur importance dans la perspective du prochain sommet Afrique-UE. Ce sommet intervient au moment où l'Afrique se voit de plus en plus prioritaire en matière de recherche, d'innovation et d'enseignement supérieur, étant un partenaire important pour relever les défis mondiaux, dont le changement climatique et la santé. Ce webinaire sera interprété en FR-ENG-PT. Il se tient dans le cadre de l'événement "OBREAL Global in Focus 2021" et examine les différentes perspectives de la

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Agenda

- 14h CET Introduction and welcome on behalf of the HAQAA2 Initiative (*African Union Commission and OBREAL Global Observatory*)
- 14h10 The role of higher education in the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership – *Eleonora Martinello, INTPA.A.2 - Regional and Multi-Country Programmes for Africa, Directorate General International Partnerships, European Commission*
- 14h30 Panel Discussion: Working collaboratively towards regional harmonisation objectives: Voices from HAQAA, ACQF (African Continental Accreditation Framework) and ASAF (African Students' Alumni Forum)
- Abdou Cissé, National Authority for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANAQ-Sup), Senegal*
James Jowi, Principal Education Officer, East African Community, Tanzania
Felix Kabwena, African Students' Alumni Forum (ASAF)
Jeffy Mukora, National Quality Assurance Agency of Mozambique (CNAQ)
- 15h30 Respondent: African higher education in the spotlight: Harmonisation and prospects for global cooperation – *Nico Jooste, Southern African Regional University Association (SARUA)*
- 15h45h Close

Chair: Deirdre Lennan, DG Education and Culture (EAC), European Commission - tbc

What is the HAQAA Initiative?

The Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation in African Higher Education (**HAQAA**) is an initiative that has been established to support the development of a harmonised quality assurance and accreditation system at institutional, national, regional and Pan-African continental level. It is funded by the European Union Commission, in the context of the **Africa-**

EU Strategic Partnership. Phase one (HAQAA1) was implemented from 2016-2018. **HAQAA 2** (2019 – 2022) is intended to build upon, upscale and promote the results of HAQAA1. Primary activities include:

- Further promoting the uptake and usage of the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ASG-QA) amongst quality assurance agencies (QAA) and systems in Africa
- Further promoting quality culture and African quality assessment tools in African HEI across the continent.
- Supporting the African Union in the set-up of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency ('Continental Agency')
- Supporting policy dialogue around the Continental Education Strategy for Africa and higher education harmonization in particular.

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- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

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