

## Webinar on “Towards the Development of a Continental Database for Effective Policy Formulation on CESA (HE) Initiatives”.

### Background

Data inadequacies in currency and reliability is one of the key blights to educational development in Africa. A scan of global reports, shows African countries, relative to those in other regions of the world, to have missing data or data that are two or more years out of date. This phenomenon can explain, at least in part, the weak data-driven policy formulation process in many African countries

This webinar aims to launch a process of seeking sustainable solutions to weak data-driven policies in Africa, to document case studies of exemplary practices in the collection of reliable data and to contribute to the establishment of a Policy-Data Unit, supported by the Association of African Universities and other important African higher education associations at regional level.

This webinar is based on the report of an Online survey of “*Challenges, Prospects and Good Practices in Reliable Data Collection for Education Development and Policy Formulation in Africa*”, which has been conducted to prime this event.

The targeted audience include all stakeholders in higher education in Africa that can be reached via online channels e.g. emails. Specifically, the participants will target 500 persons involved in policy formulation, education management information systems (EMIS) and academic/educational planning and statistics. The event will be open.

This webinar is organized by the CESA Higher Education Sub-Cluster on Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education.

## PROGRAMME

<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	
12.00-12.20	Welcome Messages
	AAU
	OBREAL Global Observatory.
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	Opening Speech AAU
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE ONLINE SURVEY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
12.20-12.35	Peter Okebukola and Juma Shabani
<b>DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE “<i>Development of a Continental Database for Effective Policy Formulation on CESA (HE) Initiatives</i>”</b>	
12.40.-13.15	All the Participants
<b>SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD</b>	
13h15-13.25	Peter Okebukola and Juma Shabani
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	
13.25-13.30	OBREAL Global Observatory.