



# « Enhancing Europe-Africa university partnership and its contribution to development cooperation »

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# Erasmus Mundus

- **Cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries**
- **Contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in Third Countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries**
- **Provides support to:**
  - **higher education institutions** that wish to implement joint programmes at postgraduate level ([Action 1](#)) or to set-up inter-institutional cooperation partnerships between universities from Europe and targeted Third-Countries ([Action 2](#));
  - **individual students, researchers and university staff** who wish to spend a study / research / teaching period in the context of one of the above mentioned joint programmes or cooperation partnerships ([Action 1](#) and [Action 2](#));
  - **any organisation active in the field of higher education** that wishes to develop projects aimed at enhancing the attractiveness, profile, visibility and image of European higher education worldwide ([Action 3](#)).



# What does Erasmus Mundus offer?

- **Action 1 - Joint Masters and Doctorates (including scholarships for students, doctoral candidates and academics)**
- **Action 2 - Partnerships (including scholarships for students, doctoral candidates and academics)**
- **Action 3 - Promotion of European HE**



## **Action 1:**

# **What is an Erasmus Mundus course?**

- **A course (masters or doctorate) developed and delivered by a consortium of universities located in at least three EU countries (non-EU universities can be partners)**
- **A course that delivers a double or joint diploma and ensures international mobility to students**
- **A course that offers full scholarships to students and doctoral candidates, as well as to academic staff**



## **Action 2:**

# **What is an Erasmus Mundus Partnership?**

- **A large partnership between HEIs from EU + non-EU HEIs from a specific world region**
- **... putting emphasis on co-operation and transfer of know-how**
- **... offering scholarships of varying length (3 months to 3 years)**
- **... to Bachelor, master, doctorate, post-doctorate students + HE staff (training, teaching, research activities)**
- **... with mobility not linked to specific programmes (all programmes on offer in partner HEIs can be followed)**



## **Action 3:**

# **What is an Erasmus Mundus promotion project?**

**A project that:**

- **promotes European HE in specific geographical areas**
- **improves services for international students and doctoral candidates**
- **addresses the international dimension of Quality Assurance**
- **helps strengthen relations between European HE and research**
- **promotes European study opportunities for doctoral candidates**



# **African participation in Erasmus Mundus**

## **Action 1**

**1245 students and 158 scholars**

## **Action 2**

**1510 students and 243 staff members**

**Total: 2755 students and 401 staff**

**Three doctoral programmes: Forestry, Agriculture, Economics (Kenya, Morocco, Tunisia, Uganda)**



# « Top 10 countries » in Action 1

COUNTRY	TOTAL M	TOTAL F	OVERALL TOTAL
Ethiopia	332	30	362
Nigeria	111	15	126
Ghana	87	13	100
Cameroon	52	23	75
Kenya	36	27	63
Uganda	33	23	56
South Africa	26	25	51
Egypt	30	17	47
Algeria	12	19	31
Zimbabwe	18	13	31



# Universities Action 1

- BADJI MOKHTAR UNIVERSITY OF ANNABA, Algeria
- UNIVERSITY SAAD DAHLAB OF BLIDA, Algeria
- UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY OF ORAN MOHAMED BOUDIAF, Algeria
- UNIVERSITY OF CONSTANTINE, Algeria
- CAIRO UNIVERSITY, Egypt
- HASSAN II INSTITUTE OF AGRONOMY AND VETERINARY MEDICINE, Morocco
- NATIONAL SCHOOL OF FORESTRY ENGINEERS, Morocco
- AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY, Morocco
- MOHAMMED V UNIVERSITY – AGDAL, Morocco
- MOULAY ISMAIL UNIVERSITY MEKNES, Morocco
- NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINERAL INDUSTRY, Morocco
- NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, Morocco
- UNIVERSITY HASSAN II MOHAMMEDIA, Morocco (Doctoral)
- UNIVERSITY OF 7 NOVEMBER AT CARTHAGE, Tunisia
- NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS, Tunisia
- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, Tunisia
- TUNISIA POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL, Tunisia (Doctoral)



# Universities Action 1

- UNIVERSITY OF OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso
- UNIVERSIDADE DE CABO VERDE, Cabo Verde
- UNIVERSITY OF BUEA, Cameroon
- WONDO GENET COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Ethiopia
- DIRE DAWA UNIVERSITY, Ethiopia
- FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN AFRICA, Ghana
- UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY-INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES IN AFRICA, Ghana
- UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, Ghana
- WORLD AGROFORESTRY CENTRE, Kenya (Doctoral)
- AFRICA RESEARCH AND RESOURCE FORUM, Kenya
- UNIVERSITY SAO TOMAS DE MOÇAMBIQUE, Mozambique
- UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, Nigeria



# Universities Action 1

- UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, South Africa
- UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, South Africa
- UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, South Africa
- UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH, South Africa
- TSWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, South Africa
- UNIVERSITY OF KWA ZULU NATAL, South Africa
- AHFAD UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN, Sudan
- REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES FORUM FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN AGRICULTURE, Uganda (Doctoral)
- MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, Uganda (Doctoral)
- ADVOCATES COALITION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT, Uganda
- REFUGEE LAW PROJECT, Uganda
- UGANDA WOMEN'S NETWORK, Uganda
- MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, Uganda
- OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, Uganda



# Universities Action 2

- **UNIVERSITE M'HAMED BOUGUERRA DE BOUMERDÈS, Algeria**
- **ECOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSITE BADJI MOKHTAR DE ANNABA, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSITE DE BÉJAIA, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSITE MENTOURI DE CONSTANTINE, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSITE D'ORAN, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSITE ABOUBEKR BELKAID TLEMCEM, Algeria**
- **UNIVERSIDADE AGOSTINHO NETO, Angola**
- **UNIVERSITY OF BUEA, Cameroon**
- **UNIVERSITE DE YAOUNDÉ I, Cameroon**
- **UNIVERSIDADE DE CABO VERDE, Cape Verde**
- **HIGHER INSTITUTE FOR OPTICS TECHNOLOGY, Egypt**
- **THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Egypt**
- **HELWAN UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **CAIRO UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **BENI-SUEF UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **NILE UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **SUEZ CANAL UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **TANTA UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **FAYOUM UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **SOUTH VALLEY UNIVERSITY, Egypt**
- **MEKELLE UNIVERSITY, Ethiopia**
- **KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, Ghana**
- **UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, Kenya**



# Universities Action 2

- **UNIVERSITE D'ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar**
- **UNIVERSITE MOHAMED V - AGDAL, Morocco**
- **UNIVERSITE ABDELMALEK ESSÂADI, Morocco**
- **UNIVERSITE CADI AYYAD- MARRAKECH, Morocco**
- **UNIVERSIDADE PEDAGOGICA DE MOCAMBIQUE, Mozambique**
- **POLYTECHNIC OF NAMIBIA, Namibia**
- **UNIVERSTITÉ MARIEN NGOUABI, Republic of the Congo**
- **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA, Rwanda**
- **UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP, Senegal**
- **UNIVERSITY OF KWA-ZULU NATAL, South Africa**
- **RHODES UNIVERSITY, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITEIT STELLENBOSCH, South Africa**
- **CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, South Africa**
- **NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE, South Africa**
- **UNIVERSITY OF VENDA, South Africa**
- **ARDHI UNIVERSITY, Tanzania**
- **UNIVERSITE DE SFAX, Tunisia**
- **UNIVERSITE DE TUNIS EL MANAR, Tunisia**
- **UNIVERSITE DE SOUSSE, Tunisia**
- **UNIVERSITE DU 7 NOVEMBRE À CARTHAGE, Tunisia**
- **UNIVERSITY OF SOUSSE, Tunisia**
- **MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, Uganda**



# Organisations Action 3

- **University Abomey-Calavi, Benin**
- **National Food Technology Research Centre, Botswana**
- **National School of Agro-industrial Sciences, Cameroon**
- **State University of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- **Sekem Development Foundation, Egypt**
- **Addis Abeba University, Ethiopia**
- **Association of African Universities, Ghana**
- **University Mohammed Premier Oujda, Morocco**
- **University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Morocco**
- **Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Morocco**
- **University Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique**
- **Durban University of Technology, South Africa**
- **Southern African Regional Universities Association, South Africa**
- **University of Pretoria, South Africa**
- **Sidi Thabet Higher Institute of Biotechnology, Tunisia**
- **Tunis University, Tunisia**
- **Pyramides, Tunisia**
- **Tunisia National Institute of Agronomy, Tunisia**
- **Higher Institute of Food Industries of Tunis, Tunisia**
- **Technology Studies Institute of Sousse, Tunisia**
- **Virtual University Of Tunis, Tunisia**
- **Makerere University, Uganda**



# Overview

## 2010 call (closed, results published)

- Action 2 : € 6 million for ACP countries, € 4.8 for South Africa.
- Postgraduate and doctoral students only, inclusion of Sandwich PhDs, no student flow from EU to ACP – academics yes.
- South Africa partnerships must include at least one of the 12 South African HEIs indicated as universities of technology (UoTs) and historically disadvantaged institutions (HDIs). Thematic fields.
- ACP: not more than 10% of same nationality. No thematic preferences.

## 2011 call (Spring 2011)

- Call for applications Actions 1, 2, 3 to be published **November 2010**
- Deadline for applications end April 2011
- Results published July 2011

For more information:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/programme/about\\_erasmus\\_mundus\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/programme/about_erasmus_mundus_en.php)



# Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association

- Provides a forum for networking, communication and collaboration
- Promotes Erasmus Mundus as a European programme of excellence in international education
- Extraordinary promotion tool worldwide
- <http://www.em-a.eu>



# Policy dialogue in higher education

- The 2007 [Joint Africa-EU Strategy](#) and first Action Plan (2008-2010) emphasize the importance of cooperation with Africa in higher education to build high-quality tertiary capacity through networking, mobility of students and scholars, and institutional support and innovation. The Africa-EU [Strategic Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment](#) foreseen in the Action Plan further stresses these objectives. Fostering higher education in Africa is instrumental both for growth and jobs and for providing schools with more qualified teachers.



# Policy dialogue in higher education

- "[Developing links: EU-Africa Cooperation in Higher Education through Mobility](#)" Conference held in December 2008 : revitalise and reform higher education in Africa and to do so in cooperation across national boundaries, to establish compatible structures and systems, which would facilitate mobility and higher education cooperation within Africa (through mobility schemes such as Nyerere) as well as between Africa and Europe and other parts of the world (through programmes such as [Erasmus Mundus](#) or [EDULINK](#)).
- An African [Tuning Project](#) building on the Tuning Educational Structures in Europe and Latin America Projects was suggested.



# Tuning Feasibility study

- Tuning is a methodology which allows universities to understand and fine-tune curricula and make them comparable on a transnational basis.
- Tuning focuses not on educational systems, but on educational structures with emphasis on the subject area level, that is the content of studies.
- Whereas educational systems are primarily the responsibility of governments, educational structures and content are that of higher education institutions and their academic staff.
- The Tuning approach has been developed by and is meant for higher education institutions.



# Tuning Feasibility study: objectives

- To contribute to the modernisation of tertiary education in African countries
- To support the development of partnerships between countries in Africa and between African countries and other parts of the world
- To foster mutual understanding and learning in Higher Education
- To establish a basis for sustainable cooperation
- To raise general understanding and awareness in African Universities of the opportunities offered by the Tuning approach
- To assess the extent to which a Tuning project is appropriate for African Higher Education Institutions and what the appropriate scale should be
- To identify priority subject areas and explain why these are appropriate
- To identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges in the implementation of a Tuning project
- To make proposals for a pilot project in a selected number of countries with associated validation and follow up



# Tuning Feasibility study: outcomes

- **A high quality feasibility study on whether a Tuning Approach would be relevant for Africa and a judgement on its appropriateness.**
- **Regional and country reports: covering the whole continent, possible priority areas, common factors, differences and potential for regional and Pan African cooperation, resources, limitations, challenges.**
- **Persons targeted/involved/interviewed:**
  - **National authorities (Min Ed, Min Lab)**
  - **University authorities**
  - **Academic staff**
  - **The African Union Commission**
  - **University associations,**
  - **Student representative bodies**
  - **Alumni**
  - **Employer representative bodies**
  - **Accreditation and quality assurance agencies**
- **A contribution to the AU-EU Summit side event on higher education (November 2010)**



# **Tuning Feasibility study: calendar**

- **Meeting with Association of African Universities: May 2010**
- **Meetings with African Union Commission: May 2010**
- **Seminar with regional/continental/international associations/organisations and ministry representatives in Addis Ababa organised by AU and EU Commissions: July 2010**
- **Country visits: September – December 2010**
- **Final report: February 2011**



# Tuning Feasibility study: universities to be visited

- **Université d'Algers, ALGERIA**
- **Université des Sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediene, ALGERIA**
- **Université du Burundi, BURUNDI**
- **Université de Yaoundé, CAMEROUN**
- **University of Buea, CAMEROUN**
- **University of Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA**
- **Adama University, ETHIOPIA**
- **University of Cape Coast, GHANA**
- **Accra Polytechnic, GHANA**
- **University of Nairobi, KENYA**
- **Kenya Polytechnic University College, KENYA**
- **Malawi Polytechnic Blantyre, MALAWI**
- **University of Malawi, MALAWI**
- **Université Cheikh Anta Diop, SENEGAL**
- **Université de Thiès, SENEGAL**
- **University of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA**
- **Tswane University of Technology, SOUTH AFRICA**



# 2010: Opportunities for higher education

- Erasmus Mundus
- Erasmus Mundus « Access to Success » project
- Tuning feasibility study
- Major review of international development cooperation (UN review of progress on MDGs, September 2010 in New York)
- Amendments to the next 5-year Cotonou Agreement make specific reference to tertiary education, quality assurance, recognition of qualifications and innovation.
- Autumn: 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Edulink programme to be published
- Autumn: launch of Nyerere programme
- 29-30 November: AU-EU Summit of Heads of State in Tripoli and side event on higher education in Cape Town



Thank you for your attention

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