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## **Africa – Europe Rectors' dialogue meeting**

**17 November 2009, Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
(by invitation only)

**9.30 – 9.45 Introduction and welcome**

*Olusola Oyewole, Association of African Universities (AAU)*

*Helena Nazaré, Vice-President, European University Association (EUA)*

**9.45 – 10.15 Recent developments in European higher education**

*Helena Nazaré, Vice-President, EUA*

**10.15 – 10.45 Recent developments in African higher education**

*Olusola Oyewole, AAU*

**10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15 – 13.30 Future priorities for Africa – Europe collaboration in higher education**

Input statements (10 minutes each):

*Speakers identify priority areas of cooperation for future collaboration between Europe and Africa, and discuss the role and interest of their own country/region and institution. This will be followed by open discussion.*

Rein Raud, Rector, Tallinn University, Estonia

Joan Vinàs, Rector, Lleida University, Spain

Kaba Urgessa, President, Jimma University, Ethiopia

Brian O'Connell, Rector, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Discussion topics:

- Regional higher education convergence: concrete and expected impacts, prospects and challenges
- Higher education in development cooperation
- Research collaboration and capacity building in research

**13.30 – 14.30 Lunch**

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