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## ***Access to Success: Fostering trust and exchange between Europe and Africa***

### **Workshop 3: Europe and Africa: Intra and Inter regional academic mobility**

**3-4 May, 2010**

**La Palm Hotel, Accra, Ghana**

#### *2 May: Pre-programme*

- 2:00 – 4:00 Student input meeting  
*Organised by National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS)*
- 4:30 – 5:30 Speaker briefing meeting (speakers and chairs only)
- 6:00 Evening welcome reception and cultural performance (all participants)

#### *May 3: Intra-regional academic mobility: Comparing challenges and objectives in Europe and Africa*

##### **9:00 Opening ceremony**

- Welcome remarks: *Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary General, AAU*
- Welcome remarks: *Prof. Tagoe, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana*
- Introduction to event: *Mr. Michael Gaebel, Head of Unit, EUA*
- Opening remarks: *Hon. Alex Tettey-Enyo, Minister of Education of Ghana*

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##### **9:30 Opening Plenary: The Why and How of Intra-Regional mobility: Rationales, incentives and realities**

- Erasmus, mobility and the foundations of Bologna, 10 years of the European Higher Education Area: How far have we really come with European mobility?
  - *Monique Fouilhoux, Regional Coordinator Europe, Education International*
- Current realities in the African continent: motivations to generate mobility, creating an African Higher Education Space?
  - *Juma Shabani, Director of UNESCO Bamako Cluster Office*
- *Chair: Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary General, AAU*
  
- *Discussion:* Questions: Incentives to generate mobility- benefits to the individual, to the institution, the labour market? To the knowledge economy? To regional development?

11:00 Coffee

### 11:30 Plenary 2: Panel: Experiences, policies and challenges for institutional mobility: institutional case studies and panel discussion

- *Lex Bouter, Rector of VU Amsterdam*
- *Wilson Wasike, Manager, Training Department, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)*
- *Chair: Chris Gordon, Former Dean of International Programs, University of Ghana*

Questions addressed by institutional cases studies: Incentives to generate in-coming and outgoing regional mobility from institutional perspective, institutional policies and strategies, programmes, resources, measuring successful mobility, evaluating quality of mobility. Speakers/panel will address the above and highlight: Doctoral education and researcher mobility, Mobility in post-graduate training, Tracking and measuring mobility, Balancing incoming and outgoing mobility

1:00 Lunch

### 2:00 Break outs 1: Structuring and valorising mobility

WG1: Recognition and mobility	WG2: Virtual mobility: A new dimension for partnership?	WG3: Joint degrees and mobility – innovative curricula and other institutional benefits
<p>Recognition in Europe: Principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention, implementation and remaining challenges (<i>Andrejs Rauhvargers, Bologna Recognition Working Group/ Latvian Rectors' Conference</i>)</p> <p>Recognition in Africa: Taking Arusha forward (<i>Olusola Oyewole, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission</i>)</p> <p><i>Chair: Juma Shabani, Director, UNESCO Bamako Cluster office</i></p>	<p><i>Otto Kroesen, Assistant Professor, TU Delft and David Ndegwah, Lecturer, Tangaza College</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Piet Henderikx, Secretary General, European Association for Distance Teaching Universities</i></p>	<p><i>Pär Svensson, Head of International Relations, Lund University</i></p> <p><i>Nan Warner, Director of University Science Humanities and Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPIA)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Sola Akinrinade, Vice-Chancellor, Osun State University</i></p>

3:30 Coffee

### 4:00 Plenary 3: Panel: Generating regional mobility in Africa: Launching Nyerere and other schemes

- *The Nyerere programme and Mobility objectives of the AU (Olusola Oyewole, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission)*
- *Supporting regional integration and an African HE space (Deirdre Lennan, International Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture, European Commission)*
- *Chair: Goolam Mohamedbhai, Secretary General, AAU*

5:30 Networking cocktail and poster session

7:30 Dinner at restaurant

May 4: Inter-regional academic mobility and professional brain drain

**9:00 Plenary 4: A current picture of brain drain from Africa: Scope and effect**

- *Abdeslam Marfouk, Researcher, Université Catholique de Louvain/ Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium*

**Considering brain drain: Lessons from Access to Success**

- Forces and drivers: Presentation of access and retention workshop and study results, *MeeFoong Lee, Executive Secretary, EAN*
- Potential and real solutions: Presentation of capacity building workshop, *Tor Rynning Torp, Senior Adviser, UHR*
- Chair: *Michael Gaebel, Head of Unit, EUA*

**10:15 Coffee**

**10:45 Break outs 2: Fighting brain drain, driving brain circulation: Current modalities**

WG 1	WG2
Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID), Spain – <i>Almudena Caballos Villar</i>	Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) – <i>Abdoulaye Salifou, Bureau of Central Africa</i>
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) – <i>Heike Edelmann-Okinda</i>	Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC), <i>Richard Middleton</i>
Chair: <i>Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza, Makerere University, Uganda</i>	Chair : <i>Hortense Atta Taky Diallo, Université d'Abobo-Adjamé, Côte d'Ivoire</i>

*Participants will split into two groups with two/three presenters per group and parallel discussions on current initiatives and programmes aimed at minimizing brain drain and promoting brain circulation*

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:30 Plenary 5: Inter-regional mobility and brain drain: Student input**

- Presentation of student input meeting and discussion (*National Union of Ghana Students, Erasmus Mundus Alumni, European Students Union*)
- Chair: *Mee Foong Lee, European Access Network*

**2:45 Coffee**

**3:15 Plenary 6: Panel: Institutional perspectives on brain drain: challenges and solutions**

Three African Institutional speakers addressing 1) institutional strategies, 2) risks of international cooperation and student/staff mobility abroad, 3) staff retention and harnessing the diaspora

- *Barack Owuor, Vice-Chancellor, Maseno University, Kenya*
- *Steven Simukanga, Vice-Chancellor, University of Zambia*
- *Brian O'Connell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Cape*
- Chair: *Narciso Matos, Foundation for Community Development, Mozambique*

**4:30 Plenary 7: Conclusions and policy messages of workshop**

- *Michael Gaebel, EUA and Goolam Mohamedbhai, AAU*

**5:00 Close**

**5:15 Departure for University of Ghana: Tour and evening reception**