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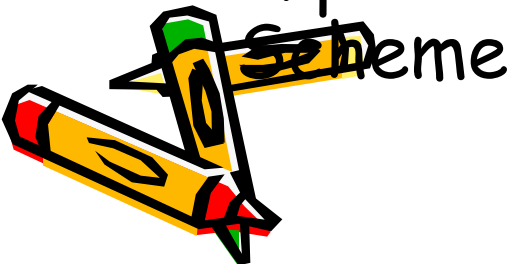
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# Presentation Plan



- What is the Vision behind the Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme?
- What activities have been undertaken so far during the implementation and operation of the scheme?
- What are the current deficiencies and challenges?
- How can the schemes be elaborated and improved?- Intra ACP Academic Mobility Scheme



# The Vision

- A peaceful, integrated and prosperous Africa.
- Education is key.
- Education promotes peaceful co-existence, creativity, and innovation.
- Need to train highly qualified African men and women



# MWALIMU NYERERE PROGRAMME: Nurturing African Excellence

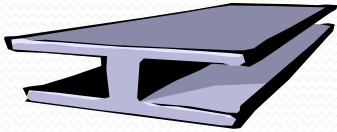
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## Project Goal:

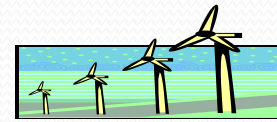
- To develop and retain high quality human resource for Africa's development, while enhancing intra-Africa institutional networking, academic mobility and quality

# AU VISION FOCUS

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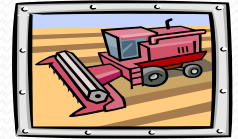
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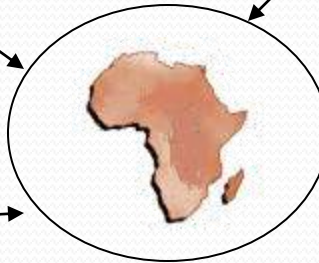
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**Mobility Scheme**

# Mwalimu Nyerere Scholarship Scheme

Aims to nurture African excellence by :

- enhancing the attractiveness of African higher education ;
- Increasing intra-African Academic mobility
- Mitigating the effects of brain drain.

- Launched in 2007 by the African Union Commission
- Named after the former President of Tanzania

# Objectives

1. Increase the access of talented young men and women to university education in Africa, at graduate levels.
2. Stimulate economic growth by increasing the supply of high-level qualified human capital in participating countries.
3. Promote intra-African academic mobility towards creating an attractive and competitive African higher education space, and regional integration

# Objectives

4. Improve the quality of locally-provided higher education in participating countries
5. Build local capacity in higher education by promoting cooperation between tertiary education institutions
6. Establish an influential group of Nyerere Alumni

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS

- Nationals of African Union Member States
- Top performers in their fields of studies
- Must have secured admission to a leading university or higher education institution in any African Union Member State to undertake a full time Masters' or PhD programme ( 1<sup>st</sup> Scheme for Undergraduate)
- Must be willing to commit to work in an African country after completion of studies.

# Subject Areas

- Water and Energy Sciences, including Climate Change
- Engineering and Technology (Civil, Electrical, mechanical, Chemical engineering)
- Sciences, Technology and Innovation including Agriculture
- Life and Earth Sciences
- Space Science
- Social and Human Sciences
- Education

# Scholarship benefits



- **Tuition Fees - Appr. \$8000 - \$10,000**
- **Stipend: \$500 per month or \$6000 per year**
- **Books : \$500 per year.**
- **Travel Allowance : Appr. \$600 - \$1100 per student in 2 year**
- **Computer : \$1000 once**
- **Summary: Appr. \$18,000per year.**

## WHICH COUNTRIES

- Any African University or Institute of Higher Learning in any AU Member State.
- Candidates are encouraged to seek admission to African universities in countries other than their own.

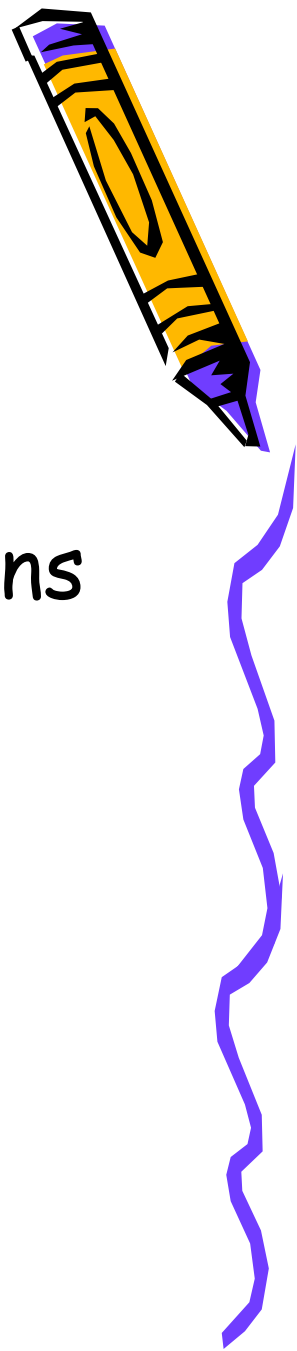


# Experience So Far:

- The Nyerere Scheme publicized and advertised in NOVEMBER, 2006 – Embassies of Member States, Ministries of Education in countries, AUC Web sites.
- Candidates given 2 months to respond.
- Delays in the meeting of selection Committee
- Result and Awards in FEBRUARY, 2009 (15 months?)



# Experience So Far:



- RESPONSE:
- 105 Students submitted applications
- 43 Candidates were selected
- 20 Scholarships were selected



# Questions?

- Is the Vision being met?
- Are the objective achievable ?
- Is the process right ?
- Can concrete impact be made?

# State of the Scheme – 1st Award

	Country	No of Scholars
	Burundi	1
	D.R. Congo	1
	Gambia	7
	Kenya	1
	Lesotho	4
	Niger	1
	Rwanda	1
	Uganda	2
	Zimbabwe	1
	TOTAL	19

# Country Targets of Scholars

	Country of Students Institutions	No of Students
	South Africa	8
	Ghana	4
	Gambia	3 (2 Studying at Home
	Burkina Faso	1
	Tunisia	1
	Uganda	1 (Studying at Home)
	Rwanda	1

# Problems with the Scheme

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- Long bureaucracy
- Impact projection with undergraduate focus – Low.
- Projected Impact with number of scholarships – Very low
- Transparency questionable ?
- Funding – Poor
- Sustainability – Doubtful, except with an intervention

# Challenge

## Funding.

- \$157,000 for Current 19 scholars at the rate of 23 k each = \$43,700 + Support Salaries.
- \$80,000 for New Call @ 23k each = 3.4 students

## Impact?

- Need for re-consideration and re-structuring
- Option ???:
- Dealing with the flaws???

# Flaws ( Identified by a Study)

## Selection of Applications / Applicants –

- The selection is not fully transparent and independent;
- Manuals on the rules and regulations governing the scheme, that can guide the applicants and Manuals for training the assessment exerts not available
- Information concerning the selection panel and the selection process is not widely available;
- Rules and procedure to ensure independence of the selection process ad avoid real or perceived conflict of interests, is not available.
- No systematic monitoring and evaluation process in place to ensure transparency and accountability

# Need?

- Funding
- Process Review – Manuals on the rules and regulations governing the scheme, Information dissemination, Publicity
- Capacity Building – For managing the scheme in the AUC
- Institutional Commitment and Courage to deal with the internal flaws – Bureaucracy, Time lines, Planning, etc
- Collaboration – RECS, Regional and continental bodies, etc

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- The scheme will have a duration of five years.
- The total budget for the scheme is 40 million euro of which 30 million will be allocated to Africa and 10 million to the Caribbean and the Pacific .
- Additional funds got to include South Africa and the Northern African block
- The allocation to Africa will be 6 million per year

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- The scheme will comprise two phases. The first phase lasts two years, the second three years. (Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual and Culture – EACEA to take charge of the management of the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase)
- Based on results of phase 1, the scheme will be fine tuned in phase 2, when the AUC will take over.
- The scheme will entail the mobility of masters as well as PhD's in all regions. A ceiling will be set for the number of PhD's .
- Universities will be invited to form networks and will enter in a competitive process (Call for Proposals). Guidelines will be drawn up how networks will be constituted

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- Each network shall comprise universities from at least three of the five regions.
- Not more than two universities from anyone country
- Networks are encouraged to make provision for more than one international language

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- One partner in the network will be the network leader.
- The leader will be responsible for the budget awarded by the contracting authority.
- Any university is eligible to become part of a network or create one.

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- Minimum number of partners in the partnership – **three**
- Maximum number of partners – **twelve**
- Minimum 3 African regions must be represented in any partnership
- Students (mobilities) from any one country should not represent more than 10% of the total
- Maximum of 4 universities from any one country

# Proposals and Plans for an AU-ACP Mobility Scheme

- Partnerships need to be given enough time to organise themselves both before the call and after the award of the contract.
- **Six months** should be given for the preparation of proposals and **at least four to six months** for the consortia to organise information and promotion actions and selection of students.

# Prospect

Collaboration with the EU on the ACP Academic Mobility Scheme is expected to :

- Create a real African Mwalimu Nyerere Scheme (African Erasmus Mundus)
- Build capacity for management in the AUC for mobility and scholarship.
- Help in promoting regional cohesion and international collaborations in African institutions.
- Promote internationalization of Universities in Africa

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- Thanks.