



**ACCESS TO SUCCESS
EUROPE AND AFRICA
INTRA AND INTER REGIONAL
ACADEMIC MOBILITY**

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45 National Unions of Students (NUS) from 37 countries.

The national unions are open to all students in their respective country.

Student-run, autonomous, representative and operates according to democratic principles.



Aims

To represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO.

Through our members, ESU represents over 11 million students in Europe.

We work to bring together, resource, train and inform national student representatives on policy developments in higher education at the European level.

NATIONAL UNION OF GHANA STUDENTS (NUGS)

INTRODUCTION

- ❖ **History:** NUGS was formed in 1959.
- ❖ **Mission Statement:**
 - Non-partisan, Non-religious student movement.
 - Seeks to protect interest and welfare of students
- ❖ **Organizational structure**
 - 54 Member institutions decentralized into 5 blocs (USAG, GRASAG, GUPS, TTAG, RSRCs).

PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Official mouth piece, mediate, facilitate, organization of workshops etc.
- ❖ **Achievements:** GET Fund, National Service Scheme, contribute to Ghana's democracy, Youth Policy, office Complex.

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Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association

- EMA is a network for students and alumni of all EMMCs
- Founded: June 2006 by an initiative of *EC Director General of Education*
- 2000+ *Mundus* members from around the world (aim for 5500)
 - All EM courses eligible
- *Promote* EM label as a sign of excellence and quality of European Higher Education
- All EMA activities are performed by members on a voluntary basis, and in cooperation with the European Commission.

EM- African Chapter objectives

- Establish a network among all EM African students and alumni
- Promote EM brand in the continent
- Organizing annual programmes and events that encourage the youth to join higher education in Europe under the EM
- To establish a system that will providing assistance to prospective students
 - Visa process, application procedures, expectations



**How Can African And
European Students
Associations Work
Together To Produce
More Balanced Mobility
Between The Regions**

Balanced mobility

- Through creation of awareness on
 - available mobility programmes
 - sensitizing the prospective students on Brain drain, brain waste and brain circulation
- Advocating and lobbying for:
 - African universities to form consortia within European universities
 - Development of model programmes between universities in Africa and in Europe

Lobbying for....

- Excellence , quality and cultural approach to mobility programmes
- Synchronization and recognition of mobility programmes
- Relevant academic programmes/ curricula (balanced theory and practical) at the National levels
- Recognition of credits earned from exchange programmes
- Recognition of diplomas/joint degrees in Africa

Mobility within Africa

- Is it attractive for African students?
 - Yes it is and it has been long over due
 - No its not
 - perception that European/ American universities are better equipped and have high academic standards

Questions on the proposed Mobility programmes

- Will the programmes be scholarship based? If yes what will be the scholarship conditions/terms and selection criteria?
- Will the programmes be benchmarked against quality and excellent successful programmes?
- How will the quality and excellence of the programmes be determined

Queries cont....

- Will the diplomas/degree certificated be recognized nationally, regionally and international?
- How will the partner universities be selected? Will they be like minded universities or will the new mushrooming universities and colleges be included?
- What about quality of education, institutions, libraries, research facilities, laboratories etc?

Queries cont...

- What will be the official language of these programmes?
- What about political stability and safety of mobility students?
- Duration of the programme? Will it be longer or similar to the current university programmes
- How will administrative huddles such as visas be addressed?
- What about student support services?
 - Accommodation

Queries cont...

- Employability after the programme
- Affordability for students willing to participate in the programmes
- Is the programme open to all the 53 African countries?

Promotion of the Mobility programmes

- Student Associations
- African Union directorate of Education
- Local Embassies
- University Linkages'
- Internet/brochures etc
- Good will ambassadors from mobility programmes that have been a success

Lesson from European students mobility

- Diversity
- Quality of higher education
- Increased employability
- Networking
- Internal brain drain: ensuring the programmes are balanced so as to avoid a situation where the mobility is one sided

Questions to the participants

- Are African universities ready for mobility programmes?
- Are the universities prepared to host mobility programmes without major academic hitches?
- Will the quality of the mobility programmes be maintained?
- What role will the universities play in promotion of the mobility programmes?

General Conclusion

- The EM Programme has been very beneficial to African scholars and the continent as a whole
 - EM Programme has resulted in enormous “brain gain” for Africa!
- A lot depends on African governments to create attractive environment for professionals
- African students/professionals must be mindful of their responsibilities to the African society!
- Knowledge transfer from European mobility schemes with awareness that Africa is unique

Thank You

- Meda Mo Ase! (Asante-Ghana)
- Oyiwadong (Ga-Ghana)
- Akpe (Ewe- Ghana)
- Amesege 'nallo' (Amharic-Ethiopia)
- Imena /Imela (Igbo-Nigeria)
- Oshe (Yoruba-Nigeria)
- Merci beaucoup (French –Francophone Africa)
- Asante (Kenya)
- Ngeyabonga (Ndebele-Zimbabwe)