Policy workshop EU-Africa Joint Strategy "Linking institutional evaluation practices, quality rating mechanism and reinforcing quality assurance at continental level" 18-19 December, La Palm Hotel, Accra

Tuesday 18 December

09.00-10.00 Welcome to Participants

Mr. Claude Maerten, Ambassador of the European Union to Ghana tbc Dr. Abdul Hakim Elwaer, Director Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission Prof. Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary General, Association of African Universities Honorable Lee Ocran, Minister for Education of Ghana tbc

10.00-10.15: Objectives of the workshop

Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai, Former Secretary-General, Association of African Universities, Honorary President International Association of Universities and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius

10.15-11.00: Introduction to the overall landscape of quality assurance in Africa

Dr. Goski Alabi, Institute of Professional Studies, Ghana or Prof. Jonathan Mba, Association of African Universities

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-12.15: Outcomes of Europe-Africa Quality Connect: Building Institutional Capacity through Partnership

Dr. Pascal Hoba, Director of Knowledge Management, Information and Communication, Association of African Universities

12.15-13.00: The Africa-EU Higher Education Leadership training initiative

Jeanne-Marie Duval, Deputy Executive Director, Higher Education for Development, Washington

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.00: The African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQan)

Prof. Juma Shabani, Director, UNESCO Bamako Cluster Office

15.00-15.30: Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance in West & Central Africa

Michael Hörig, Head of Section, West and Central Africa, DAAD or Ms Anne-Thérèse Ndong-Jatta, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Africa

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.30: The African Quality Rating Mechanism

Dr. Yohannes Woldentensae, Education Division, African Union Commission

16.30-17.00: Open and distance education: the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Tool/Instrument

Dr. Rotimi Ogidan, Ag. Executive Director - African Council for Distance Education (ACDE) or Prof. Israel F. Adu, National Open University of Nigeria

17.00-17.30: Harmonisation and Tuning

Prof. Damtew Teferra, Director, Higher Education Training, University of KwaZulu-Natal or Prof. Charles Awono Onana, Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique de Yaoundé

17.00-17.30: Arrangements for working groups on Day 2, Michael Hörig

20.00 Official Dinner

Wednesday 19 December

Parallel break-out session in 2 groups: Group 1 (francophone): Facilitated by Axel Aerden and Goolam Mohamedhbhai – Rapporteur Dr. Béatrice Delpouve, Université de Lille I Group 2 (Anglophone): Facilitate by Michael Hörig and Peter Okebukola - – Rapporteur James Nyomakwa–Obimpeh, University of Cologne

09.00-12.30 : Quality assurance processes for and within higher education institutions

Participants will take stock of the different initiatives underway that are aiming to implement quality assurance within institutions (leadership, governance, teaching and learning, ...) and the different tools for the evaluation of quality within institutions. With a view on the different initiatives currently underway but also new ideas, objectives, results, challenges, complementarity and proposals for follow-up action will be debated within the 2 groups and will be proposed to the final plenary session.

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30: Quality assurance and recognition of qualifications as an instrument to support quality, harmonisation, transnational education and mobility

Participants will take stock of the state-of-the-art of quality assurance and accreditation at continental level and on the different initiatives aiming to support quality assurance and accreditation. With a view on the different initiatives currently underway but also new ideas, objectives, results, challenges, complementarity and proposals for follow-up action will be debated within the 2 groups and will be proposed to the final plenary session

15.30-16.30: Report from working sessions, recommendations and follow-up action

Prof. P. Peter Okebukola or Prof. Goolam Mohamedhbhai

16.30-17.00: Closing of the Workshop

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