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PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY'S OUTREACH PARTNERS' FORUM



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December, 12th 2019

African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

1) Background

In 2008, the African Union (AU) decided to establish the Pan African University (PAU) as a continental initiative to vitalize higher education and research in Africa which also integrates the Pan African Virtual e-University (PAVeU), flagship program of the AU. PAU aims to be the leading centre of excellence in research and higher education for the advancement of Africa in producing world class human resources through high-quality postgraduate education and research to drive the development imperatives of the continent and meet the aspirations of the Agenda 2063.

PAU contributes to an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa in:

1. Producing a new generation of responsible leaders who drive the Pan African integration
2. Generating cutting-edge African knowledge, innovation and applied research for solving African challenges

3. Advancing an African network of academic excellence for knowledge production and innovation across the continent and contributing to the international scientific discourse from an African point of view
4. Fostering entrepreneurship and cross-continental business innovations for job creation in Africa

Following a start-up phase (2012-2019), the newly developed Pan African University (PAU) Strategic Plan (2020-2024 – Consolidation phase) bears the potential of a great leap forward for the university. By the time the Strategic Plan will be fully implemented, PAU will have become the training and research institution driving Pan African integration and contributing to meet the goals of *The Africa We Want*. PAU will not only operate as a training ground for young talents and provide cutting-edge research, it will also engage in dialogue and cooperation with policy makers, the private sector and the civil society.

The Strategic Plan articulates the main priorities for the development of PAU while clearly stating its uniqueness. In the next five years, PAU is envisaged to achieve excellent outcomes in the areas of its three core functions: 1) Human Resource Development, 2) Research for Development, 3) Outreach and Integration. To ensure that the goals can be reached, strong institutional structures in the fields of financial sustainability, governance, management and infrastructure need to be in place.

Pursuing the ambitious goals of the Strategic Plan, the AUC believes that partnerships are critical to ensure a successful implementation. PAU is already engaging in partnerships to deliver high-quality study programmes and prepare to become an excellent research institution. To enhance them in the implementation of PAU's strategic plan, the AUC is inviting members states, key stakeholders and partners to learn more about PAU and engage in its development during the **Outreach Partners' Forum to be held on December 12th, 2019 at the AUC premises in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

2) Goals and Objectives

The Outreach Partners' Forum aims at the following goals and objectives:

- Share information about the Strategic Plan and latest PAU developments

- Exchange on the needs and reforms of the African higher education and research landscape and the role model PAU could be in this context
- Outreach to Member States, partners and stakeholders and discuss their support to PAU

PAU's stakeholders will have the chance to learn more about PAU's developments and the main aspects of the Strategic Plan, engage into discussions and find out more about the potential for cooperation.

3) Participants

Participants shall include:

1. STC EST members
2. African Union Commission, Offices, Departments, Agencies and Institutions
3. PAU Council, Strategic Planning Committee, Host Universities and Rectorate
4. PAU Students and Alumni
5. PAU Key and Thematic Partners
6. African and international higher education and research Institutions
7. International partners and multilateral organisations
8. Development banks and agencies
9. Foundations and private sector representatives

Draft Agenda

08:30	Registration & Welcome	
09:00	Opening Session	Welcome statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Sarah Agbor, Commissioner, Department for Human Resources, Sciences and Technology, African Union Commission - Chairperson, STC EST
09:15		Presentation of PAU Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Nthabiseng Ogude, Vice President of the PAU Council - Prof. Kassa Belay, ag PAU Vice Rector Reflections on the Strategic plan from PAU Stakeholders

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairperson, STC EST - Prof. Pierre-Dominique Nzinzi, President of the PAU Council - Representative of the PAU Key and Thematic Partners - Representative of PAU Alumni <p><i>Moderator: George Mukundi Wachira</i></p>
10:30		Coffee break & Exhibition of the PAU Institutes
11:00	Panel discussion	<p>Panel of experts' discussion to engage with participants and address on-going reforms of the African higher education and research landscape supported and embodied by the AU and PAU</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Amazigh Dib, Private Sector Coordinator PAUWES Institute OR PAU Council Vide President - Representative of PAU students and alumni - Representative of the African Capacity Building Foundation - Representative of the African Academy of Science - Representative of the African Scientific Research and Innovation Council <p>Topics addressed by the panellists and the participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing Pan African leaders and entrepreneurs <p>How to equip Africa's youth with the needed skills to succeed in the labour market or start their own business? How to foster the Pan African dimension of their education and engagement in the development of the continent? What kind of 'organisations' to support and/or create to embody these values and objectives? How can Universities through their curricula and research agenda embrace these goals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transferring Science into Policy <p>How to develop research agendas in conjunction with the actual needs of Africa? How to combine academic freedom and advisory to policy makers? What are the requirements for the development of transformative research at continental, regional and national levels? Who are the key players able to support the transfer of research findings and innovation to policy?</p>

		<i>Moderator: George Mukundi Wachira or Ayalew Zegeye Asfaw</i>
12:00	Closing Session	Synthesis and recommendations for PAU George Mukundi Wachira
12:15		Closing statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Sarah Agbor, Commissioner Human Resources, Sciences and Technology, African Union Commission - H.E. Quartey Thomas Kwesi, AU Deputy Chairperson
12:30	Buffet lunch & Exhibition of PAU Institutes	