

PRESS RELEASE

THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES TO ORGANISE ITS 18TH COREVIP ON INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA

The Association of African Universities (AAU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Rwanda and University of Rwanda (UR), is organising its 18th biennial Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP) at the SERENA HOTEL in Kigali, Rwanda on June 2-5, 2015.

This year's conference, themed '*Internationalisation of Higher Education in Africa*' is set to convene distinguished scholars and practitioners to discuss topical issues on promoting the quality of higher education in Africa; promoting mobility and credit transfer across Africa; improving the relevance of higher education in a globalised world; and promoting new modes of teaching and learning (including e-Learning and Distance Learning) to enhance learning outcomes, skills and competences, and graduate employability.

The over 250 expected participants of the COREVIP will comprise executive heads of AAU member institutions, top-notch African scholars, representative of student bodies, as well as representatives of sub-regional, regional and international organisations. Also in attendance will be donor and development agencies that partner with the AAU in carrying out its mandate of improving the quality of higher education in Africa. With internationalisation of African Higher Education requiring a concerted and well synchronised efforts from all key players, Ministers of Higher Education and other higher education policy think tanks will also partake in this august conference.

The upcoming COREVIP will provide an excellent opportunity for leaders of African higher education institutions, particularly the current member institutions of the AAU, to exchange experiences and draw on the lessons from the themes as well as serve as an opportunity to hear from both regional and international organisations involved in higher education initiatives.

ABOUT THE AAU COREVIP

The Conference of Rectors, Vice-Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP) is an assembly of the chief executive officers of member institutions or their representatives. It meets every two years with the purpose of collectively examining themes identified as common concerns and priorities for the development of higher education in member institutions; making recommendations primarily to members, as well as to the Governing Board, and to the Secretariat; and acting as a mid-term forum for taking stock of the implementation of the decisions of the General Conference and recommending corrective measures. For further information on COREVIP 2015, visit: <http://www.aau.org/corevip/>

About The Association of African Universities

The Association of African Universities (AAU), is an international non-governmental organization set up in November 1967 by universities in Africa to promote cooperation among themselves and between them and the international academic community. With a current membership of 320 institutions of higher learning drawn from all regions within the continent, the AAU is the representative voice of the African higher education community.

The mission of the AAU is to raise the quality of higher education in Africa and strengthen its contribution to African development by fostering cooperation and collaboration among its member institutions, providing support to their core functions of teaching, learning and research.

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