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Message from the AAU President

Having served on the Association of African Universities’ (AAU) Governing Board as Vice President for four years, I had the honour of being appointed the President of this great Association. I am indeed happy to address you all through the first AAU Annual Report produced under my administration.

Over the past 50 years, the AAU has continued to strengthen and improve the higher education space on the African continent. The year under review was no exception.

AAU continued to execute its strategic priorities targeted at demonstrating value for all our members. Through ongoing innovations by the Secretariat and strong governance by the AAU Board, the Association promises to continue to create value for our membership and stakeholders as a whole. We will lead the way, by not just responding to the plethora of challenges and opportunities, but innovating ahead of it.

On one hand of the spectrum, we are leveraging a strong portfolio of services and solutions, ranging from quality assurance to leadership development, to help strengthen the capacities of our members to carry out their core duties of teaching, learning, research and community engagement. On the other hand, we are building more strategic partnerships to help increase our impact on our constituents and remain ever more relevant.

We are focused on doing our part to improve the quality of African higher education as demanded by our mandate, and implore all our stakeholders to come along with us on this important journey.

We will continue to report back to our stakeholders via the various channels established including the AAU Newsletter, Website (www.aau.org), Blog (blog.aau.org), Social Media, Annual report, AAU Television, Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP), General Conferences and other stakeholder events and meetings.

I seize this opportunity to thank our members, various governments, development partners and stakeholders in general for the trust and confidence reposed in the AAU.

Prof. Dr. Orlando Antonio Quilambo
President, AAU
This year’s Annual Report highlights the progress made by the Association of African Universities (AAU) and its partners towards improving the quality of higher education in Africa.

AAU worked strategically, through collaborations and partnerships to strengthen higher education institutions’ delivery capacity, promote knowledge generation and management, promote the socio-economic relevance of the African university, as well as create the necessary platform for networking and formation of strategic alliances among African Universities and between them and the rest of the world.

We implemented various programmes within the year to enhance leadership and management capacity in African HEIs, improve ICT infrastructure and capacity for knowledge management, improve Quality Assurance, Promote Science, Technology and Innovation, Promote Africa Centers of Excellence, among others.

In 2017/2018, the AAU also responded to the growing demand by its membership and the AAU Governing Board to establish regional offices as part of taking our expertise and programmes closer to our members. I am delighted to report that the AAU East-African Regional Office was successfully launched in Sudan and is being hosted by the University of Khartoum. The mandate of this office covers the 11 East African countries. Plans are also far advanced to officially establish the AAU’s North Africa Regional Office. We will continue to work hard in the coming years to establish the Southern and Central Africa AAU Regional Offices.

The AAU Secretariat further took the bold and giant step to increase its visibility and reach the world in real time by establishing the AAU Television Channel, which is currently broadcasting online via Facebook and YouTube.

These and other achievements were only possible through the ongoing support of our board, members, individuals, industry and development partners as well as national governments. Together, we are working towards building a strong and world class African Higher Education.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Prof. Etienne Ehoun Ehilé
Secretary General, AAU
The Association of African Universities (AAU) is the apex organization and forum for consultation, exchange of information and co-operation among institutions of Higher Education in Africa. The decision to create the AAU was taken at a meeting of Heads of African Institutions of Higher Education at the University of Khartoum, Sudan in September 1963. This was followed by a founding conference in Rabat, Morocco on 12th November 1967, which was attended by the Heads or Senior representatives of 34 of the then existing 46 African Universities. AAU is one of the key higher education implementing bodies of the African Union.

AAU represents the voice of Higher Education in Africa on Regional and International platforms and supports networking by institutions of Higher Education in the areas of teaching, research, quality assurance, information exchange and dissemination.

With a strong representation in all five regions of Africa, AAU, has over the years made tremendous contributions to Higher Education Institutions in Africa through its various projects. Its secretariat is located in Accra, Ghana.

**Vision**

To be the leading advocate for higher education in Africa, with the capacity to assist our member organizations in meeting national and continental needs.

**Mission**

To enhance the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa and strengthen its contribution to African development by:

- Supporting the core functions of higher education institutions (HEIs)
- Facilitating and fostering collaboration with and between African HEIs
- Providing a platform for discussions on emerging issues
Meet the New AAU Governing Board Members 2017–2021

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Vice Chancellor-University of Gambia, Gambia

SOUTHERN AFRICA
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Key Events in 2017/2018

2017

- 10-16 JULY
  Africa - China World Bank Forum

- 19 JUNE - 12 AUGUST
  AQRM Institutional Evaluations and other Quality Assurance Events

- OCTOBER 2017
  The Pan African University Council Meeting

- 21-24 NOVEMBER
  African Universities’ Week Celebration

- 08 MARCH
  Stakeholders’ Meeting for the Demography of African Faculty Project

- 14 MARCH
  Launch of East Africa Regional Office

- 26-27 MARCH
  Planning Meetings for the African Union Committee of 10 Heads of State

- 07 MAY
  African Higher Education Fair of the ACE Project

- 15-16 MARCH
  National Research and Education Networks for African Countries

- 17 MAY
  Multi - Stakeholders’ Forum on Public Private Partnerships

- 17 MAY
  AQRM Institutional Evaluations and other Quality Assurance Events

2018

- 23 NOV
  Panel Discussion on African Research and Innovations

It is mandatory for all AAU member universities to commemorate 12 November of every year as the African University Day that marks the day AAU was born. In November 2017, the theme was "AAU@50 - Achievements, Challenges and Prospects for Sustainable Development in Africa" and member institutions were invited to celebrate the Day by organizing a suitable forum for public dialogue on the theme. The previous AAU Board approved that the African University Day could be celebrated over a week instead of just a day. In line with this, the celebrations in Ghana hosted by the AAU Secretariat were held from 21-24 November 2017, attracting over 300 participants. Three interrelated activities were held as follows:

The Educational Technology Advice Forum for University Executives

This was held from 21-22 November 2017 in response to the request by educational technology providers for opportunities to interact with AAU member universities and other educational institutions and thereby expose the latter to available educational technology options. This forum was in line with the ongoing efforts of the AAU to strengthen university–private sector linkages to improve the quality of African higher education and education in general.

Panel Discussion on African Research and Innovations

The 23rd of November featured a high-level panel discussing the outcomes of the June 2017 African Research and Innovations Summit (ARIS), which was also hosted by the AAU at the Secretariat. This event was attended by university leaders, faculty, administrative staff, students, private sector, policy makers, the media and the general public.
International Leadership Conference for Women in Higher Education

This was held on November 24, 2017 also at the AAU Secretariat, Accra, Ghana. It was a one-day intensive conference that sought to empower young women in higher education to reach their full potential and aspire to leadership positions in their chosen fields. The conference featured a series of presentations and panel discussions by women who have broken barriers to achieve heights and influence in society. There were opportunities for sharing life stories highlighting the challenges and opportunities that litter the path to the top and the level of dynamism required to sail through. This event brought women across national and international boundaries together to share knowledge, ideas and strategic management skills required for success in various leadership positions. Some of the high-profile personalities who graced the occasion were Ms. Charlotte Osei, Chairperson of Ghana’s Electoral Commission and Prof. Jane Naana Opoku Agyemang, first female VC of Ghana and immediate past Minister of Education in Ghana. The special guest of honour was Ms. Otiko Afisa Djaba, the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection.

The AAU is working with Education Sub-Saharan Africa (ESSA) and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) to implement the Pilot Project on the Demography of African Faculty. The project is funded by the Mastercard Foundation and aims to collect data in Ghana on the numbers of academic faculty by age, gender, field/department, role and rank as well as data on student enrolments by field/department. The consortium will develop estimates and projections to describe current and future demand for faculty, as well as describe the policy environment and national contexts affecting the supply (production, recruiting, and retention) of faculty. The first meeting of the stakeholders was held at the AAU Secretariat on the 8th of March 2018.

AAU also participated in a side event of the Demography of African Faculty Project during the ‘Next Einstein Forum (NEF) Global Gathering’ held from 26-28 March 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda under the patronage of H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda.
During the period under review, the AAU participated in several supervision missions that were conducted in the various ACE phase I universities. These missions took place in October 2017, March 2018 and April 2018 and were in line with the ACE project's monitoring and evaluation strategy. The purpose of the missions was to assess the extent to which implementation is consistent with the agreed timelines and outcomes set out in the Project Appraisal Document. The supervision missions also tracked progress, achievements and impacts made by each ACE institution. The missions presented the opportunities for experts to provide technical advice on addressing challenges facing the Centres in project execution.

Experts were hired to verify achievement of disbursement linked results (DLRs) 2.8 milestones by the centres of excellence during the reporting period. The experts visited 5 of the ACEs and submitted their reports to AAU, which were forwarded to World Bank for approval and subsequent funds disbursement.

The first ever African Higher Education Fair was held on Monday, 7th May 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

The maiden “Higher Education Student Fair” of the ACE project was launched on May 7, 2018 on the campus of the Institute of Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The event created the platform for the 22 ACEs to showcase their results, achievements, potentials, as well as advertise for both faculty and student recruitment into their programmes. About 300 people including stakeholders from academia, the private sector, industry, civil society, students participated in the fair.

The event was officially opened through the cutting of a tape by the ECOWAS Commissioner for Higher Education, Prof. Leopoldo Amado, the Secretary General of the AAU, Prof. Etienne E. Ehile, World Bank Country Manager for Burkina Faso, Mr. Cheick Fantamady Kanté and the General Director of 2iE, Prof. Mady Koanda.

In his welcoming remarks, Prof. Koanda of 2iE indicated the appreciation of the institution for hosting this first ACE higher education fair and called on participants to take advantage of the various opportunities availed to them by the Centers of Excellence through the Fair.

The ACE Higher Education Fair
Professor Amado on his part stressed ECOWAS’ support for the event and reiterated the Commission’s belief in the potential of the ACEs to address the Region’s challenges.

A wide array of exhibits including scientific equipment, laboratory chemicals, sample innovative processed foods and publications were displayed by the participating Centers of Excellence.

The research programs presented to visitors covered the following areas:

- Genomics and Infectious Diseases;
- Water, Energy and Environment;
- Agricultural Development and Environmental Sustainability;
- Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens;
- Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology;
- Crop Improvement;
- Phytomedicine and Development;
- Reproductive Health and Innovation;
- Mathematical Sciences and Applications;
- Oilfield Chemicals;
- Water and Sanitation;
- Poultry Sciences;
- Information and Communications Technology;
- Maternal and Child Health;
- Dryland Agriculture;
- Food Technology;
- Statistics;
- Climate Change;
- Mining;
- Materials Science and Engineering.

The event received coverage by both local and international media including Africable, BBC Africa Radio, RTB television and Pays. The AAU TV also covered this important event.

The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) consortium in partnership with the Association of African Universities, Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation of Burkina Faso, National Fund for Research and Innovation Development (FDNRID) of Burkina Faso and the Chamber of Commerce hosted the 1st Multi-Stakeholders Forum on Public Private Partnership through research at the Bravia Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. This forum was one of the initial activities under the ACTS Consortium’s Science Granting Councils 5-year Initiative, which seeks to strengthen the capacities of Science Granting Councils (SGC) in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to support research and evidence-based policies that will contribute to economic and social development. The 5-year initiative also seeks to strengthen the ability of Science Granting Councils to manage research, design and monitor research programmes based on the use of robust science, technology and innovation (STI) indicators; support knowledge exchange with the private sector, and establish partnerships between Science Granting Councils and other science system actors.

The one-day forum sought to strengthen the collaboration amongst the private sector, researchers, academicians and the government of Burkina Faso and ultimately strengthen the national science and research systems that contributes to development in Burkina Faso and the entire African continent. The forum was opened by the Secretary of State in charge of Scientific Research and Innovation of Burkina Faso, Dr. Koulidiati Urbain, the Secretary General of the Association of African Universities, Prof. Etienne Ehile and the Director General of the National Fund for Research and Innovation Development, Dr. Tamboura Hamidou. The forum attracted multi stakeholders of development and experts in Burkina Faso such as the members of Chamber of Commerce, Academics, students, researchers from the National Research Institutions, Government officials and private sector players.
The AAU Secretariat partnered with the African Union Commission and European partners of the Harmonisation of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) Initiative Project to visit 15 selected African universities and validate the questionnaires that these universities had completed as part of the African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM). The AQRM tool is available online (https://www.aau.org/aqrm/) and African Universities completed it as part of the “self-assessment” process. Quality Assurance experts are then deployed to visit these universities and validate the scores and the self-assessment done by universities. The Secretariat has an open call for AQRM Institutional Evaluations and universities must pay if they want quality experts to conduct validation visits. The AQRM tool is an excellent tool for promoting quality in African Universities and benchmarking the universities.

As part of the HAQAA Initiative, the AAU has been closely engaged in the development of the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance. These proposed standards were discussed during the HAQAA Initiative Technical Working Group Meeting in Brussels that was attended by the HAQAA Project Officer.
Establishment of the AAU
East Africa Regional Office in Sudan

On the 14th March 2018, the East Africa Regional Office of the Association was successfully launched in Khartoum, Sudan. This memorable event took place at the Sudan Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research Conference Room. The East Africa Office is hosted by the University of Khartoum and its mandate covers the 11 countries of East Africa (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia).

Some high profile dignitaries in attendance included the Honourable Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Sudan, Professor Somia Abo Kashawa; President of the AAU, Professor Orlando Antonio Quilambo; Secretary General of the AAU, Professor Etienne E. Ehile; Vice Chancellor University of Khartoum, Professor Ahmed M. Suleiman; President of the Association of Sudanese Universities, Professor Ahmed Altayb; President of Sudan International University and Vice President of AAU, Prof Bakri Osman Saeed; Executive Secretary of RUFORUM, Professor Adipala Ekwamu; Vice President Al Azhar University in Egypt, Professor Yousuf Amer; Director of Development Projects and Innovation Center Manager at Ain Shams University, Egypt, Prof M.S. Al-Kotb and representatives of the Arab Bank for Economic Development, UNESCO, the Private Sector, Diplomatic Missions, Professional Association of Sudanese Universities Academic Staff and Students Associations.

The main goal of the AAU East Africa Regional Office is to increase the impact of AAU activities in East Africa and maximize the benefits of member universities in that region. This decentralization of the Association’s activities is expected to help improve both the visibility of the AAU and the quality of higher education in Africa. Other AAU Regional Offices will be launched in North Africa, Central Africa and Southern Africa.
Establishment of the AAU Television Station

The AAU Secretariat took a bold and giant step this year, to increase its visibility and reach the world in real time by establishing the AAU TV Channel which is currently broadcasting live online via Facebook (Association of African Universities) and YouTube (Association of African Universities). Key equipment for the studio were purchased and assembled, and staff trained to manage the studio and host programmes. The TV currently features the African Higher Education News, which is read in English and French. Shows which feature specialists and academics on various thematic issues are also hosted on the AAU TV. The feedback on the AAU TV has been very good – shown through the social media comments, comments directed at AAU through personal contacts and the impressive increase in the followers of the AAU Facebook Page.
African Youth Forum

In our quest to increase youth and student-based activities and respond to the varying needs of young graduates on the continent, the AAU in partnership with Idea Factor and Bizz Africa organized the maiden African Youth Summit from the 18th – 20th April, 2018 at the AAU Secretariat. The summit created a platform to groom young people and position them to take advantage of the global trends in Leadership and Governance, Business, Finance, Academics and Technology. The forum was opened by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Information of the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Patricia Appiagyei and the Secretary General of the AAU, Prof. Etienne Ehile.

Strengthening the AAU MEL Systems

Within the reporting period, the Secretariat commenced the process of strengthening its Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) systems. An internal taskforce led by the Director of ICT Services and Knowledge Management began this exercise. A Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning framework will be developed for AAU in the coming year and it will be composed of a theory of change, indicators reference manual, guidelines for MEL at AAU, data collection tools and high-level design of the AAU Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning system. We acknowledge the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) for supporting this effort of improving AAU’s Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning processes.
Update On On-Going AAU Programmes

PROJECT
 Graduate Internship

OBJECTIVES

→ Build employable skills in students before they graduate
→ at least 40% of beneficiaries should be females
→ at least 30% from Francophone institutions

FUNDERS
ACBF, Sida

MAR - DEC 2017

The grantees were from various institutions in 13 countries, namely Benin, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Thirty-six (36) of the grantees, representing 44% were females. Fourteen (14) of the 82 grantees, representing 17% were pursuing PhD programmes. Of the 14 PhD students, 8 were females.

HAQAA INITIATIVE

Boost the Pan African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF) by contributing to and supporting the harmonization of African higher education programmes. It also seeks to create a distinctive, revitalized, attractive and globally competitive African higher education space through enhanced intra-African collaboration.

FUNDERS
European Union Commission

PARTNERS
AAU, University of Barcelona, ENQA, DAAD, EUA

JAN 2016-DEC 2018

The objective of the initiative is to strengthen the capacity of participating science granting councils in sub-Saharan Africa to establish partnerships with other Councils and to foster knowledge transfer to the private sector

FUNDER
IDRC

PARTNERS
AAU, ACTS, STIPRO, SCINOVENT

JAN-JUNE 2018

The project seeks to improve management of faculty resources within the tertiary education system in Africa by building and enhancing the capacity for collection, management, analysis, use and dissemination of data pertaining to faculty in African universities

FUNDER
MasterCard Foundation

PARTNERS
ESSA, PRB

Project presentation was made in Kigali, Rwanda in March 2018 during the Next Einstein Forum

Review of Ghana Policy Environment began in February 2018

Kick-off meeting was held in January 2018 in Accra
Stakeholders meeting was held in March 2018 in Accra
Project presentation was made in Kigali, Rwanda in March 2018 during the Next Einstein Forum

SGCI Meeting was held in Livingstone, Zambia in December 2017
Data Collection was undertaken in Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal and Burkina Faso in November 2017
Workshop on working collaboratively with the private sector held from February 26 –March 2, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya

A Joint ACE I and ACE II Workshop was successfully organized in Accra in November 2017, which attracted more than 360 participants from across Africa. ACE Monitoring and Supervision Missions to selected ACEs were held in October 2017 and March-April 2018. ACE Results (DLI 2.8) Verification Missions were held in October 2017 and January 2018.

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The project seeks to strengthen the institutional and human capacities of participating universities and their higher education institutional collaborators to enable them deliver high quality education and training, as well as strengthen their research capabilities.

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JAN-JUNE 2018

The project seeks to improve management of faculty resources within the tertiary education system in Africa by building and enhancing the capacity for collection, management, analysis, use and dissemination of data pertaining to faculty in African universities

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The project aims to provide support to AAU statutory events and activities

- Internship payments were made to graduate students
- Staff Exchange Fellows were sponsored to universities
- Small grants for theses and dissertations completion were disbursed

To train 10,000 PhD students for Africa in the areas of Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology

- 4 RSIF Host Universities selected
- 15 RSIF Cohort 1 Scholars selected and now studying at the Host Universities
- Management Information Systems developed to support the running of RSIF
- Rwanda and Kenya contribute US$2.5 million to the RSIF
- RSIF Project Administrator appointed

The webinars brought together experts in Higher Education, academics, students, development partners, key staff of some regional organisations and the African Union, some Ministers of Education, Educational Policy-Makers, Social and Corporate organisations.

Key outcomes of the webinar presentations and discussions were synthesised for publications. Policy briefs are being developed and will be shared with Vice-Chancellors and Education Ministries of various countries for adoption

Four webinars were held on the following two educational objectives of the 2015 Dakar Declaration:

- Promoting diversification, differentiation, and harmonization of higher education systems at the national and institutional levels by African countries
- Promoting academic mobility/exchange programmes and standardization through the harmonization of higher education systems

The Secretariat received several applications through its online application form. Upon careful review, in terms of the Constitution and Bye-Law requirements, the following institutions met the necessary requirements for admission into the AAU. All admitted members will be ratified at the next Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities to be held in 2019.

List of New Members approved by the AAU Executive Board within the period

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The AAU participated in the Africa-China-World Bank First Education Partnership Forum that was held in China. This forum focussed on Higher Education and Science and Technology. It aimed to strengthen the tripartite relationship (among China, Africa, and the World Bank) as well as to forge new partnerships between leading universities, science and technology research institutes, and private sector of the two regions. Key partners of the forum included the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), and Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU). The ongoing tripartite partnership on education is progressing well with support from the Chinese government and the World Bank. Several Chinese institutions have built partnerships with African institutions financed under the World Bank projects.

The Pan African University Council Meeting
October 2017

The Secretary General of the AAU participated in the Pan African University (PAU) Council Meeting on the 26th of October 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The African Union is planning to launch an additional institute associated with the Pan African University – which will be called the Pan African Virtual and E-University Institute. The AAU Director of ICT Services and Knowledge Management, Ms. Nodumo Dhlamini, is part of the Expert Team drafting the Project Working Document of the Pan African Virtual and E-University Institute. Expert meetings have been held in Addis Ababa, and a learning visit conducted at the University of South Africa in Pretoria.
High-Level Dialogue of Heads of State

January 2018

The Secretary General participated in the High-Level Dialogue of Heads of State organized by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Education and One Campaign. This event was held from 26-28 January 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The purpose of the High-Level Dialogue was to discuss how to guarantee adequate financing for ensuring that the goals of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs will be realized as articulated in the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25).

National Research and Education Networks for African Countries

March 2018

The Association of African Universities participated in the 4th Annual Conference and 5th General Assembly of the West and Central African Research and Education Networks (WACREN) from 15-16 March, 2018 in Lomé, Togo. WACREN is a project of the AAU that recently launched the WACREN Network. WACREN will join the global Research and Education (R&E) networking community. In addition to that, a complementary contract was signed with XON Systems for the provision of equipment. Initially, the WACREN network will provide a 10 Gigabyte per second (10Gbps) link from Lagos, Nigeria to London, UK where it interconnects with the pan-European GEANT network, thus providing access to R&E collaborations with over 50 million researchers, academics and students across Europe. As part of the contract, an additional link will go out from Lagos terminating in Accra, Ghana.

Planning Meetings for the African Union Committee of 10 Heads of State

March 2018

AAU was engaged in the third and fourth planning meetings for the African Union committee of 10 Heads of State upon the invitation of the Government of Malawi through RUFORUM, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture hosted by Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The Government of Malawi leads in holding the planning meetings for the African Union Committee of 10 Heads of State Championing Education, Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa. The Committee of 10 (C10) is led by President Macky Sall of Senegal. Two such planning meetings were held within the reporting period in Lilongwe, Malawi as follows: Third Planning Meeting, 23-24 October 2017 & Fourth Planning Meeting, 26-27 March 2018.

Participants at the planning meetings included ACBF, RUFORUM, NEPAD, RECIs, and representatives of the African Governments.
In line with our intervention area which focuses on strengthening higher education institutions’ delivery capacity, the AAU Secretariat organised the following workshops to build the capacities of members of the African Higher Education Community to better deliver on their core duties of teaching, research and community engagement:

1. **11th Leadership Development (LEDEV XI)**
   - Tutu Akuapem, Ghana
   - 5–8 SEP, 2017
   - 34 participants
   - 28 males
   - 6 females

2. **12th University Advancement Workshop**
   - Abuja, Nigeria
   - 15-17 AUG 2017
   - 31 participants
   - 21 males
   - 11 females

3. **Management Development Workshop (MADEV VI)**
   - Kigali, Rwanda
   - 5–8 SEP, 2017
   - 32 participants
   - 21 males
   - 11 females

4. **First Resource Mobilisation Workshop (RMW I)**
   - Cape Town, South Africa
   - 10-13 OCT, 2017
   - 19 participants
   - 13 males
   - 6 females

5. **Database of African Theses and Dissertations (DATAD-R III)**
   - Pretoria, South Africa
   - 12-14 SEP 2017
   - 29 participants
   - 28 males
   - 16 females

6. **9th International Conference and Workshops on Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa**
   - Accra, Ghana
   - 19-21 SEP, 2017
   - 150 participants
   - 117 males
   - 33 females

7. **21st Century Innovative & Learner-Centred Pedagogical Skills**
   - Nairobi, Kenya
   - 10-12 OCT, 2017
   - 10 participants
   - 9 males
   - 1 females

8. **7ème seminaire/Atelier sur le développement des capacites en gestion (MADEV VII)**
   - Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
   - 5–8 SEP, 2017
   - 34 participants
   - 28 males
   - 6 females

9. **20-22 FEB 2018**
   - Institutional Repository (DSpace) Training
   - Accra, Ghana
   - 48 participants
   - 40 males
   - 8 females

10. **25-27 FEB, 2018**
    - Database of African Theses and Dissertations (DATAD-R V) Training
    - Khartoum, Sudan
    - 43 participants
    - 24 males
    - 10 females

11. **26 FEB -1 MAR, 2018**
    - AfriQAN Good Practices Workshop in Quality Assurance
    - Khartoum, Sudan
    - 38 participants
    - 27 males
    - 11 females

12. **21 OCT 2017**
    - Forum to Promote Diversification, Differentiation, and Harmonization of Higher Education Systems in Africa
    - Kumasi, Ghana
    - 169 participants
    - 169 males
    - 169 females

13. **31 OCT - 3 NOV, 2017**
    - 21st Century Quality Assurance Knowledge and Skills
    - Ho, Ghana
    - 40 participants
    - 32 males
    - 8 females

14. **21-24 NOV, 2017**
    - Atelier de formation sur les aptitudes pedagogiques innovantes et axees sur les apprenants
    - Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
    - 35 participants
    - 33 males
    - 2 females

15. **07 DEC 2017**
    - Developing an Institutional Quality Culture
    - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
    - Whole Institution
    - 31 participants
    - 25 males
    - 6 females

16. **12-15 DEC 2017**
    - University-Industry Linkages for African Universities
    - Kampala, Uganda
    - 12 participants
    - 10 males
    - 2 females

17. **13 JAN 2018**
    - Harmonization of African HE QA & Accreditation
    - Pretoria, South Africa
    - 64 participants
    - 64 males
    - 64 females

18. **07 JAN 2018**
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###エネルギー効率の向上と質の高い研摩方法のトレーニング

- **2017/2018**: $40,965.00
- **2016/2017**: $150,000.00

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### 参与者

- **2017/2018**: 35 名男性，6 名女性
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**注**: 本報告は AAU の能力構築イニシアチブに関するもので、各プログラムの参加者、支出、収入を示しています。
New Staff

During this reporting period, the Secretariat recruited the following staff who have successfully reported for duty:

- **Mr. Joshua Osondu Onwuzuruigbo**
  PASET RSIF Administrator

- **Miss. Millicent Afriyie Kyei**
  ACE Communications Assistant

- **Miss. Irene Duflie Addai**
  Project Management Assistant

- **Miss. Joan Akua Iyoha**
  Project Management Assistant

- **Mr. Samuel Ayeypong**
  Project Management Assistant

- **Osei Kofi Twumasi**
  Finance Assistant

- **Mr. Schenineda Kwaku Ankoh**
  Project Management Assistant

- **Miss. Georgina D. Maison**
  Trainee Systems Developer

- **Mr. Rapheal Djan Kotei**
  Trainee Systems Developer

- **Miss. Nana Essumamba Sam**
  Marketing and Development Assistant

- **Mr. Jephtah Adu-Mensah**
  CESA Project Management Assistant

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AAU’s engagement with the Higher Education Network and other partners

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QA Workshop on Higher Education 11-15 Dec, 2017 Uganda
Meeting to discuss the hosting of the North Africa Regional Office of the AAU 11-13 Dec, 2017 Cairo, Egypt
4th Global Conference 2017 on Professional Higher Education Accreditation 11-12 Dec, 2017 Dusseldorf, Germany
NREN and ICAITM Event 12-15 Dec, 2017 Monrovia, Liberia
ACE III Ministerial Consultative Meeting 15-18 Jan, 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
AU/UEFA 2nd High Level Dialogue on Gender and Education(HLDE) 23-25 Jan, 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
The High-Level Dialogue of Heads of State organized by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Education and ONE Campaign 26-28 Jan, 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Training Workshop on University-Industry Linkages 5–8 Feb, 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
BHETS Workshop 11-16 Feb 2018 Kampala, Uganda
DATAD-R Workshop 20-22 Feb 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Database of African Theses and Dissertations - DATAD-R Workshop, 23 Feb - 1 March 2018 Khartoum, Sudan

Meeting of Experts for the Pan African Virtual and E- University 27 Feb-2 Mar 2018 Pretoria, South Africa
Stakeholders Meeting of the Pilot Project on the Demography of African Faculty Thursday being organized by AAU 8 March, 2018 AAU Secretariat
Inauguration of the East Africa Office of the AAU at the University of Khartoum 12-16 Mar, 2018 Khartoum, Sudan
3rd Resource Mobilization Workshop 12-16 Mar, 2018 Kigali, Rwanda
ACE Supervision Missions to Health and STEM Centres 12-21 Mar 2018 Nigeria
National Conference on “Reinventing Technical and Vocational Education in Ghana”. 13-16 March 2018 Koforidua, Ghana
WACREN 4th Annual Conference and 5th General Assembly 15-16 March, 2018 Lomé, Togo
Meeting to identify potential academic programmes for the Pan African Virtual and E-University from 20-23 March 2018 Ethiopia
ACE Supervision Mission to RWESCK at KNUST 22-23 Mar, 2018 Kumasi
NextEinsteinForum (NEF) Global Gathering under the patronage of H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda 26-28 March 2018 Kigali, Rwanda
Fourth Planning Meeting for the African Union Committee of 10 Heads of States Championing Education, Science and Technology in Africa 26-27 Mar, 2018 Lilongwe, Malawi
Francophone Quality Assurance and BHETS workshop 26-30 Mar, 2018 Université de Yaoundé II, Cameroon
Annual Conference of Ain Shams University 2-5 April, 2018 Cairo, Egypt
ACE Supervision Missions 3-19 April, 2018 Nigeria, Cote D’Ivoire and Senegal
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