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Validation Meeting for African Quality  
Rating Mechanism and Harmonization  
Strategy for Higher Education  
25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Novotel, Accra, Ghana

**AU/AQRM/1**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK**



## **Validation Meeting for African Quality Rating Mechanism, Strategy for Harmonisation of Higher Education Strategy and the Review of the Arusha Convention for Higher Education in Africa**

### **Purpose:**

- To discuss and adopt a strategy for the execution of the African Rating Mechanisms for Higher Education
- To discuss and adopt strategies for harmonising the Arusha Convention and the African Union Harmonisation strategy;
- To develop strategies for moving the AU HEP Harmonisation Strategy forward.
- To agree on shared roles and responsibilities;

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Arrival and Registration
2. Opening session
3. Presentation of Proposed Strategy for Execution of the African Quality Rating Mechanism for Higher Education
4. Presentation and discussion on African Union (AU) Strategy for Harmonisation of Higher Education
5. Presentation and Discussion on the Review of the Arusha Convention
6. Presentation and discussion of proposed strategy for merging the Arusha Convention and AUC Harmonization Program
7. Presentation of the role of the Association of African Universities (AAU) as Designated Lead Implementation Agency for Higher Education in the Second Decade of Education for Africa
8. Presentation of Progress Report on the AAU's World Bank Sponsored Quality Assurance Program for African Higher Education Systems
9. Guest Presentation on Quality in Higher Education in Africa
10. Presentation on Quality Assurance and Harmonisation of Open and Distance Learning in Africa
11. Signing of Statement of Commitment
12. Closing Remarks



## PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

### DAY 1: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Time	Activity	Presenter
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration	
	<b>Session 1 – Chair: Prof. Aki SAWYERR</b>	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome Remarks by AUC, AAU, UNESCO	Beatrice NJENGA - AUC Aki SAWYERR - AAU Juma SHABANI - UNESCO
09:15 – 09:30	Presentation and adoption of Agenda Introduction of participants	Alice LAMPTEY, ADEA
09:30 – 10:00	Presentation of the African Union Higher Education Harmonisation Strategy	Neil BUTCHER, AUC Consultant
10.00 – 10:30	Discussion for clarification	
<b>10:30 – 10.40</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
10.40 – 11:15	Discussion for clarification ( continued )	
	<b>Session 2 – Chair: Prof. Juma SHABANI</b>	
11:15 – 11:45	Presentation of the Arusha Convention and current status on its Review	Lamine NDIAYE
11:45 – 12:15	Discussion for clarification	
12:15– 12:30	Presentation of Proposed Strategy for Merging the Arusha Convention and the AU Higher Education Harmonisation programme	Neil BUTCHER
12:30 – 13.00	Discussion for clarification	
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	



Time	Activity	Presenter
	<b>Session 3: Chair: Dr. Beatrice Njenga</b>	
14:30 – 14:50	AAU Programs – Scope and Focus	
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion for Clarification	
15:00 – 15:20	Presentation on a Strategy for Quality Assurance and Harmonisation of Open and Distance Learning in Africa	Fred BARASA, ACDE
15:20 – 15:30	Discussion for Clarification	
15:30 – 16:30	Discussion Group meeting on Merging the efforts of Arusha Convention and AU HEP Harmonization Strategy – (Groups A, B and C)	Neil Butcher to Introduce Group Chair/Secretary
<b>16:30 – 16:40</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
16:40 – 17:30	Discussion Groups on merging the efforts of Arusha Convention and AU HEP Harmonization Strategy – (Groups A, B and C)	Group Chair/Secretary



**DAY 2: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Time	Activity	Presenter
	<b>Session 4: Chair: Prof. Nuhu YAQUB / Dr. Sibry TAPSOBA</b>	
09:00-09:15	Group A Presentation	Group Secretary
09:15 – 09:30	Group B Presentation	Group Secretary
09:30 – 09:45	Group C Presentation	Group Secretary
09:45- 10:15	Discussions	
<b>10.15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>	
	<b>Session 5: Chair: Prof. Nuhu YAQUB</b>	
10:30 –10:50	Guest Presentation - <b>Outcome-based Curriculum - Needs for change in Africa".</b>	Joe AKINMUSURU
10.50 – 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 – 11:20	Virtual Institute for Higher Education in Africa (VIHEAF)	Juma SHABANI
11:20 – 11.30	Discussion	
1.30 -12.00	<b>Open</b>	
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	<b>Session 6: Chair: Dr. TAPSOBA</b>	
13:00 – 13:30	Syndicate presentation on strategies for merging the Arusha Convention and AUC Harmonization Program – Roles, and timelines for implementation	Rep. of all Groups
13.30 – 14.00	Presentation of the Proposed Strategy for the Execution of the African Quality Rating Mechanism	Neil BUTCHER
14:00 – 14:15	Discussion	
14:15 – 14:30	Brief on group discussions on execution of the African Quality Rating Mechanism for Higher Education	Neil BUTCHER
14:30 – 15:30	Group Discussions on strategy for execution of Quality Rating	Group Chair / Secretary
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Tea/ Coffee break</b>	Group Chair / Secretary
15:45 – 17:30	Group Discussions Continued	

**DAY 3: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Time	Activity	Presenter
	<b>Session 7: Chair: Prof. AKILAGPA</b>	
09:00-09:15	Group A Presentations (Execution of Rating Mechanism)	Group Secretary
09:15 – 09:30	Group B Presentations (Execution of Rating Mechanism)	Group Secretary
09:30 – 09:45	Group C Presentations (Execution of Rating Mechanism)	Group Secretary
09:45 – 10:15	Discussion of roles and responsibilities	Neil BUTCHER
<b>10.15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Tea/ Coffee Break</b>	
10.30 – 10.45	Group Photographs	
10:45 – 13:00	Finalization of Report and Statement of Commitment	
<b>13.00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	<b>Session 8: Chair: Dr. Beatrice NJENGA</b>	
14:30 – 15:00	Presentation and adoption of Strategy for Execution of the African Quality Rating Mechanism for Higher Education	
15:00 – 15:30	Presentation and adoption of report and Statement of Commitment	
15:30 – 15:45	Any Other Business	
15:45 – 16:00	Signing of Statement of Commitment	
16:00 – 16:15	Closing Remarks: UNESCO; ADEA; ACDE; AUC; AAU	
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	