U-Multirank
- the first Multidimensional Global University Ranking

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The purpose of U-Multirank

U-Multirank is a global transparency tool

- making visible the diversity of higher education institutions by including institutions with different missions and profiles
- Allowing like-with-like comparisons among institutions with similar profiles by offering an interactive “mapping” tool
- And, last but not least, overcoming the methodological weaknesses of traditional global rankings
What U-Multirank can offer

- To universities, it offers comparative analysis and *benchmarking* to a large sample of similar institutions within Africa and all over the world.

- To university associations and to quality assurance agencies it offers comparative information about their *member institutions*.

- To policy makers it offers insights into the performance of national universities and about the relative performance of national higher education *systems*.

- And last but not least, it offers information and orientation to prospective and mobile students helping them to make an *informed choice*. 

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Andreas Schleicher, Director of Education, OECD

“With a first-of-its-kind multi-dimensional approach to comparing institutional performance, U-Multirank is now putting students and the public into the driver’s seat of determining which universities are doing well on what and why.”

Fernando M. Galán, Vice-President of the European Students Union (ESU)

“U-Multirank will be an extremely useful tool for students all over the world, being the first global ranking that includes in a serious manner the teaching and learning dimension.”
### Basic facts about U-Multirank 2016

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<td>&gt; 1,300</td>
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<td>&gt; 3,000</td>
<td>Faculties/departments are participating in subject rankings</td>
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<td>Study programmes are presented in subject rankings</td>
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<td>Students participated in the U-Multirank student survey</td>
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In 2016: 24 African universities are participating

Pour 2017: plus 4 new registrations (University Strathmore, University Beni-Suef, University, ISBAT, College of Medical Sciences GAMBY)

U-Multirank appreciates participation of more African universities to overcome under-representation
The U-Multirank Methodology
What is different in U-Multirank?

- No composite score, no weights on indicators
- Multi-dimensional ranking
- No league table
- Ranking into 5 categories
- No limitation on international research universities
- Diversity of HEIs
- No overemphasis on institutional data
- Comprehensive subject rankings
Different data sources provide a multi-perspective view

| Self-reported institutional data | - Institutional and subject level  
|                                  | - Data on staff, students, graduales, revenues, international and regional orientation |
| Students-survey-data            | - Subject rankings only  
|                                  | - Sample of up to 500 students per subject and institution  
|                                  | - Assessment of their learning-experience |
| Bibliometric data               | - Based on Thomson Reuters data base  
|                                  | - Introduction of innovative indicators: co-publications with industry; citations cited in patents |
| Patent data                     | - Institutional ranking  
|                                  | - Technology related subjects  
|                                  | - Patents awarded and co-patents with industry |
Agenda
Third part

The U-Multirank Web Tool
The U-Multirank Website

The –Multirank website: A user-driven interactive tool

Since March 2016 Mobile Version and App
Conclusions and Perspectives
Publication 2017:
- New indicators on applied research (professional publications, strategy partnership with external organisations/companies)
- Broader coverage of US and UK universities

Perspective 2017 +
- Extension in terms of
  - Number of institutions
  - Number of subjects
- Inclusion of indicators on social responsibility
Future participation of African universities

- U-Multirank offers to African universities:
  - International visibility, taking into account their profile
  - Comparisons with similar institutions across the world

- More participating institutions would allow for broader comparisons among African universities

- Introduction of additional indicators particularly relevant to African universities?
  >> Proposals are welcome!

- Use of existing national data bases to reduce the institutions’ burden on data delivery?
Universities interested in participating in U-Multirank (for the 2018 publication) are invited to express their interest by email to:

info@umultirank.org
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