

B Student Focused Programmes

- Graduate Internships
- Scholarships for Masters and PhD Students
- Training for Student Leadership
- Small Grants for Theses and Dissertations

C Institutional Strengthening Programmes

- Academic Mobility
- Database of African Theses and Dissertations
- Promoting University-Industry Linkages
- Research and Education Networks (RENs)
- Quality Assurance Support for Higher Education in Africa
- Mainstreaming Gender in Higher Education

D Initiatives Hosted by the AAU Secretariat

The AAU Secretariat Hosts:

- The Higher Education Cluster of African Union's Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2024)
- Phase I Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence (ACE) Project
- Regional Scholarship Innovation Fund (RSIF) of Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET)
- Faculty Demographics Initiative of MasterCard Foundation
- Harmonisation of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) Initiative
- Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI)
- ADEA's Working Group on Higher Education in Africa (ADEA-WGHE)
- AAU Television
- African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN)

E Provision of other Services to the African Higher Education Community

- Publications
- Information dissemination through:
 - AAU Television
 - Conference/Seminars and Workshops
 - Newsletters
 - Social Media

Some AAU Partners

African Union Commission, Government of Ghana, European Union Commission, World Bank, Carnegie Corporation of New York, MasterCard Foundation, Swedish International Development Agency, African Capacity Building Foundation, Association for the Development of Education in Africa, Economic Community of West African States and International Association of Universities.



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About 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. The founding fathers of the Association envisioned the AAU as an organization that would bring together African Universities in the same way that the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) had brought together newly independent African Countries. AAU currently serves as the higher education coordinating body for African Union's Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2015–2024).

The Association represents the voice of higher education in Africa on regional and international bodies and supports networking among institutions of higher education in the areas of teaching, research, quality assurance, information exchange and dissemination. With strong representation in all five regions of Africa, AAU has, over the years, made tremendous contributions to Africa's education landscape through its various programmes and other initiatives. Its headquarters is permanently located in Accra, Ghana.

Our Vision

To be the leading advocate for higher education in Africa, with the capacity to provide support for its member institutions in meeting national, continental and global needs.

Our Mission

To enhance the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa and strengthen its contribution to Africa's development.

Objectives

- To encourage and empower its members to address developmental challenges and become an effective voice in national, regional and global bodies;

- To study and make known the educational and related needs of African universities and other institutions of higher education and, as far as practicable, co-ordinate the means whereby those needs may be met;
- To organise, encourage and support public forums for information dissemination and exchange and policy dialogue on issues of higher education; and
- To promote interchange, contact and cooperation among universities and other institutions of higher education in Africa.



Core Values

- Transparency and Accountability
- Equity and Inclusiveness
- Excellence and Professionalism
- Responsiveness
- Sustainability
- Teamwork and Collegiality



Membership

Membership of the AAU is open to universities and other institutions of higher education in Africa, as well as organisations and networks, whose members are universities or which engage in supporting universities. Currently, the AAU has a membership of close to 400 institutions across the geographic and linguistic divides of Africa.

Membership Benefits

- Participation in the Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors & Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP)
- Inclusion of research outputs on the Database of African Theses and Dissertations and Research (DATAD-R) platform
- Advertisement of academic jobs / institutional news

on the AAU online Weekly news bulletin, Website, social media platforms & other information outlets

- Invitation to host AAU events / speak at AAU Conferences
- Right to vote / stand for election as President & as Governing Board Member
- Opportunity for faculty to participate in Academic Staff Exchange missions
- Opportunity for graduate students to benefit from Small Grants for Theses and Dissertations
- Opportunity for graduate students to benefit from funded internship programme

AAU's Areas of Intervention

Capacity Building Programmes

- University-Industry Linkages
- University Advancement Workshops (UNIVAD)
- Leadership Development Workshops (LEDEV)
- Management Development Workshops (MADEV)
- Database of African Theses and Dissertation Workshops/Conferences
- Higher Education Learner-Centred Teaching Skills Workshops (BHETS)
- Quality Assurance (QA) Workshops for Higher Education Leaders (QAHEL)
- Quality Assurance (QA) Workshops for Higher Education Personnel in the 21st Century
- Research Communication and Commercialisation Workshop
- Workshop on Legal issues in Higher Education Institutions
- Research Methods for the 21st Century Workshop series
- Resource Mobilisation Workshops
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Workshop