



Enhancing the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa, through the increased harmonisation and transparency of qualifications, with a strong focus on capacity building.

Facts and figures

- ❖ Total budget: EUR 13 million (100% EU budget)
- ❖ Action of the 2018 Annual Action Programme of the Pan-African Programme

Partner

- ❖ African Union Commission

AU-EU Higher Education Programme

The programme is developed around the core idea that higher education – if of adequate quality and relevance - can contribute to the socio-economic development of partner countries and catalyse economic growth. Through the support to the harmonisation of qualifications and strengthened quality assurance mechanisms, the programme will support higher education institutions innovation and modernisation processes to increase the quality of the education offer and facilitate mutual recognition of qualifications and mobility.

Objectives

The overall objective of the action is to enhance human capital development in Africa. Its three components pursue complementary specific objectives:

1. **"Tuning Africa 3"** seeks to improve the quality and harmonisation of African higher education and support students' employability and mobility across the continent;
2. **"Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation 2" (HAQAA 2)** aims at improving the quality standards of higher education systems and programmes, the transparency and recognition of qualifications in Africa;
3. **"African Students and Alumni Association"** aims at promoting young people's insights into educational processes and policies and innovative practices.

Activities

The main activities implemented are organized according to the three main programmes.

- For "Tuning Africa 3", the activities will involve the strengthening of academia and students' capacities for the development and acquisition of generic competencies, the training on the Tuning Methodology and the establishment of a network of experts that provides support for the harmonisation process in Africa.
- For the HAQAA 2, the activities will focus on enhancing the quality assurance culture in higher education and the strengthening of capacities quality assurance agencies to implement African Standards and Guidelines for quality assurance and of the African Union to implement the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework
- For the "African Students and Alumni" component, activities will focus on strengthening participatory and leadership skills of young people, facilitating the inputs of student and alumni associations in educational processes in universities and raise awareness on EU mobility programmes.

Implementation

Direct management (procurement of services) by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture (DG EAC) through cross-sub-delegation.