

Unlock the potential of education and research in enhancing human capital development in Africa by improving access to digital infrastructures and applications, in line with the priorities of the "Digital4Development" (D4D) strategy .

THE PAN-AFRICAN
PROGRAMME



AfricaConnect3

By providing access of research and education institutions to affordable and secure broadband connectivity and dedicated digital tools and applications, the action will facilitate research and education collaboration, thereby supporting the digital transformation of the research and education sectors as well as digital skills development.

Objectives

The overall objective of the action is to enhance human capital development in Africa. The specific objective is to increase the use of digital technologies by African education and research institutions, through improved access of tertiary education and research institutions to adequate and affordable e-infrastructures

- Development of dedicated services and applications for the benefit of education and research communities
- Strengthening of human resource capacity and expertise within education and research communities
- Increased awareness of the role of digital transformation for education and research.

Activities

- Procurement of equipment and connectivity to further consolidate and expand the regional research and education networks;
- Management of the network and development of dedicated services and applications for the benefit of the research and education communities
- Development and provision of training and capacity building activities
- Awareness raising on the role of digital transformation for education and research
- Promotion of multi-stakeholders dialogue platform to discuss policy, financial and regulatory issues relating to National Research and Education Networks' (NREN) missions and activities.

Implementation

Project Modality Direct management through grant contracts, direct award to Regional Research and Educations Networks.

Facts and figures

- ❖ Total budget: EUR 37,5 million
- ❖ European Commission contribution: EUR 30 million
- ❖ Action of the 2018 Annual Action Programme of the Pan-African Programme

Partner

- ❖ African Union Commission
- ❖ African and European Research and Education Networks