Joint Africa-EU Strategy

Structured Dialogue with Students and Alumni in Africa

16-17 October 2017

Bingerville Campus
Université Félix Houphouët Boigny
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

PROGRAMME
08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 **Formal opening and introductory remarks**

- Professeur Abou KARAMOKO, Président Université Félix Houphouët Boigny
- Professeur Yao TANO, Président Université Nangui Abrogoua
- S. E. Monsieur Jean-François VALETTE, Ambassadeur de l’Union européenne en Côte d’Ivoire
- S. E. Ly Ramata BAKAYOKO, Ministre de l’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique

09:30-09:45 **Context and objectives of the meeting**

Deirdre LENNAN, European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture

09:45-10:00 **The Vision of the African Union: the relevance of higher education for tomorrow’s youth, CESA 2016-2025**

Dr. Beatrice NJENGA, Head of Education Division, African Union Commission

10:00-10:30 Coffee break & group photo, followed by parallel sessions

10:30-11:10 **Panel discussion: Purpose and activities of existing alumni associations**

- Representative of the Erasmus Mundus Association, Africa Chapter (EMA)
- Representative of the Intra-Africa Mobility Students

11:10-11:50 **Panel discussion: Enhancing the role of students in the educational process**

- Academic Representative of the Tuning Africa initiative
- Student representatives of the Tuning Africa initiative

11:50-12:30 **Panel discussion: Strengthening innovation in higher education**

- Representative of the Erasmus Mundus programme
- Representative of Babylab

12:30-13:00 **Questions and Answers**

13:00-14:00 **Buffet lunch**

14:00-16:30 **Parallel Workshops**

- **Parallel Workshop 1**: Identifying common challenges for students and alumni in Africa
- **Parallel Workshop 2**: Identifying common challenges for students in the learning environment
- **Parallel Workshop 3**: How to channel young people’s skills, entrepreneurship and active citizenship into local needs?

Coffee break on the go

16:30-17:30 **World Café** with feedback from Erasmus+ higher education cluster session

17:30-18:00 **Wrap-up day 1**

19:00-21:30 **Dinner**
09:00-09:15 Lessons learnt from the learning tree
Overall rapporteur with representatives from the parallel sessions

09:15-10:30 Parallel Workshops
Parallel Workshop 1: Defining the mandate and structure of an enhanced African alumni and student association
Parallel Workshop 2: Student participation in the educational process: a message to academic leaders
Parallel Workshop 3: Some initial proposals for Erasmus+ Youth Capacity Building actions

10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:30 Parallel Workshops continued
12:30-14:00 Buffet lunch
14:00-15:30 Plenary Discussion: Main ideas from the parallel sessions presented and discussed, drafting of conclusions
15:30-16:00 Coffee break
16:00-17:00 Conclusions and wrapping up: message to the Africa-EU Summit leaders
17:00 onwards Departure of participants