

# Joint Meeting of Permanent Secretaries Responsible for Agriculture, Education & Training, Science, Technology and Innovation

Cape Coast, Ghana

## Technocrats Round Table Dialogue

Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Time: 0830-1300

Venue: School of Graduate Studies Conference Room

**Focus: Technical Review of Progress in Implementation of Ministerial Decisions of October 2016 and October 2018 Ministerial Meetings in Cape Town (South Africa) and Nairobi (Kenya), Respectively**

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Rofella Combey, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Session Rapporteurs: Mr. Moses Waswa, Mr. Emmanuel Okalany and Dr. Sylvanus Mensah

Time	Agenda item	Responsible party
<b>Session 1: Setting the Scene</b>		
Session Chair: Mr Benjamin Kofi Gyasi, Chief Director, Ministry of Education, Ghana		
0830-0845	Welcome and introductory remarks	<b>Mr Benjamin Kofi Gyasi</b> , Chief Director, Ministry of Education, Ghana
0845-0900	Setting the Scene and Objectives of the Dialogue	<b>Dr Anthony Egeru</b> , Programme Manager, Training and Community Engagement, RUFORUM
0900-0925	Technical Paper 1: Realising Africa's unmet Science, Technology and Innovation Priorities in the face of Competitive Knowledge and Innovation Led Development.	<b>Prof. Frans Swanepoel</b> , University of Pretoria, South Africa
0925-0950	Technical Paper 2: Building a Critical Mass of Faculty to Enhance Africa's Diversity and Competitiveness	<b>Prof. Fanuel Tagwira</b> , Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development
0950-1030	Reactions to the Technical Papers: ALL	
1030-1100	Break Tea	
<b>Session Two: Progress updates</b>		
1100-1130	Progress in implementation of the Ministerial Decisions (2016 & 2018) and Committee of ten Heads of State Summit (C10) tasks assigned to RUFORUM: Five	<b>Dr. Alice Mutiti Mweetwa</b> , Deputy Executive Secretary, RUFORUM

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	<p>proposed Continental initiatives for consideration by the Member States;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Strengthening Higher Agricultural Education in Africa (SHAEA)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Building Africa's Agriculture, Science, Technology and Innovation Capacity (BASTIC)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Strengthening Africa's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Capacity for Economic Development (SASTIE)</i></li> <li>4. <i>Proposal on a Joint Initiative to strengthen Staff capacities in African Universities and increase the pool of Women scientists (RISSCAW)</i></li> <li>5. <i>University Engagement to support Human Capital Development, Youth Employability and Entrepreneurship for Agricultural Transformation in Africa (HEEAT)</i></li> </ol>	
1130-1210	<b>Reactions to Progress updates and Key Resolutions</b> <b>Moderator: Mr. Benjamin Kofi Gyasi, Chief Director, Ministry of Education, Ghana</b>	
1210-1250	Review of the Draft Ministerial Communique	<b>Mrs. Levina Owusu</b> , Chief Director, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana
1250-1300	Closing Remarks	<b>Mr. Benjamin Kofi Gyasi</b> , Chief Director, Ministry of Education, Ghana
1300-1415	<b>LUNCH</b>	

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