



Final OVERVIEW PROGRAMME (24th November 2021)

THE SEVENTH AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK AND RUFORUM TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE,

06 - 10 December 2021

Theme: Operationalising Higher Education for Innovation, Industrialisation, Inclusion and Sustainable Economic Development in Africa:

A Call for Action

Venue: Palais des Congres de Cotonou, Benin

DAY	MORNING SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 8:30-10:30	BREAK	MID-MORNING SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 11:00-13:00	LUNCH	AFTERNOON SESSIONS AND SIDE EVENTS 14:00-17:00	BREAK	EVENING SESSIONS AND EVENTS 19:00-21:00			
MAIN CONFERENCE EVENTS AND RUFORUM GOVERNANCE MEETING										
SUNDAY 28 th -Nov-2021	Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT)					
MONDAY 29 th -Nov-2021	Local Organising Committee (LOC) and RUFORUM staff meeting	10:30- 11:00	Local Organising Committee (LOC) and RUFORUM staff meeting	13:00- 14:00	RUFORUM Secretariat Meeting					

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	Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Venue: Hôtel Secretariat Room- Palais des Congrès; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
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TUESDAY 30 th -Nov-2021	Meeting with the Benin Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and other Government Officials Venue: Salles de conférence des Ministères; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Meeting with the Benin Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and other Government Officials Venue: Salles de conférence des Ministères; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Press briefing with Benin National TV and Other Media Houses Venue: TV Offices; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
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WEDNESDAY 01 st Dec- 2021	Local Organising Committee (LOC) and RUFORUM staff meeting Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Local Organising Committee (LOC) and RUFORUM staff meeting Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Social media review and planning session Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	

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THURSDAY 02 nd Dec 2021	Benin Higher Education Day Venue: UAC-Idriss Deby Itno; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3H5CBH8) Time: 08:30 (WAT) Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Benin Higher Education Day Venue: UAC-Idriss Deby Itno; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3H5CBH8) Time: 11:00 (WAT) Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Benin Higher Education Day Venue: UAC-Idriss Deby Itno; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3H5CBH8) Time: 14:00 (WAT) Proposal Development: Responding to the French call Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
FRIDAY 03 rd Dec-2021	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 08:30 (WAT) Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students Venue: UAC Salle AudioVisuelle EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu) Time: 09:00 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 11:00 (WAT) Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students Venue: UAC Salle AudioVisuelle EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu)	13:00- 14:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT) Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students Venue: UAC Salle AudioVisuelle EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu)	

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	Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage) Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage) Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage) Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
					RUFORUM Secretariat Review Meeting Venue: Hôtel Secretariat Room- Palais des Congrès; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
	Content review and development of eLearning course modules Venue: Azalai Hotel; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/2ZerlkJ) Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Content review and development of eLearning course modules Venue: Azalai Hotel; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/2ZerlkJ) Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Content review and development of eLearning course modules Venue: Azalai Hotel; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/2ZerlkJ) Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
04 th -Dec-2021 Postgrad Venue: L	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	Open Space
	Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students		Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students		Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students	

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					Setup Exhibitions and Poster Venue: Palais des Congres; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
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SUNDAY 05 th -Dec-2021	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
	Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students		Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students		Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students	

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Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle EPAC;

Blended (Link:

https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu)
Time: 09:00 (WAT)

Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage)

Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon;

Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Principals and Deans Meeting (Subcommittee / and country

representatives)

Venue: Sun Beach Hôtel; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3qrOvoN)

Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Technical Committee and TAGDev Steering Committee Meeting

Venue: Azalai Hôtel; Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Meeting of Finance and Administration Committee Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel;

Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle

EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu) Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage)

Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon;

Time: 11:00 (WAT)

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Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle

EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu) Time: 14:00 (WAT)

Entrepreneurship and community, curriculum review and development through Agri-engage (AGRIEngage) Venue: UAC-Batiment Sopkon;

Time: 14:00 (WAT)

TOURS and Field Visits (Principals and

Deans, Technical Committee

Members)

Venue: Different locations

Time: 14:00 (WAT)

RUFORUM International Advisory

Panel Meeting

Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel; Belnded

(Link: https://bit.ly/3x5TA7D)

Time: 14:00 (WAT)

Meeting of Finance and Administration Committee Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel;

Time: 14:00 (WAT)

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	Setup Exhibitions and Poster Venue: Palais des Congres; Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Setup Exhibitions and Poster Venue: Palais des Congres; Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Setup Exhibitions and Poster Venue: Palais des Congres; Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
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MONDAY	Setup Exhibitions and Poster	10:30-	Setup Exhibitions and Poster	13:00-	Formal Opening of the Exhibitions	Interactiv
06 th -Dec-2021	Venue: Palais des Congres	11:00	Venue: Palais des Congres	14:00	and Posters (by one of the Benin	session fo
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Ministers)	Universit
					Venue: Palais des Congres	Leaders a
					Time: 08:30 (WAT)	Policy
	Symposium: Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des Congrès; Blended video conference Blended (link: https://bit.ly/3ikDGR9) Time: 09:00 (WAT)		Symposium: Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des Congrès; Blended video conference Blended (link: https://bit.ly/3ikDGR9) Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Symposium: Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des Congrès; Blended video conference Blended (link: https://bit.ly/3ikDGR9) Time: 14:00 (WAT)	Makers (Dinner)
	CARP Principal Investigators Meeting		CARP Principal Investigators Meeting		CARP Principal Investigators Meeting	
	Venue: PDC- S301;		Venue: PDC- S301;		Venue: PDC- S301;	
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:00 (WAT)	

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RECAP Principal Investigators Training

Venue: PDC- S302; Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Meeting of Governments' Technical

Experts

Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel;

Time: 09:00 (WAT)

Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students **Venue: UAC- Houdegbe;**

Time: 08:30 (WAT)

Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students

Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle EPAC;

Blended (Link:

https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu)
Time: 09:00 (WAT)

RECAP Principal Investigators Training

Venue: PDC- \$302; Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Press briefing with TVs and Other

Media Houses

Venue: Media House; Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Meeting of Governments' Technical

Experts

Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel;

Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students **Venue: UAC- Houdegbe;**

Time: 11:00 (WAT)

Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students

Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle

EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu) Time: 09:00 (WAT) **RECAP Principal Investigators Training**

Venue: PDC- S302; Time: 14:00 (WAT)

Press briefing with TVs and Other

Media Houses

Venue: Media House; Time: 14:00 (WAT)

Interdisciplinary Training for Postgraduate Students Venue: UAC- Houdegbe; Time: 14:00 (WAT)

Scientific Writing and Presentation Skills for Postgraduate students Venue: UAC Salle Audiovisuelle

EPAC; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3kgEbMu) Time: 09:00 (WAT)

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TUESDAY	Enhancing the knowledge economy	10:30-	Enhancing the knowledge economy	13:00-	RUFORUM Board Meeting	16:30-	Ministerial
07 th -Dec-2021	through University-Private Sector	11:00	through University-Private Sector	14:00	Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des	17:00	Dinner
	Engagement		Engagement		Congrès;		
	Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des		Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des		Time: 15:30 (WAT)		Venue:
	Congrès; Blended (Link:		Congrès; Blended (Link:				Novotel
	https://bit.ly/2ZzMiwc		https://bit.ly/2ZzMiwc		Ministerial Round Table		Hôtel
	Time: 09:00 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Venue: Golden Tulip Hôtel;		
					Time: 14:30 (WAT)		
	CARP Principal Investigators Meeting		CARP Principal Investigators Meeting		CARP Principal Investigators Meeting		
	Venue: PDC- S301;		Venue: PDC- S301;		Venue: PDC- S301;		
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:30 (WAT)		
					RECAP Principal Investigators Training		
	RECAP Principal Investigators Training		RECAP Principal Investigators Training		Venue: PDC- S302;		
	Venue: PDC- S302; Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Venue: PDC- S302; Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:00 (WAT)		
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	Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		
	Venue: Palais des Congres		Venue: Palais des Congres		Venue: Palais des Congres		
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:00 (WAT)		
	Side event: Virginia Tech		Side event: Virginia Tech: Launch of		Side event: Virginia Tech		
	Partnership with Egerton University		the Global Agriculture Productivity		Positive youth development & An		
	and Others		(GAP) Report		Integrated Approach to Workforce		
	Venue: PDC- S303; Blended		Venue: PDC- S303; Blended		Education and Development: The		
	(link: https://bit.ly/3gfpGXu)		(Link: https://bit.ly/3oK4NIS)		Experience of Virginia Tech's Center		
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		for International Research and		

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	Development International	
	Engagements	
	Venue: PDC-S303; Blended	
	(link: https://bit.ly/37Y5MvE)	
	Time: 14:00 (WAT)	
	PBL interaction with the Principals	
	and Deans	
	Venue: Sun Beach Hôtel;	
	Time: 14:00 (WAT)	

WEDNESDAY	Plenary Session 1	10:30-	Plenary Session 2	13:00-	Official Opening Ceremony of the	17:30-	State
08 th -Dec-2021	Theme Mapping Progress in Agriculture	11:00	Theme: Building Africa's Science,	14:00	Seventh African Higher Education	21:30	Reception
	in Africa (country case studies)		Technology and Innovation Capacity		Week and RUFORUM Triennial		(by
	Venue: Blue Auditorium ; Palais des		Venue: Blue Auditorium ; Palais des		Conference (Address and Recognition		Government
	Congrès; Blended (Link:		Congrès; Blended (Link:		Awards by H.E. Patrice TALON, The		of Benin)
	https://bit.ly/3mVE6A9		https://bit.ly/3mVE6A9		President of the Republic of Benin),		
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:30 (WAT)		Venue: Red Auditorium; Palais des		Venue: PDC
					Congrès;		
					Blended (Link:		
					https://bit.ly/3AVfWdk)		
					Time: 14:00 (WAT)		
	Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		

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	Venue: Palais des Congres Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Venue: Palais des Congrès Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Venue: Palais des Congres Time: 14:00 (WAT)		
	Parallel Scientific Sessions: poster presentations (see details in the programme e-booklet to be shared) Venue: Virtual (Link: https://bit.ly/3BSbDPw) Time: 09:00 (WAT)						
	Role of Private Sector, Policy and Farmer Organizations in the proposed EU-Africa International Research Consortium on FNSSA Venue: PDC- S301; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3zSvdu3) Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Role of Private Sector, Policy and Farmer Organizations in the proposed EU-Africa International Research Consortium on FNSSA Venue: PDC- S301; Blended Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3zSvdu3) Time: 11:00 (WAT)				
THURSDAY 09 th -Dec-2021	Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared) Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des Congres for the opening; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3t9PzwU) Time: 08:30 (WAT)	10:30- 11:00	Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared) Venue: Laguna, Palais des Congres; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3t9PzwU) Time: 11:00 (WAT)	13:00- 14:00	Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared) Venue: Laguna, Palais des Congres; Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/3t9PzwU) Time: 14:00 (WAT)	17:30- 21:30	Reflections on the RUFORUM Journey and Envisioning the Future (Dinner)
	Young Innovators side event		Young Innovators side event		Young Innovators side event		

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	Venue: PDC- S305;		Venue: PDC- S305;		Venue: PDC- S305;		Venue:
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:00 (WAT)		Novotel
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	Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing		
	Venue: Palais des Congres;		Venue: Palais des Congres;		Venue: Palais des Congres;		
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Time: 14:00 (WAT)		Evening
							Event for
	Country / Policy dialogues		Country / Policy dialogues		Reflections on Promoting inclusivity in		Women
	Venues:		Venues:		R&D in Africa		Leaders and
	DRC: PDC- S301		DRC: PDC- S301		Venue: Blue Auditorium Palais des		Selected
	Malawi: PDC- S302		Malawi: PDC- S302		Congres; Blended (Link:		Guests
	Namibia: PDC- S303		Namibia: PDC- S303		https://bit.ly/2WhsBYR)		Venue:
	Uganda: PDC- S304		Uganda: PDC- S304		Time: 14:30 (WAT)		Azalai Hôtel
	Time: 09:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		, ,		7.24.4.77000
FRIDAY	RUFORUM Annual General Meeting	10:30-	RUFORUM Annual General Meeting	13:00-	Closing Ceremony:	17:30-	Gala Dinner
10 th -Dec-2021	Venue: Red Auditorium; Palais des	11:00	Venue: Red Auditorium; Palais des	14:00	Venue: Red Auditorium; Palais des	21:30	by the
	Congrès;		Congrès;		Congrès;		Government
	Blended (Link: https://bit.ly/39FKdAF)		Blended (Link:				of Benin
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		https://bit.ly/39FKdAF)		Thoughts on a future Africa: A Call for		
	,		Time: 11:00 (WAT)		Action		Venue: PDC
			,				
	Evaluating the Impact of		Evaluating the Impact of		Prize Awards for Young Innovators &		
	Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness		Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness		Farmers & Upcoming Scientists from		
	Training		Training		Benin		
	Venue: Laguna, Palais des Congres;		Venue: Laguna, Palais des Congres;				
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Launch of Higher Education Book		
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	Exhibitions and Poster viewing		Exhibitions and Poster viewing				
	Venue: Palais des Congres;		Venue: Palais des Congres;				
	Time: 08:30 (WAT)		Time: 11:00 (WAT)				
SATURDAY	TOURS and Field Visit	10:30-	TOURS and Field Visits	13:00-	Meeting of LOC, ROC, and 2022 AGM	16:45-	
11 th -Dec-2021	Time: 08:30 (WAT)	11:00	Time: 11:00 (WAT)	14:00	Team from Zimbabwe	17:30	
					Venue: Palais des Congres;		
					Time: 14:00 (WAT)		

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