

Overall Theme: Galvanizing Partnerships for Africa's Universities Responses to Emerging Challenges and Opportunities

Summary of Planned Network level webinars

Webinar topic	Panelist	Discussion issues
<p>Learning from a crisis: University leaders' response to the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Christine Dranzoa, Vice Chancellor, Muni University, Arua-Uganda</p> <p>Date: 10 June 2020</p> <p>Time: 1300-1500 East African Standard Time</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hicham EL HABTI, Secretary General, Mohammed VI Polytechnique University (UM6P), Benguerir-Morocco 2. Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University- Uganda 3. Prof. Francis Petersen, Vice Chancellor, University of Free State- South Africa 4. Prof. Arthur Mol, Rector Magnifus, Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR), Netherlands 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responding to University immediate needs including; staff realignment 2. Dealing with digital divide in the student community 3. University finances for operations and innovations in a changing landscape 4. International students in a crisis moment
<p>Re-imagining higher education in Africa in the 'new normal'</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Frans Swanepoel, University of Pretoria</p> <p>Date: 19 June 2020</p> <p>Time: 15.00-17.00 East African Standard Time</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Albert Nsengiyumva, Executive Secretary, ADEA, Addis Ababa- Ethiopia 2. Prof. Amon Murwira, Minister of Higher Education, Harare-Zimbabwe 3. Prof. Adam Habib, Vice Chancellor, WITS 4. Amit Dar, World Bank Regional Director for Africa for Human Development, Washington-USA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovations for teaching and learning and closing digital divide 2. Resourcing higher education institutions-university finances 3. Innovations for engaged universities-redefining university-community and private sector engagement 4. Opportunities for universities; immediate and long-term opportunities (influencing national and regional development through innovation)
<p>Universities role in preparedness, response and monitoring of emerging and re-emerging pandemics</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Address Mauakowa Malata, Vice Chancellor, Malawi University of Science and Technology, Lumbe-Malawi</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. John Nkengasong, Executive Director, Africa CDC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2. Dr. Ruth Aceng, Minister of Health, Government of Uganda, Kampala-Uganda 3. Prof. Kwasi Obiri-Danso, Vice Chancellor, Nkwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Universities innovations in response to COVID-19 situation 2. Innovations for technical and policy response to public health emergencies 3. Capacity building needs for Africa's excellence in the new normal (diagnostics-laboratory infrastructure, molecular,

<p>Date: 03 July 2020</p> <p>Time: 15.00-17.00 East African Standard Time</p>	<p>4. Dr. Trevor Mundell, President Global Health, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA</p>	<p>clinical management, therapeutics, vaccines)</p> <p>4. Africa's collaboration and financing for health innovations in the new normal</p>
<p>Delivering food for Africa in a transforming agri-food systems in the 'new normal'</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dora F. Edu-Buandoh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana</p> <p>Date: 15 July 2020</p> <p>Time: 15.00-17.00 East African Standard Time</p>	<p>1. Dr. Simeon Ehui, Regional Director for Sustainable Development for Africa, World Bank, Washington</p> <p>2. Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President, AGRA, Nairobi-Kenya</p> <p>3. Dr. Frannie Léautier, Executive Director-Asset Management, The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB)</p> <p>4. Prof. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, Accra -Ghana</p>	<p>1. Re-contextualising support for enhancing productivity and marketing systems for smallholder farmers</p> <p>2. Innovations for delivering agricultural advisory services to farmers to enable them make smart decisions</p> <p>3. Innovations for reducing logistical bottlenecks and enhancing e-commerce</p> <p>4. Innovations for multiple agricultural and social protection interventions</p>
<p>Building a Regional Collective Response to Invasive pests and transboundary crop-livestock diseases</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Diana Akullo Ogwang, AUC-DREA, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia</p> <p>Date: 29 July 2020</p> <p>Time: 14.00-16.00 East African Standard Time</p>	<p>1. Hon. Vincent Ssempija, Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Government of Uganda, Kampala-Uganda</p> <p>2. Prof. Jean Jacques Mbonigaba Muhinda, Executive Secretary ASARECA, Entebbe-Uganda</p> <p>3. Dr Mohamed Mousa, Director, Agriculture and Environment Division, IGAD-Djibouti</p> <p>4. Prof. Ibrahim Adam El-Dukheri, Executive Secretary, Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development, Khartoum-Sudan</p>	<p>1. Intensity, costs and further threats from invasive pests and diseases in Africa region: science basis</p> <p>2. Regional policy interventions and institutional support mechanisms (AUC, DLO, RECs, SROs)</p> <p>3. Building collective financing for regional level response</p> <p>4. Africa's capacity for confronting invasive pests and diseases in the 21st Century</p>