



DRAFT OVERVIEW PROGRAMME (15th August 2020)

**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 14:30-17:00	BREAK	EVENING SESSIONS AND EVENTS 19:00-21:00
MONDAY 29 th -Nov-2021	Arrival of ROC (RUFORUM Secretariat Organising Committee)		Arrival of ROC		Local organising Committee (LOC) and RUFORUM staff meeting Venue		RUFORUM Secretariat Meeting Venue:
TUESDAY 30 th -Nov-2021	Meeting with the Benin Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and other Government Officials Students Social Media Training Venue: University of Abomey Calavi		Meeting with the Benin Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and other Government Officials Students Social Media Training Venue: University of Abomey Calavi		Press briefing with National TV and Other Media Houses Students Social Media Training Venue: University of Abomey Calavi Arrival of CARP Doctoral students, Postdoc and GTAs		

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<p>SATURDAY 04th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>Interdisciplinary Training for Early Career Scientists (Post Doc, GTAs, CARP and PARI doctoral students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Presentation Skills training for students (Sentinel, TAGDev students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Social Media Training for TAGDev Undergraduate students Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p><i>Arrival of Principals and Deans</i></p> <p><i>Arrival of Technical and TAGDev Steering Committee Members</i></p> <p><i>Arrival of RUFORUM International Advisory Panel (IAP)</i></p>		<p>Interdisciplinary Training for Early Career Scientists (Post Doc, GTAs, CARP and PARI doctoral students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Presentation Skills training for students (Sentinel, TAGDev students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Social Media Training for TAGDev Undergraduate students Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p><i>Arrival of Principals and Deans</i></p> <p><i>Arrival of Technical and TAGDev Steering Committee Members</i></p> <p><i>Arrival of RUFORUM International Advisory Panel (IAP)</i></p>		<p>Interdisciplinary Training for Early Career Scientists (Post Doc, GTAs, CARP and PARI doctoral students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Presentation Skills training for students (Sentinel, TAGDev students) Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Social Media Training for TAGDev Undergraduate students Venue: University of Abomey Calavi</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster setup Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	<p>Open Space</p>
<p>SUNDAY 05th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>TOURS and Field Visits</p> <p>Principals and Deans Meeting</p>		<p>TOURS and Field Visits</p> <p>Principals and Deans Meeting</p>		<p>TOURS and Field Visits</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster setup</p>	<p>Possible Dinner address-</p>

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	<p>Venue:</p> <p>Technical Committee and TAGDev Steering Committee Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Arrival of Vice Chancellors and other Board members, Government Technical Experts</p>		<p>Venue:</p> <p>Technical Committee and TAGDev Steering Committee Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Arrival of Vice Chancellors and other Board members, Government Technical Experts</p>		<p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>RUFORUM International Advisory Panel Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Arrival of Vice Chancellors and other Board members, Government Technical Experts</p>	<p><i>Young Africa Works: Delivering Skills, Innovations and Employment for Africa</i></p>
<p>MONDAY 06th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>Exhibitions and Poster setup</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Symposium: Promoting Intra-Africa and Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa¹</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>CARP Principal Investigators Meeting</p> <p>Venue</p> <p>Meeting of Governments' Technical Experts</p> <p>Venue</p>		<p>Exhibitions and Poster setup</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>RUFORUM Board Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Symposium : Promoting Intra-Africa and Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>CARP Principal Investigators Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Press briefing with TVs and Other Media Houses</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Meeting of Governments' Technical Experts</p> <p>Venue</p>		<p>Formal Opening of the Exhibitions and Posters <i>(by one of the Benin Ministers)</i></p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Tour and Field visit by Vice Chancellors</p> <p>Symposium : Promoting Intra-Africa and Global Partnership for Higher Education in Africa</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>CARP Principal Investigators Meeting</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Press briefing with TVs and Other Media Houses</p> <p>Venue:</p>	<p>Deans and Principals Reception Dinner <i>(hosted by Benin Universities)</i></p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Student evening <i>(hosted by Benin Universities)</i></p> <p>Venue:</p>

¹ Two plenary sessions will be held in the morning; the morning session will be opened by the Hon. Minister of Higher Education (Benin), followed by the first plenary session of Ministers and a Second plenary session of Higher Education network.

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	Arrival of Ministers		Arrival of Ministers		Arrival of Ministers		
TUESDAY 07 th -Dec-2021	<p>Private Sector –Universities Business Forum</p> <p>Ministerial Round Table</p> <p>Venue</p> <p>Personal Mastery for students</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Arrival of Young Innovators</p>	10:30-11:00	<p>Private Sector-Universities Business Forum</p> <p>Ministerial Round Table</p> <p>Venue</p> <p>Personal Mastery for students</p> <p>Venue</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Arrival of Young Innovators</p>	13:00-14:00	<p>RUFORUM Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Venue</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Arrival of Young Innovators</p>	16:30-17:00	<p>Vice Chancellors and other invited guests Dinner (<i>hosted by Benin Universities</i>)</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p><i>Guest address by the former President of Mauritius</i></p>

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<p>WEDNESDAY 08th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>Plenary Session 1² <i>Theme: Fostering Agricultural Transformation in Africa-Mapping progress to date (country case studies)</i></p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2³ <i>Theme: Higher Education: Building Africa's Science, Technology and Innovation Capacity</i></p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p>Official Opening Ceremony of the Seventh African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Triennial Conference (Address and Recognition Awards by H.E. Patrice TALON, The President of the Republic of Benin)</p> <p>Venue: Palais des Congres</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	<p>17:30-21:30</p>	<p>State Reception (by Government of Benin)</p> <p>Venue:</p>
<p>THURSDAY 09th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared)</p> <p>Venue :</p> <p>Side events</p> <p>Young Innovators side event Venue:</p> <p>LEAP4FNSSA side event Venue</p>	<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared)</p> <p>Venue :</p> <p>Side events</p> <p>Young Innovators side event Venue:</p> <p>LEAP4FNSSA side event Venue</p>	<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p>Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared)</p> <p>Venue :</p> <p>Side events</p> <p>Young Innovators side event Venue:</p> <p>LEAP4FNSSA side event Venue</p>	<p>17:30-21:30</p>	<p>Open space</p>

² We shall invite the Ministers of Agriculture from Benin, Ghana and Rwanda, the Director General of Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency, AUC-Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture and the FAO Assistant Director General for Africa; Lead Paper by AGRA President

³ We shall invite as Panelists World Bank Vice President for Africa, OCP President, Executive Secretary ACBF, One current Vice Chancellor (UFS); one Minister and AUC Commissioner of HRST

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	<p>Blended Learning for Improving Access to Education Venue:</p> <p>Development Partners Forum: Collaborative investments for Higher Education in Africa Venue:</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>		<p>Blended Learning for Improving Access to Education Venue:</p> <p>Development Partners Forum: Collaborative investments for Higher Education in Africa Venue:</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>		<p>Blended Learning for Improving Access to Education Venue:</p> <p>Development Partners Forum: Collaborative investments for Higher Education in Africa Venue:</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 10th-Dec-2021</p>	<p>Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared) Venue :</p> <p>Side events</p> <p>Entrepreneurship and community engagement Venue:</p> <p>Young Innovators side event Venue:</p> <p>Exhibitions and Poster viewing</p>	<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Parallel Scientific Sessions (see details in the programme booklet to be shared) Venue :</p> <p>Side events</p> <p>Entrepreneurship and community engagement Venue:</p> <p>Young Innovators side event Venue:</p>	<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony & Prize awards for Young Innovators, Scientists & Farmers from Benin Venue: Palais des Congres</p>	<p>17:30-21:30</p> <p>Gala Dinner (by the Government of Benin-TBC) and Prize awards for best Posters and Exhibitions Venue:</p>

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	Venue: Palais des Congres		Exhibitions and Poster viewing Venue: Palais des Congres				
SATURDAY 11 th -Dec-2021	Departures TOURS and Field Visits	10:30- 11:00	Departures TOURS and Field Visits	13:00- 14:00	Departures Meeting of LOC, ROC, and 2022 AGM Team from Zimbabwe Venue:	16:45- 17:30	Departures
SUNDAY 12 th -Dec-2021	Departures TOURS and Field Visits	10:30- 11:00	Departures TOURS and Field Visits	13:00- 14:00	Departures TOURS and Field Visits	16:45- 17:30	Departures
MONDAY 13 th -Dec-2021	Departures	10:30- 11:00	Departures	13:00- 14:00	Departures	16:45- 17:30	Departures

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