**DAAD/ UNESCO Conference:**

**Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance in West & Central Africa**

**Venue:** Dakar, Senegal

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**Draft Programme**

### Wednesday, 14th November 2012

**Pre Conference Programme in cooperation with IIEP-UNESCO**

### Thursday, 15th November 2012

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<td><strong>Ms Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta</strong>, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Africa (UNESCO-BREDA)</td>
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<td><strong>Mr Christian Clages</strong>, Ambassador of the German Embassy Dakar (tbc)</td>
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<td><strong>Peter N. Materu</strong>, Senior Education Specialist Africa Region, World Bank (tbc)</td>
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Panel Discussion: Quality Assurance in Africa. A perspective from the regions

Based on two initial inputs (15 min) which point to recent developments in Europe and Africa the panelists are asked to inform on the state of art in QA in the regions. The session aims to compare the different approaches to QA, identify specific demands in the region and explores a common ground for joint action.

Professor Nadia Badrawi, President, Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education ANQAHE ANQAHE (tbc)

NN, European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)

Piyushi Kotecha, Chief Executive Officer, Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA) (tbc)

Professor Mayunga H.H Nkunya, Executive Secretary, Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)

M. ZakariLire, Acting President, African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN)

Professor Mbatchi, Secretary-General, ConseilAfricain et Malgache pour l’EnseignementSupérieur(CAMES) (tbc)

Professor Peter Okebukola, President, Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI)-Africa

Chair: Professor Juma Shabani, Director, UNESCO Bamako Cluster Office

Coffee and Tea

Panel – national case studies

After the regional perspectives have been discussed in the plenary the next panel is meant to focus on national QA systems and to discuss in more detail with participants on how to improve QA on national grounds. Each working group starts with a general introduction of the respective EQA system (whether it is centralized or decentralized, voluntary or mandatory, focusing on programs or institutions, covering both public and private universities etc.), complemented by a case of one universities which illustrates their internal QA system.

A: Kenya
B: Nigeria
C: Senegal

End of first conference day

Dinner
### Friday, 16th November 2012

**9.00 am**  
**Panel Discussion: European-African Quality Assurance Initiatives. Achievements and Lessons Learnt**  
In the following panel discussion joint capacity development initiatives between European and African Partners will be presented and discussed. All panelists are asked to give a brief description of the project, illustrate main achievements and point to challenges which they have encountered or which are still ahead.

**The DIES Project in East Africa**  
Professor Mayunga H.H Nkunya, IUCEA & Marc Wilde, DAAD

**TUNING Africa**  
OlusolaBandeleOyewole (Nigeria) & Margret Schermutzki (Germany)

**Europe-Africa Quality Connect**  
N.N., AAU & Elizabeth Colucci, EUA (tbc)

**Chair:** Stefan Bienefeld, Head of Division Development Cooperation, DAAD

**11.00 am**  
**Coffee Break**

**11.30 am**  
**Working Groups: Identifying Demands for Capacity Building in QA**

Based on an initial input on the characteristics of higher education provision and QA structures in place in Anglophone and Francophone Africa, the participants jointly develop specific demands for QA capacity development. Groups will also possibly develop strategies, recommendations or activity plans of what needs to be done.

**Working Group A:** How to manage quality within the university?

**Working Group B:** How to set up effective external quality assurance structures?

**Working Group C:** The role of Reviewers in Quality Assurance Processes

**Working Group D:** Linking Quality Assurance to the professional community

**1.00 pm**  
**Lunch**

**2.00 pm – 3.30 pm**  
**Working Groups continued: Drafting of Action Plans**  
(coffee breaks to be served in-between)
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**09:00 am**  
Panel Discussion: The role of Stakeholders in QA  
The panel discusses the role of stakeholders in higher education, focusing in particular on the role of employers and students. The African panelists are invited to raise their expectations towards the providers of higher educations. The European counterparts share their experience regarding the inclusion of stakeholders in QA procedures and how their interaction with universities has developed over the last decade.  
**Professor Olugbemiro Jegede**, Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU) (tbc)  
**Ms Lesley Wilson**, Secretary General, European University Association (EUA) (tbc)  
N.N., African Student Representative  
**Gertie De Fraeye**, Former vice-chairperson and chairperson of Flemish Union of Students (VVS), Member of the EQAR Committee (tbc)  
N.N., African Labour Market Representative  
N.N., African Trade Union Representative  
**Chair:** N.N.  

**10.30 am**  
Coffee Break  

**11.00 am**  
Summary of the Results of the Working Group Sessions and Conclusions  
Two rapporteurs (one from Africa, one from Europe) present the results of the working group session of Tuesday. The General Rapporteur gives an overall wrap up on the Conference and draws main conclusion for the way forward.  

**11.45 am**  
Discussion of Conference results  
Panel of Ministers  
**Chair:** Ms Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director, UNESCO-BREDIA)  

**12.45 pm**  
Closing  

**1.00 pm**  
Lunch  

**Afternoon**  
Optional Sight Seeing Programme for Participants  
**Afternoon**  
Option for Project Meeting back-to-back to the Conference