

# SAVE THE DATE

**Knocking on the Door of Higher Education Institutions:**  
The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and the Involvement of  
Nordic Actors



September 27, 2023



14:00 PM  
Followed by Networking Cocktail



**Location:** Norway House  
**Address:** Rue Archimède 17  
B-1000 Brussels



Dear colleague,

On behalf of the organising committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend our upcoming event: *“Knocking on the Door of Higher Education Institutions: The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and the Involvement of Nordic Actors”* on the **27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, at Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Bruxelles** (the event will also be streamed).

**Invited speakers include:**



**H.E. Prof. Mohamed  
Belhocine (TBC)**

**AU Commissioner**  
Education, Science,  
Technology, and  
Innovation



**Maria Cristina Russo**

**Director**  
Global Approach &  
International Cooperation  
in R&I, DG RTD, European  
Commission



**Dr. Lavern Samuels**

**Chair / President**  
SANORD  
&  
IEASA

Other invited speakers include **Dr. Umesh Bawa** – Director of SANORD & Director of International Relations at the University of the Western Cape, **Ms. Maria Soraya Rodriguez Ramos** – MEP (TBC), and **Professor Kenneth Matengu** – Vice-Chancellor at the University of Namibia & Chair of the Pan African University Council. In addition, high-level representatives of Nordic Universities will also be attending.

The purpose of the event is to inform the participants about the current state of implementation of the joint EU-AU Innovation agenda, its priorities and future perspectives, and to discuss the role and engagement that universities have with particular attention to the cooperation between Nordic and African universities.

Register [HERE](#)

For updates and information in the time running up to the event, check out the [event website](#)

The event is organised by: NTNU, UiB, Universities in South Sweden, Gothenburg European Office, Greater Copenhagen EU Office, University of Eastern Finland & Helsinki EU Office.

