

Draft Event Agenda

Knocking on the Door of Higher Education Institutions:

The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and the Involvement of Nordic Actors



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14:00 Registration desk opens

Welcoming coffee and pastries available

14:30 – 14:55 Opening Plenary

14:30-14:35 Welcome by the Norwegian Ambassador to the EU

Keynotes:

14:35-14:45 Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships (TBC)

14:45-14:55 H.E. Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (TBC)

Moderator:

Cecilia D’Alessandro, Policy Officer, ECDPM (TBC)

14:55 – 15:15 EU-AU Collaboration: A Key Asset in the Global Scenario

Keynotes:

14:55-15:05 María Soraya Rodriguez Ramos, MEP (TBC)

15:05-15:15 Lavern Samuels, Chair of the Southern African Nordic Centre (TBC)

15:15– 15:35 AU-EU Innovation Agenda: current implementation status

Keynote:

15:15-15:30 Maria Cristina Russo, EC, DG RTD, Director of Directorate Global Approach and international cooperation in R&I.

15:30-15:35 Q&A

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15:35 – 16:15 Collaboration activities between Nordic and African actors

15:35-15:45 Example 1 (TBD).

15:45-15:55 Example 2 (TBD).

15:55-16:05 Example 3 (TBD).

16:05-16:15 Q&A

16:15– 16:35 Break

16:35– 17:30 Debate: What is the added value deriving from an enhanced engagement of Nordic HEIs into the new EU-AU Innovation Agenda?

Debate panelists:

Tor Grande, Pro-Rector for Research and Dissemination, NTNU

Maria Cristina Russo, EC, DG RTD, Director of Directorate Global Approach and international cooperation in R&I.

Lavern Samuels, Chair of the Southern African Nordic Centre (TBC)

Rector African University

Additional commenters:

Benedicte Carlsen, Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations, UiB

Andreas De Neergaard, Dean of Technology & Health Sciences, Roskilde University

Moderator:

Kerstin Tham, Vice-Chancellor, Malmö University