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THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES
(AAU - NARO)**

Hosted by Al-Azhar University
With his splendid presence of His Emeinece
Grand Imam Prof. Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, Sheikh of Al-Azhar

Date: Tuesday, 5th of Rajab, 1440 AH , 12th of March, 2019

VENUE: Al-Azhar International Conference Center

Inauguration ceremony Program

Time	Activity	Speaker
SESSION ON (Opening Speeches)		
8.30 -9:00 a.m	Guest Arrival & Registration	
9:00 - 12:00 a.m	- Recitation of The Holy Quran - Panoramic Show about the Egyptian civilization and Al-Azhar Al-Sharif	In collaboration of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage (CultNat)
	Speech by Al Azhar University President	Prof. Mohamed Hussein Al Mahrasawy
	Speech by AAU President	Prof. Orlando Antonio
	Speech by AAU Secretary General	Prof. Etienne Ehile
	Speech by African Union	Ambassador Abdulhamid Bu Zaher
	Speech by Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research	Prof. Khaled Abd El-Ghaffar
	Speech by Al-Azhar Grand Imam	Prof. Ahmed El-Tayeb
<i>Signing MOU between Al-Azhar University and AAU official Opening of NARO via live TV broadcast</i>		
SESSION TWO		
12:00 - 2:00P.M	1. Goodwill messages	<i>Diplomats, public figures, African Union</i>
	2. Major Presentations • State of higher education in Africa and current initiatives • Human Resources Science and Technology at the AU Commission (AUC – HRST)	<i>Africa Union</i>
	3. AAU Major Initiatives • Harmonization of higher education • Research and education networks • Africa Centers of Excellence • AUC CESA Cluster (Africa continental education strategy- AAU) • Need for a comprehensive Continental and Regional HE Information database	<i>Association of African Universities: Dr. Violet Makuku Nodumo Dhlamini</i>
	2:00 - 3:00P.M	• Lunch • Visiting AAU – NARO