OPEN CALL TO AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR AAU TO FACILITATE INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 2020

THE CALL

The Association of African Universities (AAU) Secretariat is calling on African Higher and Tertiary Educational Institutions to indicate their interest for the AAU Secretariat to organize Institutional Capacity Building Workshops on their behalf during the year 2020. This activity is implemented by the AAU in its capacity as the apex body and Voice of Higher Education in Africa as well as the Coordinator for the African Union’s Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2016-2025) Cluster on Higher Education.

WHAT IS AN INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOP?

An Institutional Workshop is a capacity building workshop organized by the AAU for staff of a particular institution. The workshop content is designed in collaboration with the institution in order to meet its specific needs. In terms of duration, they take between 3-10 days and are normally delivered at the institution or at a selected venue outside the campus. The cost of delivering the Institutional Workshop is negotiated between the AAU and the concerned institution. One key advantage this type of workshop has over the others, is that a good number of staff can be trained at once at an affordable rate as opposed to sending individuals to attend workshops outside the institution.

WHY PARTNER AAU FOR YOUR CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS?

The AAU has extensive experience in organizing and delivering high-quality workshops tailored for the needs of higher and tertiary education practitioners. The AAU has effectively trained over 50,000 academic staff since its founding in 1967. The AAU has a vast database of higher education experts that it mobilizes to support the delivery of the required workshops—including Francophone, Arabic, Lusophone and Anglophone experts. The AAU is ready to design and deliver workshops that are customized to the specific needs of institutions.

ADVANTAGES OF INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOPS

- University staff can be trained at once at affordable rates as opposed to sending individuals to attend workshops outside the country.
- The institutional model encourages quick implementation of recommendations agreed upon during the workshop with less to no resistance from staff because of a common realization of the need to act once the workshop is over.
- The workshops are tailor-made to address the key areas of concern indicated by the institution.
- There is ample time for the institution to plan and properly budget for all the workshops that are needed during each academic year.
- Follow up monitoring and evaluation of the training’s impact is more feasible.

THEMATIC AREA | SOME EXAMPLES OF WORKSHOPS
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**TEACHING AND LEARNING** | - Online Teaching and Learning Management  
- Learner-Centred Teaching Skills for 21st Century HE & Tertiary Education Personnel  
- Good Assessment Practices in HEI Education  
- Educational Technologies (EdTech)  
- TVET Education  
- Innovations in Teaching & Learning

**LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT FOR AFRICAN HEIS** | - University Governance  
- Leadership Development  
- Management Development  
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning;  
- Legal Issues in Higher Education  
- Examination Ethics and Academic Integrity  
- Faculty Development  
- Best Practices in Donor Fund Management  
- Procurement & Contract Management Systems for Universities  
- Capacity Building for University Registrars and Administrators

**RESEARCH QUALITY** | - QA in Research for the 21st Century Higher & Tertiary Education Personnel  
- Research Leadership  
- Research Methods  
- Scientific Writing Skills  
- Proposal Writing  
- Laboratory Management  
- Research Communication & Partnerships  
- Data ethics and skills for reproducing research using Stata  
- Public Private Partnerships

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR AFRICAN HEIS** | - Resource Mobilization for HEIs  
- Financial Management for HEIs

**QUALITY ASSURANCE** | - Quality Assurance for HEIs  
- African Quality Rating Mechanism Evaluations

**LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** | - Database of African Theses & Dissertations  
- KOHA Library Management System

**ICT** | - Cyber Security for African HEIs  
- Quality Websites for HEIs  
- Coding Skills for Everyone

**COMMUNICATION** | - Communication Skills & Strategies for African HEIs  
- Social Media Skills for African HEIs

**STUDENTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS** | - Student Leaders Workshop  
- University Counsellors and Psychological Services Practitioners  
- Student Affairs Practitioners in African Universities

**SPECIAL WORKSHOPS** | - Tailor-made workshops adapted to the needs of institutions

HOW TO APPLY

We therefore invite African higher education institutions to indicate their interest for AAU to conduct their capacity building workshops by completing this online form: https://www.research.net/r/Wrks20

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any other questions about the whole exercise, please contact the Secretary General’s Office via secgen@aau.org and + 233 302-774495

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