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Launch of the Association of African Universities Europe Regional Office

March 6, 2024

Trent Building, University Park Campus,
University of Nottingham, UK

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Streaming link for
virtual attendance:
<https://tinyurl.com/AAUEROLaunch>

Time

Session

09.00	Arrival and Refreshments
09.30 – 09.50	<p>Welcome</p> <p>A joint welcome from Vice-Chancellor, Shearer West and the AAU President, Bakri Osman Saeed</p>
09.50 – 10.30	<p>First Panel Discussion</p> <p>A panel discussion on 'University collaborations between Europe and Africa: Strengthening research and teaching excellence'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AAU Secretary General, Olusola Bandele Oyewole UoN Vice-Chancellor, Shearer West
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Presenting the AAU European Regional Office</p> <p>A presentation of the aims and future activities/events of the AAU ERO</p> <p>- Juliet Thondhlana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can the ERO do for African and European institutions?
11.00 - 11.30	Networking Break (tea and coffee)
11.30 - 12.00	<p>AAU ERO Projects Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Ethics in Education – Kathryn Bailey Research Writing Workshops - Felicia Kuagbedzi & Yuwei Xu Mapping the Landscape of AI design and use in Higher Education in Africa - Damian Eke & Bernd Stahl Capacity Building/Executive Education - Amanda Chukwudozie, Lucy Cooker & Jim Green Research Management in Africa – Beate Knight Partnership to strengthen the engagement of African stakeholders in computational and artificial intelligence activities - through the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society – Christian Wagner and Nodumo Dhlamini
12.00 - 12.20	<p>Official Launch Ceremony and Plaque and Flag Presentation</p> <p>AAU President and Secretary General to present plaque to UoN Vice Chancellor</p>

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Lunch and Networking

13.30 - 14.15

Second Panel Discussion

Transformative partnerships: Advancing the research ecosystem between African and European higher education sectors

Panel Focus: partnership and collaboration models between groups, organisations and institutions in Africa and Europe. The panel will examine the sector beyond just institutions, and will look at drivers, enablers, challenges, lessons through the lenses of policy, partnerships and funding. The panel will also put forward some ideas for the future of Africa and Europe's collaboration on an equitable transcontinental research ecosystem pursuing mutual interests.

- **Beate Knight**- Head of Programmes, Association of Commonwealth Universities
- **Frederick Ato Armah** - Director of Research and Programmes, Association of African Universities (AAU)
- **Rita Dickson**- Vice-Chancellor, KNUST
- **Maeve Fitzpatrick**, Strategic Lead International Research

14.15 - 14.45

Networking Break

14.45 - 15.15

Africa-Focused at the University of Nottingham: Research Showcase

- **Judy Muthuri/Lara Bianchi** - Business and Human Rights in South Africa
- **Eleanor Mitchell** - Clinical Trials in Nigeria with the University of Lagos
- **Lorna Kiamba** - Clean Energy for low-income homes in Kenya
- Others:
- **Damian Eke** - Sustainable eThics Reviews of digital heAlth Technology dESiGn In sub saharan afriCa (STRATEGIC)
- **Pete Russell** - SA Design and Build Studio Project/s
- **Jo Darkwa** - Implementation of Bio-Rural Energy Scheme (IBRES) for Ghana

15.15-15.30

Closing Comments

Juliet Thondhlana, Coordinator, AAU Europe Regional Office

PART 2

PROGRAMME