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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Pan African University Strategic Plan – Moving onto the implementation Phase



The Bureau of the PAU Council met on 7th June to endorse the final version of the Strategic Plan and discuss the implementation steps.

After the final endorsement of the Pan African University Strategic Plan 2020-2024 by the Bureau of the PAU Council on June 7th, the Pan African University moves onto the implementation phase. With the support of GIZ, the Strategic Plan will be translated into operational planning at the Rectorate and institute level. Clear-cut key performance indicators, means of verification, responsibilities, timelines, risks/assumptions will be outlined for each institute as well as for the Rectorate. Since 2019 is considered as a preparatory year, the focus lies on tackling the major bottlenecks for the institutional development. Under the guidance and advisory of the Strategic Planning Committee, the PAU Rectorate jointly with the Human Resources, Science, and Technology (HRST) Department will steer the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

Coming Soon: The New Pan African University Website



The PAU communication and IT officers gathered in Nairobi, Kenya to review the PAU Communication Strategy and strengthened capacities towards its operationalization.

To foster the engagement of African Union member states, partners, students and alumni, the PAU is strengthening its efforts in communication and public relations. Consequently, the PAU is currently developing a new website which will be launched in August 2019.

The Communication and IT Officers from all institutes met in Nairobi, Kenya on May 14th-15th to jointly work on the website. Moreover, the new PAU Communication Strategy has been discussed. It envisages the alignment of the communication efforts across the Rectorate and all the Institutes. Alongside the process to foster the communication of the university, several communication products such as videos, presentations, social media campaigns will be developed.

Quality assurance at the Pan African University

The GIZ is supporting the implementation and strengthening of Quality Assurance (QA) processes at the PAU. For this purpose, a working session was organised in Yaoundé, Cameroon, this past June. Key stakeholders of the PAU, among which were members of the PAU strategic planning committee, vice-directors and directors of the PAU Institutes and staff from the PAU Rectorate discussed how to effectively implement quality assurance across the different institutes of the PAU. In this context, the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ASG-QA) is considered instrumental for this process.

The outcome of the QA process will be the implementation of a harmonized quality assurance framework at all the PAU Institutes. This framework will take into consideration several factors such as the unique set-up of the PAU as a continental and network university founded and operated by the African Union and hosted in different countries of the continent. In addition, the framework will also be aligned to the objectives of the PAU Strategic Plan 2020-2024. Detailing the quality assurance framework and developing a road-map for its implementation have been identified as the next steps. A well-functioning internal quality assurance process at the PAU will pave the way for international accreditation of the PAU and its programmes.



Representatives from the PAU Rectorate, the PAU Institute Directors and others met in Yaoundé, Cameroon to carry forward the quality assurance process of the PAU as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & EMPLOYABILITY

AfDB and GIZ jointly supporting the establishment of the Pan African Entrepreneurship Hub

During the meeting of the Key and Thematic Partners (K&TP) on July 4th in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia the African Development Bank (AfDB) and GIZ committed to a joint approach in supporting the PAU in the field of entrepreneurship and employability. The Pan African University Entrepreneurship Hub (E-Hub) will be established at the PAUWES Institute in Algeria. The E-Hub shall provide entrepreneurial education and support the creation of start-ups and university spin-offs. Through the Pan African set-up with students from across the continent, the PAU E-Hub has the potential to contribute to innovations across borders, and the continued development of the entrepreneurial ecosystem on the continent. While the E-Hub is being established in Algeria it shall cater to all PAU institutes in the future.



Key and Thematic Partners of the PAU met in Addis Ababa on July 4th to discuss how to best support entrepreneurship in all institutes.

Furthermore, the meeting provided an opportunity for all K&TP (AfDB, JICA, KfW, GIZ, German Embassy) to receive an update on the latest development at the PAU and discuss areas of joint support.

PAUWES COMMUNITY

Africa Day at PAUWES: celebrating a united Africa

Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organization of African Unity (now known as the African Union) on 25 May 1963 and accordingly, celebrations marking this day were held at PAUWES, highlighting its own Pan-Africanist set-up. The PAUWES Africa Day celebrations focused on the relevant theme of ‘The role of youth in uniting Africa –A tool for achieving the Africa Agenda 2063’.



Prof. Abdelatif Zerga, Director of PAUWES, with students during the Africa Day Celebrations.

The commemoration at PAUWES was organised by its Community of Practice (CoP) led by co-presidents Frances Gbolare Awunor and Anthony Osinde. Guest speeches by Prof. Lilian L. Atanga and Prof. Amel Yousfi were accompanied by poems from PAUWES students. Prof. Abdelatif Zerga, the Director of PAUWES, insisted on the importance of the day, saying “We are proud today of the Pan African University as a symbol of Africa United.” The event raised students’ awareness on the role of African youth for the continent’s transformation and development, and gave students opportunity for cultural exchange among PAUWES students.

Jua Jamii House ready for construction

Jua Jamii, a Swahili phrase meaning ‘solar community’, is a team of PAUWES, University of Tlemcen and National University of Lesotho students from across the continent who are participating in the **Solar Decathlon Africa 2019** in Morocco. The Solar Decathlon is a biannual collegiate competition which challenges students to design and build highly efficient buildings powered by renewable energy, and this year the decathlon will take place in Africa for the first time. The main objectives of the Solar Decathlon are generating knowledge of net zero energy buildings within the emerging continent, highlighting the perks of decentralized solar energy in leaping forward an increasingly electrified continent, speeding up actions on reaching sustainable energy for all Africans, and placing great value on local African materials and know-how in the building sector.



Part of the Jua Jamii team met to plan the building of the Jua House at the Solar Decathlon Africa 2019.

The Jua Jamii Team has designed the Jua House –a net-zero-energy house using recyclable containers which also seeks to preserve, modernize and embrace the African architectural heritage. The Jua House not only addresses Africa’s need for climate change adaptation, but the student-led initiative also addresses goals of the AU Agenda 2063 – the Africa We Want and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments.

Currently the Jua Jamii team is working on acquiring the necessary construction materials for the Jua House while working in close collaboration with their partner, Groupe des Sociétés Hasnaoui. The team has increased its visibility through an intense communication effort –the Algerian magazine N’TIC has published their story (in French) [here](#) on page 41. The GIZ has supported Jua Jamii to acquire regional partners as well as their strategic development.

The green city Mohamed VI of Benguerir in Morocco will be hosting the competition. The construction process of the Jua House is expected to end by September 13th and the public exhibition will take place from September 13th-27th, when the winner of the Solar Decathlon will be announced.

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These are the upcoming internal and public events

August 2019

August 5th-9th Delegation Visit of the PAU Rectorate and the Director of the Department for Human Resources, Sciences and Technology to Germany

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