

ACCESS TO SUCCESS

Fostering trust and exchange
between Europe and Africa

Partners

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Rationale

The Access to Success project aims at raising awareness on higher education access and retention issues in Africa and Europe, and explores how these issues can be addressed by higher education institutions, governments and donor agencies.

It also intends to contribute to a wider discussion on inter-institutional mobility and cooperation between Europe and Africa, in particular with regards to student and staff mobility schemes and capacity building partnerships.

The project brings together representatives of universities (senior leadership, faculty and students from African and European universities) as well as representatives of governments and donor agencies.

Structure

The project consists of two phases, a fact-finding phase in which institutional surveys and student reports/focus groups are being carried out in both Africa and Europe (Nov. 2008 – Oct. 2009) and a dissemination and dialogue phase that will examine and elaborate the study results and facilitate opportunities for dialogue on exchange and cooperation.

Three workshops and a final conference targeted at policy makers and donor agencies will be organised in this second phase (Nov. 2009 – Oct. 2010).



Activities and envisaged outcomes

- a survey on access and retention conducted across European and Sub-Saharan African universities
- case studies of institutional policies and initiatives to widen access identified through the survey, as a basis for discussion at project events, and to demonstrate lessons learned
- an outcome report comprised of case studies, thematic articles, and survey results
- a white paper targeted towards governments and donors, on supporting university partnership in development cooperation policy
- 3 workshops and a final policy conference on:

Access and retention

17-20 NOVEMBER 2009
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

University cooperation and partnerships for development

25-26 FEBRUARY 2010
Oslo, Norway

Mobility and partnership in higher education

3-4 MAY 2010
Accra, Ghana

Outcome conference

SEPTEMBER 2010
Brussels, Belgium