



Programme for Day 4

Africa Universities' Day Celebration

AAU Regional Offices and Partners-Led Sessions

Thursday, November 13, 2025
Format: Online

Register via this link - https://workshops.aau.org/au-day-25

Time: 9:00 GMT – 17:35 GMT

Theme: The Future of Learning in Africa: Technology, Innovation, Skills, and Inclusive Growth

8:45 – 9:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Millicent Afriyie Adjei, Communications Specialist, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

9:00 - 10:15 AM | Session 1

Topic: Open Research - Building Bridges across Disciplines and Communities

Moderator: Mrs. Millicent Afriyie Adjei, Communications Specialist, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Speaker: Dr. Madhurima Kahali, Head of Academic Relations& Partnerships - Taylor & Francis

10:25 - 11:40 AM | Session 2

Topic: How African Universities can enhance teaching and learning and respond to emerging global trends

Moderator: Mrs. Millicent Afriyie Adjei, Communications Specialist, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Panelists

Stanford Muzavazi, Development Professional in Strategic Planning, Project Management, Programme Design

Dr Tendai Masunda – Zengeni, Head of Department, Artificial Intelligence, Software engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Africa University

Professor Sola Fajana, Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Lesotho, Southern Africa

11:50 – 13:05 PM | Session 3

Topic: Leveraging Global Partnerships to Accelerate the Future of Learning in Africa

Moderators:

Ms. Irene Dufie Addai, Project Officer, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Dr. Chimdimnma Esimai, Strategy Fellow, Strategy Development, UNCF Institute for Capacity Building, USA

Panelists

Dr. Cecily McDaniel, Strategist, Strategy Development, UNCF Institute for Capacity Building

Dr. Beverly Booker-Ammah, Executive Director, HBCU African Education Coalition

Dr. Lydiah Bosire, Founder and CEO, 8B Education Investments

13:15 – 14:45 PM | Session 4

Data Sovereignty in the Age of AI: Data Policy in Higher Education

Moderators:

Ms. Irene Dufie Addai, Project Officer, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Prof. Kathryn Bailey, Operations Director, Ethical Data Institute, Germany

Prof. Juliet Thondhlana, Coordinator, AAU Europe Regional Office, Nottingham University, UK

Panelists

Professor Johannes John-Langba, Professor of Social Work & Director, College Humanities

Doctoral Academy, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Kennedy Kamau, African Population and Health Research Center

Romola V. Thumbadoo, Carleton University, Canada

14:55 - 16:10 PM | Session 5

Empowering North African Higher Education for Inclusive Digital Innovation and Regional Growth.

Moderators:

Ms. Irene Dufie Addai, Project Officer, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Dr. Mohamed Eissa (Coordinator, AAU Northern Africa Regional Office hosted by Al Azhar University), Egypt

16:20 - 17:35 PM | Session 6:

Data as a Catalyst: Leveraging Citizen Voices to Shape the Future of Learning in Africa

Moderators:

Ms. Irene Dufie Addai, Project Officer, AAU Secretariat, Ghana

Dr. Runyararo Munetsi (Resource Mobilisation Coordinator, Afrobarometer)

Speakers

Mercy Kaburu, Afrobarometer University Outreach Coordinator, and Assistant Professor of International Relations, United States International University-Nairobi, Kenya

Dominique Dryding, Afrobarometer Capacity Building Manager