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Digital in Education

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Theme: Digital in Education

Welcome to the 2024 Erasmus+ Cluster and Contact-Making meeting, part of the Regional Erasmus+ Week for Sub-Saharan Africa!

This event, brought to you by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), will take place in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) on 26 and 27 June 2024 and on the RingCentral virtual platform.

The event aims at gathering Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training institutions from Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe active in the Erasmus+ programme or potentially interested in developing cooperation under this scheme. As participants, you will be joined by stakeholders from both regions involved in the implementation and promotion of the Erasmus+ programme such as the African Erasmus+ National Focal Points, Erasmus+ National Agencies, European Union Delegations in Africa, the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency.

This year's thematic focus is Digital in Education.

Rapid digitalisation over the past decade has transformed many aspects of work and daily life. Driven by innovation and technological evolution, the digital transformation is reshaping society, the labour market and the future of work.

The education and training system is increasingly part of the digital transformation and can harness its benefits and opportunities. However, it also needs to effectively manage the risks of digital transformation, including the risk of a digital divide where certain people – or regions – can benefit more than others, and prepare for the rapid deployment of Artificial Intelligence. The digital transformation in education is being driven by advances in connectivity, the widespread use of devices and digital applications, the need for individual flexibility, and the ever-increasing demand for digital skills.

We have learned much from the COVID-19 crisis, which has heavily impacted education and training and accelerated dig-

ital change. In addition, African societies facing a high demographic pressure see digitalisation as a means to expand access to education.

In line with the strategic priorities of the European Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027), the Erasmus+ programme can play a key role in supporting citizens of all ages in acquiring the digital skills and competences they need to live, learn, work, exercise their rights, be informed, access online services, communicate, critically consume, create and disseminate digital education content.

Finally, the Erasmus+ programme is part of and contributes to the Global Gateway Africa – Europe Investment Package. In this context, the event will focus on the necessary articulation of two of the Global Gateway main objectives, namely “Accelerating the digital transition” and “Improving education and training”.

Participants will engage in discussions on digital education and its impact on shaping the future of learning:

Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact Making **26-27 June**

The cluster meeting on the 26th and 27th June aims thus to support cooperation between African and European education actors, discussing the experience of Erasmus+ beneficiaries and inspiring potential newcomers. In doing so, the event will address the overall meeting theme of Digital Education.

A half-day contact-making session on 27 June Afternoon – aims at fostering potential further cooperation between African and European stakeholders. Facilitated exercises will enable participants to meet and engage with each other, with a view to forming project partnerships. The online and in situ participants will take part in different activities, designed to make best use of their physical or online situations.

Making the most of the online networking opportunities

This event is using the RingCentral Events online conferencing platform to offer a range of services for both online and in situ participants. These include:



- The detailed event schedule, with speaker biographies. When the Cluster Meeting and Contact Making Seminar are being streamed live (Wednesday afternoon and Thursday), the schedule will give access to the livestream in three languages (EN, FR and PT).
- Participant profiles, and the opportunity to view the profiles of others who are taking part in the event.
- The chance to invite other participants to meet online or in person, if you are both in Abidjan for this event.
- Online participants will also have access to an online networking session on Thursday afternoon (in situ participants will have their own physical contact making session at the same time).

Take advantage of these features in two ways:

- 1) On your laptop / desktop, use the “Magic Link” included in your confirmation email to login to your RingCentral account.
- 2) On your smartphone, go to your iOS App Store or Google Play store, search for RingCentral Events and install the app. Login using the email address you used to register for this event.

Once you are logged in, you can complete your profile, review the schedule and speakers, search for participants you might be interested to network with, and reply to invitations from other participants.

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Download the compendium of Erasmus+ projects in Sub-Saharan Africa focused on Digital Transformation

The European Commission has compiled a list of the Sub-Saharan projects funded by Erasmus+ that have a focus on the topic of this event, digital transformation.



Download it now from: <https://bit.ly/3XwJISZ> or scan the QR code.



Wednesday, 26 June 2024**Erasmus+ Regional Cluster Meeting, Sub-Saharan Africa - part 1**

TIME	AGENDA
12:00	<p>Registration</p> <p>Lunch for registered participants</p>
14:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Francesca di Mauro, <i>Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire</i></p> <p>Koffi N'Guessan, <i>Minister of Technical Education, Vocational Training and Apprenticeship, République de Côte d'Ivoire</i></p> <p>Adama Diawara, <i>Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, République de Côte d'Ivoire</i></p>
14:30	<p>Setting the scene – How to accompany digital transformation in education</p> <p>Jenny Elmaco, <i>PRACSIS srl (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Adrian Veale, <i>European Commission</i></p> <p>Chigozie Emmanuel Okonkwo, <i>Policy Officer for Education, African Union Commission</i></p> <p>Claire Herrmann, <i>European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Digital Education Action Plan • The African Union Digital Education Strategy and Implementation Plan • Erasmus+ support to education institutions in their digital transformation
15:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
15:45	<p>Developing digital education ecosystems</p> <p>Elena Palavrova, <i>European Education and Culture Executive Agency (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Omo Oaiya, <i>Chief Strategy Officer, West and Central Research and Education Network (WACREN), Ghana</i></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. David Katamba, <i>Project Coordinator, Makerere University Business School, Uganda</i></p> <p>Raïssa Banhoru, <i>Director, Simplon, Ivory Coast</i></p> <p>Saliou Gaye, <i>Project Manager, Capac'IT 4 Africa</i></p> <p>Elin Opheim, <i>Project manager and academic librarian, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences</i></p> <p>Florence Oloo, <i>Director, Centre for Research in Therapeutic Sciences, Kenya</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity for education institutions • Technology and infrastructure • Digital transformation plans • Strategy, leadership and investment • Digital divide
17:00	<p>Focus on Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>Jenny Elmaco, <i>PRACSIS srl (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Dr Daniel Onwuchekwa, <i>University of Siegen, Institute for Embedded Systems, Germany</i></p> <p>Atupelye Komba, <i>Head of Links and International Affairs, Ardhi University, Tanzania</i></p>
17:30	<p>End of Meeting</p>
18:30	<p>Dinner at Le Débarcadère (pre-booked and pre-paid participants only)</p>

Thursday 27, June 2024**Erasmus+ Regional Cluster Meeting, Sub-Saharan Africa - part 2**Moderated by: Jenny Elmaco, *PRACISIS srl*

TIME	AGENDA
09:00	<p>Using digital technology in education to improve quality and broaden access</p> <p>Wafa M'Sallem, <i>PRACISIS srl (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Graeme Robertson-Liersch, <i>PRACISIS srl (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Richard Ndayishimiye, <i>Dean, University of Burundi</i></p> <p>Rachel Khoza, <i>Lecturer, University of Johannesburg, South Africa</i></p> <p>Vlasis Manolias, <i>Project Coordinator, AKMI International, Greece</i></p> <p>Serge Miranda, <i>Professeur Emérite d'Informatique, Université Côte d'Azur, France</i></p> <p>Olivier Pascal Kouamé Asseu, <i>Director of Research and Innovation, Ecole Supérieure Africaine des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication, Côte d'Ivoire</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital pedagogy • Digital education content • Online, distance and blended learning • Teachers' digital skills and competences • Individualised teaching for inclusion
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	<p>Equipping learners with digital competences</p> <p>Jenny Elmaco, <i>PRACISIS srl (Moderator)</i></p> <p>Amelie Wagner, <i>Researcher, Dresden University of Technology (TUD), Germany</i></p> <p>Pauline van den Bosch, <i>Tender Specialist, CINOP (Centre for Innovation of Education and Training), Netherlands</i></p> <p>Maria Alkalay, <i>Project Manager, Infinite Opportunities Association, Bulgaria</i></p> <p>Adelheid Marie Bwire, <i>Senior Lecturer, Kenyatta University, Kenya</i></p> <p>Lynette Jacobs, <i>University of Free State, South Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital literacy and tackling disinformation • Knowledge, skills and attitudes • Lifelong learning • Use of Artificial Intelligence • Gender and ICT
12:30	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Claire Herrmann, <i>European Commission</i></p> <p>Eric Tillious, <i>Erasmus+ National Focal Point, Côte d'Ivoire</i></p> <p>Georgina Diana Maison, <i>Software Developer, Association of African Universities</i></p>
13:00	Lunch

Thursday 27, June 2024

Erasmus+ Regional Contact making Seminar – Sub-Saharan Africa

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TIME	AGENDA
14:30	<p>Contact-Making Session for Onsite and Virtual Participants Jenny Elmaco, PRAC SIS srl (Moderator)</p> <p>Activities for in situ participants: For the Erasmus+ Contact-making session, you are guided to form connections through an innovative “Find Your Match” activity. This approach aligns with the spirit of the Erasmus+ programme, emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and partnership, and creates opportunities to start building lasting Erasmus+ partnerships. This activity will be initiated by a Moderator and Facilitators onsite</p> <p>Activities for online participants: Random Networking Sessions: Ringcentral provides dedicated networking sessions where you can interact with fellow attendees. On the left-hand of your screen, click NETWORKING. Doing that will facilitate live, 1-on-1 video chats. When this area is open, click on the “Ready” button and you will be randomly connected to another attendee. Intentional Networking: We highly recommend you use RingCentral’s bilateral contact-making feature which allows you to directly message others and request for a meeting. You can search for specific individuals or profiles based on interests, then reach out to arrange one-on-one meetings. Bilateral Meeting for onsite participants: If you are participating in situ, you can also use the ‘Schedule a Meeting’ feature of RingCentral to plan an onsite meeting with a fellow attendee. Follow the same steps then click on the Add onsite location to the pop-up form.</p>
17:30	<p>End of Seminar</p>

