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# Cooperation and Networking: Imperatives for Higher Education Development in Africa

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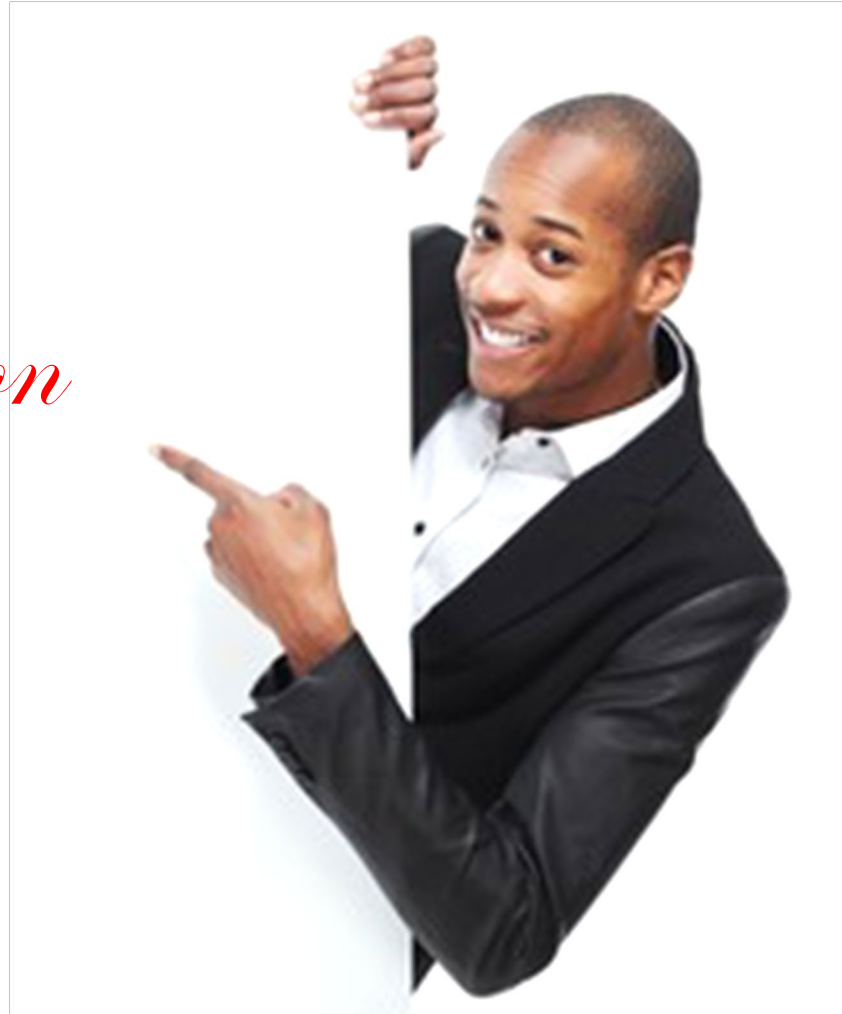
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# Why Network or Collaborate?



No nation can solve all its problems

The best university in Africa does not have the solution to all the challenges of Africa

## In addition....

- Challenges are numerous
- Emerging technology
- New pedagogy
- New focus on governance systems
- Globalisation
- Internationalisation.....



Many of the challenges facing HE  
and indeed humanity know no  
border

# Today...

Africa is blessed with abundant natural resources, but it also faces significant environmental challenges such as climate change and resource depletion.

And

The role of education in cultivating sustainability and propelling social impact within the African landscape.

THEREFORE

# Networking & Cooperation





**Cooperation:** An act or instance of working together for a common purpose or benefit

**Networking:** A support system of sharing information and services among individuals and groups having common interest

# In HE Space Networking and Collaboration could be...

- Inter HEI
- Inter Agency
- Agency/HE

- National
- Sub-regional
- Regional
- Continental







BENEFITS

- Share experiences and disseminate good practices (fresh ideas)
- Makes the organisation/institution visible
- Opens doors for new opportunities
- Expands institutional support network



- Raises institutional profile
- Provides opportunities for Staff and Student exchange
- Joint degrees/Dual degrees
- Enhances cooperation and trust which enhances certificate recognition, mobility and harmonisation

# Elements of Networking and Cooperation

- Goals
- Support
- Team Spirit
- Communication
- Exchange



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# A Few Examples

- AU/EU Cooperation
- AfriQAN
- NUC/NAQAAE
- NUC/CAMES
- HEIs

# Conclusion

- Regional networking is critical to building trust within the African continent.
- We must step up intra Africa agency/HEIs networking and cooperation to effectively tackle African challenges.
- We must begin now!

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