



7th ANIE Annual Conference

5th to 7th October 2016

Accra Ghana

In collaboration with the African Association of Universities (AAU)

Theme: Partnerships for knowledge generation and sustainable development

Background and rationale

The higher education sector in Africa holds promise for the success and viability of several continental strategies and development frameworks. Partnerships are an inherent feature of universities; they are critical drivers for enhancing the realization of institutional goals and impact on society. Partnerships support research capacity building and knowledge production, innovation, postgraduate education, infrastructure development, teaching and learning, graduate employment, and industry competitiveness and growth. Overall, they are an important strategy through which universities are able to propel the social, scientific and economic advancement of society. African universities have historically developed and sustained partnerships with their counterparts both on the continent and across the world. The need for such partnerships has become even more pronounced due to factors such as the globalization of higher education, the recognition of partnerships as critical for the attainment of sustainable development and continental and national development frameworks that call for partnerships.

The 7th ANIE Conference follows up on the outcomes of the 3rd and 6th ANIE Conference held in Abuja, Nigeria in 2010 and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2015, respectively. In these conferences emphasis was put on university partnerships for knowledge generation and development, and also as an important strategy for realizing the global Sustainable Development Goals that were promulgated in 2015. The conference will bring more insights into (i) the drivers and challenges of international partnerships (both South-South and North-South partnerships) in higher education in Africa (ii) the nature and forms of existing international partnerships (iii) the role they play in knowledge production and sustainable development (iv) gaps and opportunities that exist to initiate and sustain partnerships for development.

Sub Themes

- The nature, forms and contributions of existing partnerships
- Institutionalization of international partnerships

- The role of Africa's diaspora and other strategies for new partnerships
- Building sustainable South-South and North-South higher education partnerships: lessons, challenges and new developments
- Partnerships for knowledge generation and sustainable development
- The role of continental bodies, research consortia, research councils, international networks and agencies in developing and sustaining university partnerships.

Call for sessions and papers

We invite abstracts of not more than 200 words and related to one of the sub themes outlined above. We also encourage submission of discussion sessions on any of the themes comprising speakers with diverse insights on the sub theme. Abstracts and session proposals should be sent to sec@anienetwork.org on or before 30th May 2016. Authors of successful abstracts will be informed by 20th June 2016. Successful abstracts will be developed into full papers which will be co-published with the Association of African Universities (AAU) as proceedings of the conference.

Important dates

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| • Registration opens | 1st April 2016 |
| • Deadline for submission of abstracts | 30 th May 2016 |
| • Acceptance of abstracts | 20 th June 2016 |
| • Early bird deadline | 30 th July 2016 |
| • Registration closes | 30 th August 2016 |
| • Conference dates | 5 th - 7 th October 2016 |

Conference Fees

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| • ANIE Member | \$150 | \$200 |
| • Non-ANIE member (African countries) | \$200 | \$ 250 |
| • Non-ANIE member (Rest of the world) | \$ 300 | \$ 350 |
| • Please note that conference fees will cover the costs of tea/coffee, lunches and conference materials. | | |

More Information

The Africa Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) is a pan-African network and think-tank committed to the advancement of high quality research, capacity building, information sharing and exchange, transnational networking and cooperation, and policy advocacy on internationalization of education. Established in 2008, ANIE has its Secretariat based at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya. ANIE will host the conference jointly with the *Association of African Universities (AAU)*. More information on the conference can be obtained from sec@anienetwork.org or by visiting www.anienetwork.org/conference