

**EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACEII)
VIRTUAL TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY MEETING (June 16-18, 2020)**

Objectives of the Technical and Advisory Meeting

The Technical and Advisory Meeting is an opportunity to brainstorm on the challenges that the ACEs are facing considering the current pandemic. The primary focus will be on ways to continue learning while there are disruptions to on-campus activities. In particular, the meeting will reflect on (i) project restructuring requests, (ii) providing information on building online learning capacity at the centers, and (iii) overview of the M&E online data collection portal.

Participants

Participants may include: (i) Members of Regional Steering Committee, (ii) Members of National Steering Committee, (iii) Host University Vice Chancellors, (iv) Members of Inter-University Council of East Africa, (v) ACEII center leadership (Center Leader and Deputy Center Leader), (vi) ACEII center team members (preferably M&E officers and IT staff), (vii) World Bank team members, and (viii) External consultants

Logistics for virtual TAM

- The TAM will be hosted on **Microsoft Teams**, the connection details for which will be provided by IUCEA.
- For any questions or comments regarding connection, please reach out to Ben Ruhinda (bruhinda@iucea.org)
- Each session will have a moderator who will collate the questions from the participants, please send your questions via chat.
- Please connect at least 10 minutes ahead of time.
- The time mentioned in the agenda corresponds to **East Africa Time (EAT)**. We are scheduled to **start everyday at 12:00 pm EAT** which corresponds to the following:

Location	TAM starting at...	Time Zone	UTC offset
Nairobi (Kenya)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:00:00 noon	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:00:00 noon	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:00:00 noon	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Kampala (Uganda)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:00:00 noon	EAT	UTC+3 hours
Lusaka (Zambia)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00:00 am	CAT	UTC+2 hours
Kigali (Rwanda)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00:00 am	CAT	UTC+2 hours
Maputo (Mozambique)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00:00 am	CAT	UTC+2 hours
Lilongwe (Malawi)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00:00 am	CAT	UTC+2 hours
Port Louis (Mauritius)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 1:00:00 pm	MUT	UTC+4 hours
Zürich (Switzerland - Zurich)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00:00 am	CEST	UTC+2 hours
Washington DC (USA - District of Columbia)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:00:00 am	EDT	UTC-4 hours
Corresponding UTC (GMT)	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 09:00:00		

Time	Session	Presenter	Objective
Day 1 (Tuesday, June 16)			
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Introduction	IUCEA	Present the overall agenda of the virtual workshop and the logistics
12:30 pm – 01:30 pm	Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on tertiary education	Roberta Bassett, World Bank	Presentation of main messages from World Bank's position paper on tertiary education
01:30 pm – 02:30 pm	Connectivity in Sub-Saharan Africa	Alex Twinomugisha, World Bank	Address the bottlenecks related to limited connectivity in the region
02:30 pm – 03:30 pm	Lightening talks by select ACEs	CDT-Africa, CESAAM, ACEITLMS, SACIDS, CS-OGET, ACEIDHA	ACEs to share their efforts in response to Covid-19 (7 mins each)
Day 2 (Wednesday, June 17)			
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	ACEII project restructuring	Huma Waheed, World Bank	Presentation of project restructuring processes
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	ACEII project verification updates	Technopolis/IUCEA	Understand progress against agreed disbursement linked indicators and verification process
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	ACEII M&E online portal	Gustavo Lopez, EAMODE	Overview of ACEII online M&E data collection portal
03:00 pm – 03:30 pm	Lightening talks by select ACEs	PHARMBIOTRAC, ACEPHEM, WISE-Futures	ACEs to share their efforts in response to Covid-19 (7 mins each)
Day 3 (Thursday, June 18)			
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	Representation from NSC members	NSC members	NSC members of all countries present 3-4 challenges faced as a result of the pandemic and how IUCEA/Bank could support
01:00 pm – 02:30 pm	Building capacity for online learning	Graham Harrison, World Bank	Presentation of online resources that can be used soon, including free courses on Coursera, edX etc. that matches the needs of the ACEs
	Learning Management Systems (LMS) & Online Learning Platforms	Dimitrios Noukakis, EPFL	Ways to configure the proposed learning environment for accessibility and transitioning to online learning
02:30 pm – 03:00 pm	Remarks by Chair of RSC	RSC chairperson	Provide guidance to ACEs on what steps they can take based on information provided during the TAM sessions
03:00 pm – 03:30 pm	Closing session	IUCEA/World Bank	Provide summary of challenges faced in project implementation during covid crisis and provide steps that IUCEA/WB can take to support the ACEs