

INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR EAST AFRICA



Strategy Brief 2021-2026

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About IUCEA

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) is an institution of the East African Community (EAC), which in the context of Article 5 and 102 of the EAC Treaty is mandated to advise, develop and coordinate all matters related to higher education and research in the EAC.

IUCEA currently comprises more than 130 universities, colleges and other public and private degree-awarding institutions located in the EAC.

Vision

To become the leading EAC Institution for an exemplary Common Higher Education Area for a prosperous and sustainable East African Community

Mission

To encourage and develop mutually beneficial collaboration between Member Universities and between them and Governments and other organizations, both public and private

Core Values

Accountability

Transparency

Unity in diversity

Integrity

Professionalism

Teamwork

Strategic Focus



A Transformative Higher Education for a globally competitive knowledge-based and industrialised economy for an integrated EAC



Research and Innovation



Engagement with Academia, Public, and Private Sectors



Regional and Global Networks, Collaboration and Partnerships



COMMON HIGHER EDUCATION AREA:

- East African Quality Assurance Framework
- East African Qualifications Framework for higher education
- Mobility of staff, students, graduates and professionals within the region and beyond



Higher Education Information System



Governance and Legal Framework

Expected Outcomes

The objectives of IUCEA's Strategic Plan 2021-2026 aim at furthering:

- i. Higher education sector coordination for the socio-economic transformation of the region.
- ii. Regional harmonization of higher education systems, comprising the mutual recognition of qualifications and the mobility of staff, students, graduates, and professionals within the region and beyond.
- iii. Professionalization of leadership and management of higher education institutions, resulting in outputs which drive the economic, social and ecological development in an integrated EAC.
- iv. Adoption and utilization of technology at higher education institutions.

- v. Availability of integrated higher education information at IUCEA's information portal.
- vi. Enhanced access to and use of technology in teaching and learning to higher learning institutions to bridge the digital-divide gap.
- vii. Dynamic interaction of knowledge generation, translation, and realisation processes for a sustainable Knowledge-Based Economy in the EAC.

Approach

IUCEA applies a programme-based approach to attain the objectives of the strategic plan.

Programmes are thus developed, facilitated and implemented, paying attention to:

- i. EAC Regional Integration Agenda
- ii. Transformation of Higher Education
- iii. Skills development

- iv. Human Resources Capacity
- v. Partnerships and linkages
- vi. Resource mobilization
- vii. Institutional development
- viii. Best practices and standards
- ix. Practical policy recommendations

Be a Partner

IUCEA welcomes partnerships and collaborations with regional and global players in Higher Education, Research and Innovation ecosystem, as well as the private sector.

Partners will strategically contribute and mutually benefit in:

- i. Intensification of regional integration through a strengthened higher education, research and innovation ecosystem.

- ii. Delivery of regional policies, standards and guidelines for effective operationalization of the EAC's Common Higher Education Area.
- iii. Fostering partnership and collaboration among academia, public and private sectors for skills and business transformation in the region.
- iv. Nurturing best practices and strategies for training, research, management, leadership and overall governance of higher education in East Africa.

Let's Work Together



IUCEA is ideally positioned with knowledge of the regional and global context of higher education, research and innovation ecosystem.



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