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*Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation:
The Role of University Networking*



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34th UNICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RECTORS' SEMINAR **“Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation: The Role of University Networking”**

Hosted by Stockholm University, 26-28 June 2024

Venue: Campus Albano, House 2, Albanovägen 18

INFORMATION AND CONTACT

Event webpage: <https://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2024/>

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Introduction

The **Rectors' Seminar “Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation: The Role of University Networking”** will bring together the academic leaders of UNICA member universities and representatives of both African universities or academic networks and of partner European university networks to delve into the **opportunities and challenges of Africa – Europe cooperation in Higher Education and Research**.

The Seminar will offer a space to reflect on different collaboration models, share experiences, and make recommendations on how university networks and universities can contribute to promote equal, sustainable, and mutually beneficial partnerships, also in the context of the European Universities alliances.

TARGET GROUPS

Rectors/Presidents, Vice-Rectors/Vice-Presidents, representatives of academic leadership responsible for international affairs and partnerships, UNICA institutional Contact Persons, Heads of International Offices and Senior Managers involved in International and European Affairs.

FORMAT

Onsite event.
Options for **online participation** and vote will be provided for the **General Assembly only**

REGISTRATION

The registration forms are available at the **event webpage:**

<https://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2024/>

OVERALL SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

Day 0 - Wednesday, 26 June 2024

18:00-20:00	Welcome Reception Venue: Restaurant Proviant, Campus Albano, Albanovägen 24 (4th floor)
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Day 1 - Thursday, 27 June 2024

Venue: Auditorium 2, Campus Albano, House 2, Albanovägen 18

08:30-9:00	Registration of the participants & Welcome Coffee	
9:00-12:45	UNICA Administrative General Assembly Format: in person, with options for remote participation and vote	
12:45-13:00	Time for a group picture	
13:00-14:00	Lunch (Restaurant Proviant, Floor 4)	
14:00-15:45	Parallel informal meetings	
	UNICA leadership (Auditorium 3)	UNICA Contact Persons and IROs (Room 19, House 2, Floor 2)
16:00 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16:00: Networking Coffee & Swedish fika at Restaurant Proviant (Campus Albano, Albanovägen 24, 4th floor) • 17:00: Transport by bus to the ABBA museum (departure from Albanovägen 24) • 17:30: Optional social programme: visit of the ABBA Museum (Address: Djurgårdsvägen 68) 	
19:30	UNICA conference dinner Venue: Hasselbacken, Djurgården Hazeliusbacken 20	

Day 2 - Friday, 28 June 2024

Venue: Auditorium 2, Campus Albano, House 2, Albanovägen 18

8:30-9:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
9:00-16:00	UNICA Rectors' Seminar "Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation: The Role of University Networking"



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UNICA RECTORS' SEMINAR

“Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation: The Role of University Networking”

Stockholm University, Friday, 28 June 2024 | 9:00-16:00

Venue: Auditorium 5, Campus Albano, House 2 - Albanovägen 18

PROGRAMME

Overall Chair: Sorin COSTREIE, UNICA President

08:30-09:00	Registration of the participants and Welcome coffee
09:00-09:25	<p>Welcome addresses and introduction to the Seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid SÖDERBERGH WIDDING, Rector, Stockholm University • Sorin COSTREIE, UNICA President <p>Video message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pia AHRENKILDE HANSEN, Director-General for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
09:25-09:45	<p>Online presentation</p> <p><i>The Role of Universities in advancing the AU-EU Partnership: The case of the Youth Mobility for Africa initiative</i>, by Domenico ROSA, Head of Unit Strategic Partnerships with Africa and with the ACP, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission</p>
09:45-11:15	<p>Session I – Africa-Europe cooperation: opportunities, challenges, and the role of universities</p> <p>Chair: Astrid SÖDERBERGH WIDDING, Rector, Stockholm University</p> <p>Online presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global Experiences of Engagement with Africa through University Networks</i>, by Andrew DEEKS, President of the International Association of Universities • Michael GAEBEL, Director of the Higher Education Policy Unit, European University Association
10:45-10:00	
10:00-10:15	
10:15-11:15	<p>Panel discussion (speakers are listed in alphabetical order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rudolf K ALLEMANN, Pro Vice-Chancellor International, Cardiff University • João AMARO DE MATOS, Vice Rector, NOVA University Lisbon • Tasos C. CHRISTOFIDES, Rector, University of Cyprus • Marie-Hélène JOBIN, Vice-Rector Partnerships and International Relations, University of Luxembourg • Peter Kwasi KODJIE, Secretary General, All-Africa Students Union (AASU) <p>Q&A and discussion with the participants</p>



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11:15-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:15	Session II – Africa-Europe Cooperation in Research
	Chair: Sorin COSTREIE , UNICA President
	Online presentations
11:45-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ole PETTER OTTERSEN, Acting Secretary-General, Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities
12:00-12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernest ERYEETAY, Secretary General, The African Research Universities Alliance – ARUA
12:15-13:15	<p>Panel discussion (speakers are listed in alphabetical order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma BÄCKE, Programme Manager, International Cooperation, Country Manager for France and the United Kingdom, Regional Manager for Africa, Vinnova - Sweden's innovation agency • Stefan HELGESSON, Deputy Vice President for Human Science, Stockholm University <p>Q&A and discussion with the participants</p>
13:15-14:15	Lunch (Restaurant Proviant, Floor 4)
14:15-15:45	Session III – Approaches to university cooperation between Europe and Africa
	Chair: Stefan HELGESSON , Deputy Vice President for Human Science, Stockholm University
	Online presentations
14:15-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahomed MOOLLA, Head of the Strategic Partnerships Office, University of the Witwatersrand
14:30-14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awel UWIHANGANYE, Head Advancement & Partnerships, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Makerere University
14:45-15:45	<p>Panel discussion (speakers are listed in alphabetical order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice KOLLMITZ, Stockholm University's Student representative to The South Africa-Sweden University Forum (SASUF) • Michael TALBOT, Director, Global Engagement Strategy, UCD Office of Global Engagement • Kerstin THAM, Vice-chancellor, Malmö University- in representation of the South Africa-Sweden University Forum (SASUF) • Anne WEYEMBERGH, Vice-Rector for External Relations and Development Cooperation, Université libre de Bruxelles <p>Q&A and discussion with the participants</p>
15:45-16:00	Closing and farewell