



ASSOCIATION OF  
AFRICAN  
UNIVERSITIES

# THE ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

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# Historical Brief

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The Association of African Universities was inaugurated in Rabat, Morocco on November 12, 1967.

Established at a time when many countries of Africa were coming out colonialism.

Established to promote Cooperation among nations and institutions in African countries

# Objectives of the Association of African Universities (1-3)

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**1. To promote interchange, contact and cooperation among university institutions in Africa.**

**2. To collect, classify and disseminate information on Higher Education and Research, particularly in Africa.**

**3. To promote cooperation among African institutions in curriculum development and in the determination of equivalence of degrees.**

# Objectives of the Association of African Universities (4-5)

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**4 To encourage increased contact between its members and the international academic world**

**5. To study, and make known the educational and related needs of African University institutions and, as far as practicable, to coordinate the means whereby those needs may be met**

# Objectives of the Association of African Universities (6-7)

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**6. To Encourage the development and wider use of African languages.**

**7. To organize , encourage and support Seminars and Conferences between African university teachers, administrators and others dealing with problems of higher education in Africa**

# 1 ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

## 1 A CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The AAU is the African Union implementing agency on Higher education and coordinates the Continental Educational Strategy for Africa (CESA) Higher Education cluster.

AAU advocates for African Higher Education and maintains relationships with regional bodies and international organisations such as the ECOWAS, IUCES, UNESCO, CAMES< etc

# 2 ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

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## A PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATION

At AAU, we believe that regional and international collaboration is central to Africa's development aspirations.

Through its biennial and other high level conferences and events, the Association brings university leaders and other higher education stakeholders together from around the world, and through this helps to promote, collaboration, knowledge and experience sharing

# 3 ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

## 3. SETTING INTELLECTUAL AGENDA

The AAU sets intellectual agenda on the African Higher Education landscape that interrogates issues that underpin the continents socio economic development .

Setting intellectual agenda and advancing knowledge by generating credible evidence as basis for providing reliable advice on policies and practices on Higher Education in Africa.



# 4 ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

## 4. EMPOWERMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The AAU is committed to helping higher education institutions to meet up the challenges of the time.

AAU has been helping the build the capacities of institutions on issues connected with:

Leadership and management

- Quality Assurance
- Digitalization and ICT
- Massification
- Staff Retention
- Diaspora connection

# 5 ROLES OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS

## 5. ADVOCACIES

AAU advocates for Higher Education policies that promotes freedom by guaranteeing the freedom of teachers, students and pursuit of knowledge and research.

AAU advocates for Higher Education for the development of the Africa that we need and the Africa that we want.

# 7. ROLES OF UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

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POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT

Continental

1. Credits.

2. Harmonization

3. Qualification  
frameworks.

4. Quality Rating  
mechanisms

# 7. ROLES OF UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

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**POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT**

Institutional

1. ICT Policy

2. Gender Policy

3. HIV-AIDs

4. Staff Retention

# 7. International Collaborations of Universities Association



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The Association engages its higher education audience via various activities including biannual high-quality journal and other



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## A CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The AAU is the African Union's Implementing Agency on Higher Education and coordinates the CESA Higher Education Cluster.

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# Nelson Mandela



**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”**

