

AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (ACE) PROJECT



Summary:

- 1. Feb 18th: PSC meetings for ACE 1 & ACE Impact/ Experts meetings**
- 2. Feb 19th: ACE Impact Bootcamp sessions begin**
- 3. Feb 20th: ACE Impact and ACE1 Opening Ceremony + engagement with partners and Vice Chancellors**
- 4. Feb 20th: Afternoon to End of day Feb 21st ACE I parallel meetings**
- 5. Feb 20th: Afternoon to End of day Feb 26th ACE Impact Bootcamp continues**

The objectives of the ACE workshop and steering committee meeting are to:

- i. Continue strong push towards project disbursements with a particular focus on increasing fund utilisation of the ACEs given project closing date of March 2020;**
- ii. Present, guide and provide clear rules on ACE project closing and provide a peer learning platform for the ACEs to discuss methods of achieving the more difficult disbursement linked indicators (DLIs) such as internships and international accreditation (for Nigeria ACEs)**
- iii. Take stock on the process to strengthen the impact of the ACEs on their development challenges, following the on-site evaluations by academic and scientific technical experts to 8 ACEs over the last month**
- iv. Provide an opportunity for the ACEs to provide feedback on the outcome of the verification results through M&E operations clinics prior to processing their disbursement of these results**
- v. Put special emphasis and provide guidance on sustainability including transition towards ACE Impact for renewed ACEs as well as provide networking and partnership opportunities for the ACEs;**
- vi. Put special emphasis on ensuring all infrastructure and equipment related activities are completed prior to the close of the project**
- vii. Continue providing guidance to and oversight of the regional facilitation unit at AAU**

TENTH PROJECT WORKSHOP

Djibouti

February 19-21 (Tues-Thurs), 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR	PARTICIPANTS
DAY ZERO: MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2019 – Kempinski			
09.00 – 13.00	ACE I 14TH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	EXPERTS MEETING <i>Objective: To discuss overall program; assigning of centers, implementation plan structure; sharing of experiences by ACE experts experienced with the project</i>	
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK		
14.00 – 17.30	ACE IMPACT 1ST PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	EXPERTS MEETING (Continued)	
DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2019 – UNIVERSITY OF DJIBOUTI (VENUE : AMPHI ABDOURAHMAN)			
08.30 – 09.30	WELCOME		
08.30 – 09.00	Arrival of Participants/Registration	Mrs. Gabrielle Hansen	All Centers
09.00 – 09.15	Pre-Opening Ceremony Welcome Address by - Dr Djama Mohamed Hassan, President, University of Djibouti - Mr Andreas Blom, ACE Impact Task Team Leader, World Bank	Prof. Fahmi/Prof. Mba	
09.15 – 09.30	Overview of the Day/Country Roll Call/Housekeeping	Prof Mba/Mrs Gabrielle Hansen	
9.30 – 12.30	PLENARY SESSION I: CREATING STRONG REGIONAL NETWORKS		
9.30 – 10.30	Regional Networking (facilitated by Gen Xavier Michel and under AFD support) <i>Objective: To provide the opportunities to form regional networks among participating centers and kick start groupings and formulations of thematic network activities and expectations. Experts will provide examples of successful models of networks (and potential activities), pitfalls to avoid and strategies to navigate challenges within such networks. This session will be a mix of presentations, discussions and group work and will facilitated in such a way that centers will be able to translate what they learn the into their implementation plans.</i>	Dr Djama Mohamed Hassan (President, University of Djibouti)	All Centers
10.30 – 11.00	COFFEE BREAK		

11.00 – 12.00	Regional Networking (continued)	Dr Djama Mohamed Hassan (President, University of Djibouti)	All Centers
12.00 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK		
13.30 – 13.40	Introduction to the ACE Impact Bootcamp Technical Sessions by Ekua Benti (ACE Impact Co-Team Leader) & Graham Harrison (ACE Regional Team Member)		
13.40 – 17.00	PLENARY SESSION II: KEY INFORMATION ABOUT ACE I AND ACE IMPACT		
13.40 – 15.10	<p>ACE 1 Progress Report: Project Overview and Key Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aggregate M&E Results Progress, including disbursement, fund utilization and DLR achievements (Mrs Himdat Bayusuf (ACE1 Team Leader) and Mrs. Adeline Addy (AAU M&E Officer) - ACE 1 Supervision Mission Findings (Academic Experts - Prof. Michelle Niescierenko;) - AAU Facilitation Activities (Prof. Jonathan Mba) <p><i>Objective: To present the ACE I progress report to inform existing centers on their performance but to also provide new centers an overview of some of the key milestones and results they can expect. This will be followed by Q&A.</i></p>	Ms. Meskerem (Lily) Mulatu, (Practice Manager, Education, World Bank)	All Centers
15.10 – 15.30	COFFEE BREAK		
15.30 – 17.00	<p>ACE Impact Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Information, Expectations (centers, governments, RFU, financiers), Project Implementation arrangements, and Status of preparation by Mr. Andreas Blom (ACE Impact Team Leader) - AFD support: Center level and Regional targeted technical assistance (Dr Quentin Delpech, Lead Higher Education Expert, AFD) <p><i>Objective: To present the ACE Impact project overview, objectives, expected results and outcomes, project design and activities. The presentation would also touch on what it would mean to meet effectiveness conditions and will be followed by Q&A</i></p>	Ms. Meskerem (Lily) Mulatu, (Practice Manager, Education, World Bank)	All Centers
17.00 – 17.30	PLENARY SESSION III: RESULTS BASED FINANCING AND DLIs		
17.00 – 17.30	Overview of Results Based Financing – ACE Project by Mrs. Himdat Bayusuf (ACE I Team Leader and ACE Impact Core Team Member)	Ms. Meskerem (Lily) Mulatu, (Practice Manager, Education, World Bank)	All Centers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Q&A <p><i>Objective: To present the overview of the results-based financing approach and mechanism, definitions, challenges and benefits.</i></p>	Manager, Education, World Bank)	
DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2019 – KEMPINSKI HOTEL (VENUE: NAHKEEL 1,2&3)			
08:30 – 10:30	OPENING CEREMONY		
08.30 – 09.15	Arrival of Participants/Registration	Mrs. Gabrielle Hansen	All Centers
09.15 – 09.20	Introduction of opening ceremony	Prof. Fahmi Ahmed/Prof. Jonathan Mba	
09.20 – 09.25	Opening Remarks from Prof. Etienne Ehilé, AAU Secretary General,		
09.25 – 09.30	Welcome Remarks by Ms Valérie Tehio, Deputy Manager for Education, Vocational Training and Employment Sector,AFD		
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome Remarks by Mr Atou Seck, Djibouti Country Representative		
09.35 – 09.45	ACE Project Formal Launch by The Hon. Minister of Higher Education and Research of Djibouti – H.E. Dr Nabil Mohamed Ahmed		
09.45 – 10.00	Speech by The Hon. President of the Republic of Djibouti – H.E. Mr. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh		
10:00 – 10:30	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH/TEA/COFFEE BREAK		
10.30 – 12.00	PLENARY SESSION IV: ENGAGING WITH PARTNERS AND VICE CHANCELLORS		
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Time with Partners</p> <p><i>Objective: There has been a growing interest from various partners on how they can support the ACEs through their own programs (capacity building, research collaborations, and networks, etc). Centers will have an opportunity to hear from several of these partners. About 5 partners and each gets 5mins to pitch their program</i></p>	Dr. Didier Acouetey (Executive Director, Afric Search)	
11:00 – 12.30	<p>Panel Discussion - Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University buy-in and support (avoiding bureaucratic bottlenecks- fiduciary matters); - Governance and Conflict Management; - ACE staff motivation <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WACCI – Prof Eric Danquah ○ 2IE – Prof. Harouna Karambiri • Vice Chancellors: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gen. Xavier Michel <p>Prof Mohammed Salifu (Executive Secretary NCTE Ghana)</p>	All Centers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Redeemer's University - Prof Akinlo ○ University of Lomé - Prof Kokoroko ○ Obafemi Awol. University Prof Ogunbodede <p><i>Objective: To provide participants the opportunity to hear from a panel of ACE I Vice Chancellors, ACE I Center leaders and experts on challenges and successes in navigating the relationship between the ACE center and the overall university community. This session will impress upon participants the importance of institutional impact as it relates to the ACE Impact project</i></p>			
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK			
13.30-14.15	PLENARY SESSION V: ACE OPERATION (VENUE : NAHKEEL 3)			
13.30-14.15	<p>ACE I Project Operational Guidelines on Implementation, Mrs Himdat Bayusuf (ACE1 Team Leader)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priority actions and results for acceleration in 2019 - Proposed rules for last disbursement - Procedure on unutilized funds following project closing - Guidance and operational rules on transition from ACE1 to ACE Impact 	Dr Joshua Atah (NUC, Nigeria)	ACE I Centers	
14.15-18.00	PARALLEL SESSION I: ACEs on progress & challenges			
<p>Working group 1: STEM ACEs</p> <p>(STEM Experts - Prof. M. Diallo, Gen. X. Michel, Prof. G. Ekhuagere)</p> <p>Wedoud Kamil (Senior Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: NAHKEEL 3</p>	<p>Working Group 2: Agriculture ACEs</p> <p>(Agriculture Experts - Prof. R. Wahome, Dr. C. Larsen)</p> <p>Aisha Garba Mohammed (Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: VIP LOUNGE (GROUND FLOOR)</p>	<p>Working group 3: Health ACEs</p> <p>(Health Expert - Prof. M. Niescierenko)</p> <p>Boubakar Lompo (Senior Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: SKY LOUNGE (6TH FLOOR)</p>	<p>Performance & Support Discussion</p> <p>(Mrs. Himdat Bayusuf) CETIC Team and Cameroon PSC member</p> <p>VENUE: EXECUTIVE LOUNGE (2ND FLOOR)</p>	<p>ACE Helpdesks</p> <p><u>ACE M&E Verification Helpdesk:</u> ACEs allocated for sessions (Technopolis and Mrs. Adeline Addy & Astrid Uytterhaegen)</p> <p>VENUE: RASYAN ROOM (GROUND FLOOR)</p> <p><u>ACE DLI 2.8 & Safeguards-</u> ACEs allocated for sessions</p>

				<p>(Maud Kouadio and relevant country co-TTL)</p> <p>VENUE: RASYAN ROOM (GROUND FLOOR)</p> <p><u>ACE Aide Memoire Write Up</u>: Country focal point and relevant country co-TTL)</p> <p>VENUE : EXECUTIVE LOUNGE (3RD FLOOR)</p> <p><u>ACE Disbursement and FM clinics</u> (starts after the ACE Impact plenary on fidiciary) (Cedric Cubahiro and Rock Jabbour)</p> <p>VENUE: TEDJOURA HALL (GROUND FLOOR)</p>	
DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2019 – UNIVSERSITY OF DJIBOUTI					
TIME	ACTIVITY				PARTICIPANTS
9.00 – 11.00	PARALLEL SESSION II: Action plan and AWP's toward full completion of ACE 1 activities				

<p><u>Working group 1:</u> STEM ACEs</p> <p>(STEM Experts - Prof. M. Diallo, Gen. X. Michel, Prof. G. Ekhuagere)</p> <p>Wedoud Kamil (Senior Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 1</p>	<p><u>Working Group 2:</u> Agriculture ACEs</p> <p>(Agriculture Experts - Prof. R. Wahome,)</p> <p>Aisha Garba Mohammed (Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 2</p>	<p><u>Working group 3:</u> Health ACEs</p> <p>(Health Expert - Prof. M. Niescierenko)</p> <p>Boubakar Lompo (Senior Education Specialist)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 3</p>	<p><u>Performance & Support Discussion</u> (Mrs. Himdat Bayusuf and Ms Aisha Garba) Nigerian ACEs- (CEADESE, UNIJOS, PAMI) (Dr Joshua Attah, NUC)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 4</p>	<p><u>ACE Helpdesks</u></p> <p><u>ACE M&E Verification Helpdesk:</u> ACEs allocated for sessions (Technopolis and Mrs. Adeline Addy & Astrid Uytterhaegen)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 5</p> <p><u>ACE DLI 2.8 & Safeguards-</u> ACEs allocated for sessions (Maud Kouadio and relevant country co-TTL)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 1 – ROOM 6</p> <p><u>ACE Aide Memoire Write Up:</u> Country focal point and relevant country co-TTL)</p> <p>VENUE: BLOCK 2 – ROOM 7</p>	<p>ACE I Centers</p>	
<p>11.00 – 11.30</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>					
<p>11.30 – 13.00</p>	<p>PARALLEL SESSION II: Action plan and AWP's toward full completion of ACE 1 activities</p>					
<p><u>Working group 1:</u> STEM ACEs</p>	<p><u>Working Group 2:</u> Agriculture ACEs</p>	<p><u>Working group 3:</u> Health ACEs</p>	<p><u>Performance & Support Discussion</u></p>	<p><u>Working Group: Loans and FM</u></p>	<p><u>ACE Helpdesks</u></p>	<p>ACE I Centers</p>

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<p>13.00 – 14.00</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>					
<p>14.00 – 16.00</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION: ACE1</p>					

14.00-15.15	Thematic Reporting from Center Leaders (reporting back should be presented by a center leader from each thematic session)			ACE I Centers
15.15-16.00	ACE Project Workshop Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACE Monitoring & Supervision Missions and other Key Next Steps- Mrs. Himdat Bayusuf / Prof. Jonathan Mba - ACE Project Evaluation Survey-Jonathan Mba - Brief Closing Remarks-ACE Center Leaders and PSC Member, WB Country Representative <u>Facilitators:</u> Mrs. Himdat Bayusuf / Prof. Jonathan Mba			ACE I Centers
DAY FOUR: FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2019 – UNIVSERSITY OF DJIBOUTI				
10.00 – 12.30pm	Verification Clinic (Technopolis and Mrs. Adeline Addy & Astrid Uytterhaegen)	Support Session on DLI 2.8 Maud Kouadio/Himdat Bayusuf	Performance discussion & sustainability planning for ACE1 renewals	
12.30pm-13.30	LUNCH			
13.30-15.00	Verification Clinic (Technopolis and Mrs. Adeline Addy & Astrid Uytterhaegen)	Support Session on DLI 2.8 Maud Kouadio/Himdat Bayusuf	Performance discussion & sustainability planning for ACE1 renewals	
15.00-15.300	LUNCH			
15.30 – 17.00	Verification Clinic (Technopolis and Mrs. Adeline Addy & Astrid Uytterhaegen)	Support Session on DLI 2.8 Maud Kouadio/Himdat Bayusuf	Performance discussion & sustainability planning for ACE1 renewals	
DAY 6-8, SUNDAY 24-26 FERBUARY-DJIBOUTI UNIVERSITY-ACE1 RENEWALS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACE IMPACT SESSIONS				

NOTE WELL: For enquiries on location of rooms, please contact any of the following: Gabrielle Hansen – AAU Logistics Officer ; Maud Kouadio IV – WB ACE Team Member; Janet Adebo - WB Programme Assistant; Astrid Uytterhaegen - WB ACE Team Member; and any AAU/WB team member.