THE AFRICA-AMERICA INSTITUTE’S

5TH ANNUAL STATE OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA CONFERENCE

AFRICAN EMERGENCE

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2019

KING FAHD PALACE HOTEL
DAKAR, SENEGAL
# SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Africa-America Institute, I want to thank you for joining us at the fifth annual State of Education in Africa conference (SOE) in Dakar, Senegal.

I would like to also express my sincere gratitude to the host country, the Republic of Senegal, and to our local partners in Dakar. We are honored to host this conference in Dakar, as Senegal is at the forefront of African creativity, intellectual achievement and enlightenment.

As we gather for this year’s conference under the theme “African Emergence”, we look forward to learning from the many panelists and stakeholders as they share their vision, collaborate alongside each other, and charter enterprising ideas for transforming higher education in Africa to meet the demands of today’s world.

We would like to also welcome student participants from the universities in Senegal and Niger, alongside students from our partner institutions in Ghana and Nigeria for our inaugural Student Summit, a forum for students to speak candidly about shared challenges in higher education and develop innovative solutions in response.

I extend a special note of thanks to our esteemed sponsors and partners The Ford Foundation, The Mai Family Foundation, The Jim Ovia Foundation, AmCham Senegal, L’Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD), SupDeco, L’Institut Supérieur de Management (ISM), L’Institut Africain de Management (IAM), African Development University (ADU), Ashesi University, Covenant University, All Africa Media, US Embassy, and the West African Research Center (WARC).

We look forward to engaging with each of our guest speakers, especially our student participants. It is our hope that the conversations started here will continue beyond SOE and lead to partnerships that help African higher education institutions realize their role in meeting the challenges and opportunities created by Africa’s burgeoning youth population.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the generosity, commitment, and vision of the myriad of hosts, partners, sponsors, panelists and attendees who are joining us in Dakar. You are critical to our successful convening and we are deeply grateful.

Yours in Partnership,

Kofi Appenteng
President
The Africa-America Institute holds its 5th annual State of Education in Africa (SOE) conference on November 13-15, 2019 in Dakar, Senegal. This SOE, we explore the unpredictability of the future, and the prerequisites of agility, responsiveness and inclusion to thrive within it. How does Africa’s unique brand – through its traditional knowledge systems and practices, and the trends sweeping the global markets drive skills development, leadership and competitiveness? What is the role of education in shaping future urban environments, especially in Senegal? What responsibility does an educational institution have to local communities and others? We continue to dissect the challenges of institutional capacity-building in education, effective collaboration for innovation, and financing, while examining key issues in global citizenship, influencing and educating the world about Afro-descendant populations.

The theme “African Emergence”, is an exploration of the social science phenomena that requires work to be done at the systems level where the properties and power are inextricable from the relationship of the properties of the whole structure. In essence, the sum of the whole is greater than its parts; this is very true of Africa and what we intend to explore. At AAI, we are operating more at the systems level, working with governments and universities to design programs that collectively operate as networks for impact. This requires a long-term commitment and investment built on steady analysis, integrative approaches and reflexive evaluation. Our strategies continue to guide us during the conference period where we will investigate the innovations which may have greatest influence on systemic change.
CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

To promote innovation and solution-driven conversation aimed to build a globally-competitive Higher Education system and workforce in Africa;

To create a platform that challenges education stakeholders to embolden their visions and transformative ideas towards a new education landscape for Africa;

To serve as a catalyst in developing new partnerships and inspiring program innovations that improve accessibility, relevancy, and the overall impact of Africa Higher Education.

To examine the role, identity, history and representation of Africa and its people around the world, through dialogue, education, and research.

We measure the success of the State of Education in Africa conference through our ability to promote solution-driven conversation, serve as a conduit for bold, innovative vision and as a catalyst for cross-sectoral, multi-disciplinary collaborations. This offering, aligned with AAI’s key strategic pillars, presents a unique conference experience.

Additional Information can be found at www.soefor.org

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SOE 2014
HOST: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SOE 2015
HOST: LAGOS, NIGERIA

SOE 2017
HOST: NAIROBI, KENYA

SOE 2018
HOST: ABIDJAN, CÔTE D’IVOIRE
THE INAUGURAL SOE STUDENT SUMMIT

On November 13, 2019, the Africa America Institute (AAI) held its inaugural SOE Student Summit, bringing together 50 students representing public and private universities from Senegal and AAI’s partner universities in Ghana, Nigeria and Niger, to discuss the opportunities and challenges of transforming African Higher Education.

In line with AAI’s mission to support and build future leadership capacity across the African continent, the Summit is being held at a critical moment in response to African students’ commitment to their voices being heard and to their growing participation in global discussions around the resources needed to ensure access to a globally-competitive education and supportive education system.

For three years, AAI has sought to amplify the voices of students and young people by inviting varying student perspectives to the State of Education in Africa Conference (SOE) as panelists representing this key stakeholder group. This year, we are challenging ourselves to do more.

AAI is producing the first SOE Student Summit to become a dedicated platform where students can engage each other, deliberate on the current capacities of their institutions, and actively contribute to discussions on the role of Africa in the world.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT

- To develop an interactive network for increased engagement for a generation of future African leaders
- To foster community and strong relationships between African students through dialogue and knowledge sharing by exploring local, national and global challenges in Higher Education
- To facilitate students in co-creating improvements in human capital development and skills training with higher education partners
- To build the capacity of students to effect change in education policy and practice

AAI wants to thank its Senegal-based partners, the West African Research Center (WARC) and Groupe Ecole Supérieur de Commerce de Dakar (SupDeCo) which helped to recruit students from national public and private universities. Despite our desire to include student representatives from TVET institutions, we did not receive any response to our outreach and hope to include these perspectives in the future.

The following universities participated in the 2019 Inaugural AAI Student Summit:

- L’Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) - Senegal
- Groupe Ecole Supérieur de Commerce de Dakar (SupDeCo) - Senegal
- L’Institut Supérieur de Management (ISM) - Senegal
- L’Institut Africain de Management (IAM) -Senegal
- African Development University (ADU) -Niger
- Ashesi University - Ghana
- Covenant University - Nigeria
FULL SCHEDULE

DAY 1  WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

9:00  INAUGURAL SOE STUDENT SUMMIT
  WELCOME REMARKS BY KOFI APPENTENG, AAI PRESIDENT
  FRAMING THE STUDENT SUMMIT
  REMARKS BY KADER KANEYE, FOUNDER, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT UNIVERSITY
  PRESENTATIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS MODERATED BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
  UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS
  CLOSING REMARKS BY DR. OUSMANE SENE (WARC) AND DR. MAMADOU GAYE (SUPDECO)

12:30  STUDENT SUMMIT CONCLUDES

19:00  AAI ALUMNI RECEPTION
  REMARKS BY HER EXCELLENCY MRS. HAIJA AÏSSATA ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU, FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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  REMARKS BY CURRENT JIM OVIA FOUNDATION LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

21:00  DAY 1/ALUMNI RECEPTION CONCLUDES

DAY 2  THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

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  KOFI APPENTENG, AAI PRESIDENT

9:00  OPENING KEYNOTE: THE STATE OF EDUCATION IN SENEGAL
  HONORABLE DR. DAME DIOP, MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & TRADES
  THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

9:15  WELCOME
  HIS EXCELLENCY TULINABO S. MUSHINGI, PhD, US AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL

9:30  AFRICAN EMERGENCE
  SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM SOE STUDENT SUMMIT
  Emerging leaders from the inaugural AAI Student Summit offer perspectives on the importance of the State of
  Education in Africa conference.

9:40  AFRICA AMPLIFIED PANEL
  “MADE IN AFRICA” – GLOBALIZATION OF THE AFRICAN BRAND
  Local and international culturists discuss the modern evolution of African brands through the global production and
  promotion required to sustain its trending growth.

Panelists:
- MODERATOR: Sarah Diouf, Founder, Tongoro Studios
- Trevor Stuurman, Photographer
- Kader Kaneye, Founder, African Development University
- Daouda Diouf, Director Sonatel Academy/Orange Digital Center
- Lee Litumbe, Content Creator and Creative Director, Spirited Pursuit
- Amy Holman, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy to Senegal
- Fatou Diop, Student – American + Caribbean Studies, Université Cheikh Anta Diop

11:10  SPECIAL PRESENTATION
  HARAMBEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR
  Maryana Iskander, Executive Director, speaks on youth employment and entrepreneurship
FULL SCHEDULE

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11:30  MINISTERIAL PANEL
HARMONIZING EDUCATION SYSTEMS THROUGH THE ADDIS CONVENTION
Selected Ministers in charge of Higher Education from the West African region discuss, examine and suggest the paramount role that the systems of education can play in promoting continental integration, with a focus on the Addis Convention.

Panelists:
- MODERATOR: Dr. Yohannes Woldeyensae, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission
- Hon Yahouza Sadissou, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, The Republic of Niger
- Dr. Amadou Abdoul Sow, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of The Republic of Senegal
- Mrs. Musu Gorvie, Deputy Chief Technical and Higher Education Officer, Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, The Republic of Sierra Leone
- Mrs. Aminata Sankara Ouedraogo, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, The Republic of Burkina Faso
- Prof. Bienvenu Koudjo, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, The Republic of Benin
- Prof Koffi Jondo, President of the National Commission for the Certification of Diplomas, Degrees Titles and Certificates, The Republic of Togo.

13:00  LUNCH

14:30  AFRICAN EPISTEMOLOGIES PANEL
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION
Agricultural researchers, futurists and related practitioners explore the role of indigenous African agricultural methods in one of the world’s largest and most innovative growth sectors.

Panelists:
- MODERATOR: Dr. Addo Mahamane, Rector, University of Tahoua, AAI Alumnus
- Maman Dicko Sy, Chief Executive Officer, Dictaf Corporation
- Aasiya Gaye, Value Chain Expert, La Délégation Générale à l’Entreprenariat Rapide des Femmes et des Jeunes (DER)- Republic of Senegal
- Aifa Fatimata Niane Ndoye, World Bank
- Bakary Traore, Bachelors Student – International Commerce, SupDeCo

16:00  RESEARCHERS’ ROUNDTABLE: “TRUSTAFRICA 2015 REVISITED”
EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITIES
An intersectional review, update and exploration of the African Higher Education ecosystem. As new conversations are emerging around the 4th Industrial Revolution, new players and newer interventions are taking institutional root and reshaping the landscape. Panelists will pull on examples that blend Africa’s strategic advantages with current education infrastructure through partnerships with local community.

Panelists:
- MODERATOR: Dr. Ebrima Sall, Executive Director, TrustAfrica
- Prof. Phil Clay, Former Chancellor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Prof. Akouete Florentine Hounsou, Special Coordinator of the Center of Continuing Professional Training and Consultancy of, ENAM, AAI Alumnus
- Abdoul Aziz Sy, Adjunct Director General of SupDeco Dakar
- Dr. Yohannes Woldeyensae, Senior Education Expert, African Union Commission
- Mohamed Ndiaye, Masters’ Student – Geography and Health, Université Cheikh Anta Diop

17:30  AFTERNOON NETWORKING

18:00  CONFERENCE RECEPTION

20:00  DAY 2 CONCLUDES
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DAY 3  FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

8:30  OPENING REMARKS

9:00  SPECIAL PRESENTATION
FONDATION GURI VIE MEILLEURE
H.E. Mrs. Hajiya Aissata Issoufou Mahamadou, First Lady of the Republic of Niger, Founder of Fondation Guri Vie Meilleure

9:15  OPEN ACCESS PANEL
IMPROVING GIRLS AND WOMEN’S HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH
AAI invites leading perspectives to reflect on best practices in promoting girls and women’s higher education and to present the role of Higher Education and their offices in advancing national economic development.

Panelists:
• MODERATOR: Khardiata Ndiaye, Délégation Générale à l’Entreprenariat Rapide des Femmes et des Jeunes (DER)- Republic of Senegal
• H.E. Mrs. Hajiya Aissata Issoufou Mahamadou, First Lady of the Republic of Niger
• Kader Kaneye, Founder, African Development University
• Marie Joséphine Thama Kora, ECD Specialist, UNICEF, AAI Alumnus
• Nelson Soto, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Union Institute and University
• Edwin Zodji, Student, ISM

10:15  SCALING INNOVATION
DEMAND-DRIVEN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR URBAN ENVIRONMENTS + SMART CITIES
The panel explores the role of education in standing up smart cities and supporting urban development in response to significant technological advancement and environmental sustainability.

Panelists:
• MODERATOR: Christian Benimana, Project Director, MASS Design Group
• Pierre Goudiaby Atepa, Architect, AAI Alumnus
• Khadiatou Sall, Founder of Science Education Exchange for Sustainable Development (SeeSD)
• Bigue Sagna, Investment Officer, Manufacturing and Service Sector, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
• Cheikh Tidiane Sambe, Masters’ Student – Finance, SupDeCo

11:30  SPECIAL PRESENTATION
FIRESIDE CHAT WITH AUTHOR AYI KWEI ARMAH
AAI President Kofi Appenteng interviews the renowned Ghanaian novelist.

12:00  FUTURE CAPACITIES PANEL
PEDAGOGY THROUGH EMERGENT DESIGN FOR AFRICAN EMPLOYABILITY: EDUCATION FOR FORMAL, INFORMAL & GIG ECONOMIES
Panelists discuss the design, execution and responsiveness of 21st century classrooms to equip students to best leverage the opportunities for the formal, informal and gig economies. It will explore inclusion through education by offering a discussion on how the informal sector and inclusive markets drive local economies.

Panelists:
• MODERATOR: Ahmadou Aly Mbaye, Professor of Economics at, Université Cheikh Anta Diop and Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institute
• Prof. Ibrahima Sakho, Department of Education, University of Montreal
• M. Abdoul Diallo, General Inspector of Education and Training, Université Cheikh Anta Diop
• Codou Diaw, Program Lead, Eastern African Partner Network, Mastercard Foundation
• Mounkaila Dia, PhD Candidate – International Business, Université Cheikh Anta Diop

13:30  DAY 3/ CONFERENCE CONCLUDES
The Africa-America Institute (AAI) is the flagship U.S. organization connecting Africa to America. Since its founding in 1953, over 16,000 Africans have received scholarships and fellowships from the Africa-America Institute. These Africans are now an esteemed network of alumni, many of whom are leaders and influencers across public, private, and governmental sectors in Africa and globally. Included in this network are current heads of state, H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of Niger; H.E. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia; H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire; and H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa. Many of AAI’s Alumni have left an indelible imprint including the late 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Wangari Mathaai and the late Barack Obama, Sr.

To further our mission of promoting enlightened engagement between Africa and the Americas through education, training and dialogue, AAI now operates under two strategic pillars: Pathways to Livelihood and Africa Illuminated.

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