

The 10th Annual Conference on Private Higher Education

Organised by

St. Mary's University College in Collaboration with the Association of African Universities, African Union Commission, Association for the Development of Education in Africa, and Covenant University

Theme: *The Role of Private Universities in Higher Education in Africa*

Venue: African Union Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Date: August 8 – 10, 2012

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 7th August 2012

16.00 – 18.00 Arrival/ Registration

Wednesday, 8th August 2012

08.30 – 09.00 Arrival/ Registration Continued

09.00 – 09.10 Opening Remarks by Organisers/Introduction of Participants

09.10 – 09.20 Introduction of Chairman, Keynote Speakers & Guests of Honour

09.20 – 09.30 Chairman's Opening Remarks

09.30 – 09.50 Short Addresses by (i) AAU Secretary General; (ii) VC of St. Mary's University College; (iii) VC of Covenant University

09:50 – 10:00 Message from AUC Commissioner His Excellency Jean-Pierre O. Ezin

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome Address by H.E. Ato Demeke Mekonnen, Minister, Ethiopian Ministry of Education

10.15 – 10.30 Keynote Address on the theme: *The Role of Private Universities in Higher Education in Africa* **Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, Secretary to the Government of Kogi State, Nigeria/Former AAU Secretary General**

10.30 – 11.00 Group Photograph/Health Break

11.00 – 12.00 **Chair: Dr Teshome Yizengaw, Africa Program Officer, Higher Education Development**

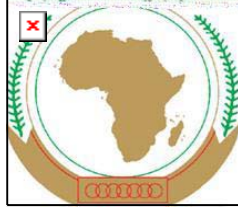
Rapporteur: Ato Samson Tilahun, SMUC, Ethiopia

Plenary Presentation on the subtheme *Public-Private Partnership in Higher Education in Africa* **Dr. Rajendar Dhoj Joshi**

Plenary Presentation on *African Union Commission's Programs on Higher Education* **AUC Representative**

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break



Parallel Sessions

Panel 1: Public-Private Partnership in Higher Education in Africa

Chair: Professor Belay Kassa

Rapporteur: W/t Selamawit Negasi, SMUC, Ethiopia

13:30-13:50. *Financing University Education through Public-Private Partnership at Midlands State University in Zimbabwe.* **Jephias Matunhu, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe**

13:50-14:10. *Financing Higher Education in Kenya: Public-Private Partnership Approach* **Caleb Gudo (PhD), KCA, Kenya**

14:10-14:30. *Public-Private Partnerships for Research in Private Universities in Uganda.* **Kukunda Elizabeth Bacwayo (PhD), Uganda Christian University**

14:30-14:50. *Deregulation, Private-Public Partnerships, and Private Universities in Nigeria* **Prof. Anthony Osagie, Benson Idahosa University, Nigeria**

14:50-15:10. Discussion

Panel 2: Private Higher Education Provision in Africa: Strategies for Success and Opportunities

Chair: Mr Tedla Haile

Rapporteur: Ato Goitom Abrha, SGS, SMUC

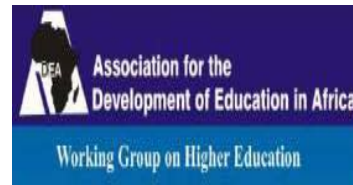
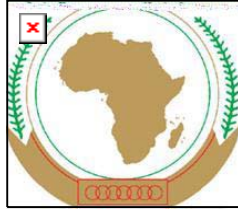
13:30-13:50. *Study Conditions at a Private University in Tanzania: A Perspective on Students' Experiences* **Bernadette Müller (PhD) and Max Haller University of Graz, Austria**

13:50-14:10. *Distance Education as a Tool for Development: The prospect of private distance education in Ethiopia* **Taye Mohammed and Tesfaye Teshome (Associate Professor), HERQA**

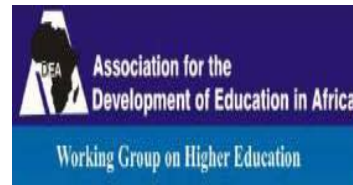
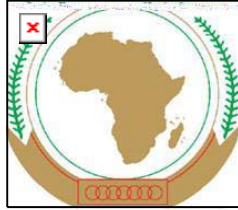
14:10-14:30. *Private Higher Education in Africa is a better alternative: The Case of Monash University, South Africa* **Geoffery Sestswe (Professor), Monash University, South Africa**

14:30-14:50 *21st Century Private Higher Education in Africa: Improving the quality of Curriculum Development with Financial Intelligence* **Samuel Faboyede**

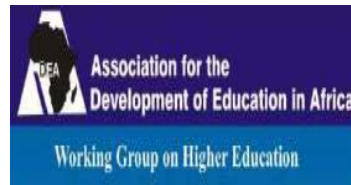
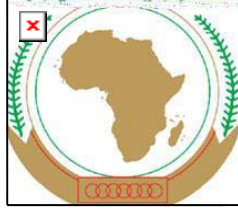
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria</p> <p>14:50-15:10. Discussion</p>
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<p>15.20-16.50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parallel Sessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel 1: Private Higher Education at the Crossroads: Strategic Planning and the Pursuit of the Public Good</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Kebede Kassa</i> <i>Rapporteur: Dr. Eyilachew Zewdie, SGS, SMUC</i></p> <p>15:30-15:50. Private Universities, Endogenous Knowledge Regime and Problem Solving Scholarship in Africa: A Polycentric Planning Perspective. S., R. Akinola (PhD), Covenant University, Nigeria</p> <p>15:50-16:10. Private Higher Education Institutions in Ethiopia: Opportunities, Challenges, and Ways Forward. Kassahun Kebede and Tesfaye Teshome (Associate Professor), HERQA, Ethiopia</p> <p>16:10-16:30. Higher Education in Africa and the Role of Private Universities: A Focus on Nigeria. Iruonagbe, Tunde Charles (PhD), Covenant University, Nigeria</p> <p>16:30-16:50. Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel 2: Private Higher Education Provision in Africa: Strategies for Success and Opportunities</p> <p><i>Chair: Prof. Daniel Aina, VC Adeleke University, Nigeria</i> <i>Rapporteur: Dr. Nigussie, SGS, SMUC</i></p> <p>15:30-15:50. Performance of the Higher Education Sub-Sector in Ethiopia. Fitsum Zewdu, Ethiopian Economic Association, Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute, Ethiopia</p> <p>15:50-16:10. Bridging the Gap in Education: The Role and Impact of Privately owned Learning Institutions in Zambia. Velenasi Mwale Munsanje, M., Evelyn Hone College, Zambia</p>



	<p>16:10-16:30. <i>Students' Expectations and Attitude towards Foreign-supplied Post-Graduate Programmes through Ethiopian Private Higher Education Institutions.</i> Rakshit Negi (Ph.D) and Guta Kedida, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia</p> <p>16:30-16:50. Discussion</p>
16:50 – 17:20	<p>Chair: <i>Professor Olugbemi Jegede</i> Rapporteur: <i>Dr. Eyilachew Zewdie, SGS, SMUC</i></p> <p>Plenary Presentation on the subtheme <i>Funding of Private Universities in Africa</i> Dr Mrs Esther O. Asekun-Olarinmoye</p>
17:20 – 17:35	Discussion
17:40	End of session
Thursday, 9th August 2012	
08.30 – 09.00	Welcome/Review of Day's Activities
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Chair: <i>Prof. Aize Obayan, Vice Chancellor, Covenant University, Nigeria</i> Rapporteur: <i>Rahel G/Chirstos</i></p> <p>Plenary Presentation on the subtheme <i>Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Private Universities in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities</i> Prof. Barney Pityana, Rector Anglican Theological Seminary, South Africa</p> <p>Plenary Presentation on the subtheme <i>Private Higher Education at the Crossroads: Strategic Planning and the Pursuit of the Public Good</i> Professor Paul Omaji</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Discussion
10.15 – 10.30	Health Break
	Parallel Sessions
	<p>Panel 1: Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Private Universities in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities</p>
	<p>Chair: <i>Dr. Getnet Tizazu, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia</i> Rapporteur: <i>Dr. Wondimagegn Chekol, Quality Assurance Office, SMUC, Ethiopia</i></p> <p>10:30-10:50. <i>Implementation Barriers to Internal Quality Assurance in Private Higher Education in Ghana.</i> John Kwame Boateng (PhD), Wisconsin International University College</p>



10.30 – 12.40

10:50-11:10. *Quality Assurance Challenges and Opportunities faced by Private Universities in Zimbabwe.* **Evelyn C. Garwe (PhD), Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education, Zimbabwe**

11:10-11:30. *Collecting Feedback from Students in Ethiopian Private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs): Implication for Quality Assurance and Enhancement.* **Melaku Girma, St. Mary's University College, Ethiopia**

11:30-11:50. *Internationalization and Quality Assurance in a Private University College.* **John Kwame Boateng (PhD), Wisconsin International University College**

11:50-12:10. *Cross-Border Partnership and Collaboration in Maintaining Quality Education in Private Higher Education Institutions in Africa: Some Selected Cases from Ethiopia.* **Wondimeneh Mammo (Asst. Prof.), Alpha University College, Ethiopia.**

12:10-12:40. Discussion

Panel 2: Private Universities in Community Service in Africa

Chair: *Professor Paul Omaji, VC Salem University*

Rapporteur: *W/ro Ergogie Tesfaye, Gender Office, SMUC*

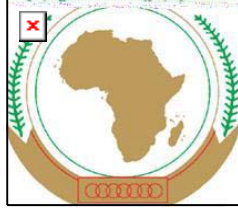
10:30-10:50. *University-Community Engagement for Sustainable Development: An Analysis of the Context of Private Universities in Zimbabwe.* **David Chakuchichi (Prof.), Zimbabwe Open University**

10:50-11:10. *Higher Education and Entrepreneurship Development: What roles are private universities playing in Ethiopia?* **Hailemeleket Taye, St. Mary's University College, Ethiopia**

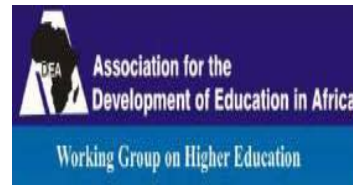
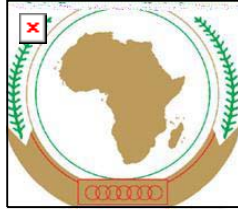
11:10-11:30. *Higher Education as an Agent of Inclusive Development: The Role of Private Universities in Africa.* **Tsitsi Chataika, University of Zimbabwe**

11:30-11:50. *Knowledge about HIV/AIDS, Risk Reduction Behaviors and Readiness to undergo Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT): Focus on Public and Private College Students in Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia.* **Kabtamu Ayele Jimma (Asst. Prof.), Asela College of Teacher Education, Ethiopia**

11:50-12:10. *The Role of Private Higher Education Institutions in Student Readiness for HE.*



	Misganaw Solomon, SMUC, Ethiopia
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	<p>14:40-15:00. <i>Factors Dictating Students' Career Choice in the Ethiopian Higher Education Environment.</i> Asaye Teklu, St. Mary's University College, Ethiopia</p> <p>15:00-15:20. <i>The Role of Private Higher Education Institutions in Community Service in Africa.</i> Ashesi Approach, Elspeth Adzo Ashie, Ghana</p> <p>15:20-15:40 <i>The Engagement of African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Response to HIV/AIDS</i> Daniel Kweku Kubuafor (PhD), AAU, Ghana</p> <p>15:40-16:00 Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Health Break
16.30-17:00	<i>The International Fellowship Program of AAU,</i> Araba Botchway, AAU
17:00 -17:15	<i>Adoption of the Addis Ababa Declaration on the Role of Private Universities in Higher Education in Africa</i> Professor Michael Omolewa, Former President of the General Conference of UNESCO
17.15 – 17.30	Closing Remark Tedla Haile, Executive Vice President, SMUC, Ethiopia
Friday, 10th August 2012	
09.00 – 12.30	Excursion (Optional) to Entoto Mountain- Menelik Museum, Addis Ababa University Museum (Site of objects related to Emperor Haile Selassie), Trinity Cathedral (Ark of Covenant Site)
12.30 –	Departure