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African Centers of Excellence Celebrate a Decade of Achievement in Ghana



President of Ghana, John Mahama , world Bank Leaders and IUCEA Executive Secretary on the 7th of April 2025 in Accra, Ghana.

The decade of achievement for the African Centers of Excellence concluded in Accra, Ghana, on April 9, 2025. The African Centers of Excellence @10 Celebration in Accra, Ghana, marks a transformative milestone for education and regional cooperation throughout the continent.

As President John Mahama eloquently stated during the opening ceremony, this initiative has not only advanced higher education but has also forged stronger bonds of unity among African nations. It is a powerful reminder of the profound impact

that collaboration can have on shaping the future of Africa. This celebration isn't merely a tribute to the past; it's a clarion call for continued innovation and partnership that can uplift the entire region.

This celebration brought together a distinguished assembly of Ministers from Central, Eastern, Southern, and West Africa, illustrating the collective spirit of commitment to excellence in education. It is a testament to what has been achieved over the past decade and a rallying call for even greater cooperation in the future.

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, the Executive Secretary of IUCEA, addressed a distinguished audience during the High-Level Continental Meeting on the Africa Centers of Excellence (ACE) @10 Celebration. His speech emphasized the initiative's significant contributions to higher education and its role in Africa's overall development.

The ACE initiative has positively impacted educational standards, research, and collaboration among African nations. Over the past decade, ACE centers have enrolled over 28,000 students, with a notable increase in female



UCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona on the 7th of April 2025 in Accra, Ghana.

participation in postgraduate programs. Additionally, student mobility has grown, particularly in Kenya, indicating a rising trend in inter-country academic exchanges, as noted by Prof. Banyankimbona. The quality and employability of graduates have also improved. A total of 310 programs have received national accreditation, and 37 have achieved international recognition. Furthermore, a tracer study

revealed that 81.8% of graduates felt their education significantly enhanced their employment opportunities, he stated.

The African Centers of Excellence @10 Celebration, concluded in Accra, Ghana, served as a pivotal gathering for Ministers from Eastern, Southern, Central, and West Africa, fostering a three-day high-level dialogue aimed

at propelling the continent's educational landscape forward. This celebration not only commemorates a decade of successes but also reflects our collective ambition to strengthen partnerships and continue building a future where educational excellence thrives across the continent.

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona Joins Celebrations for DAAD's 100th Anniversary in Berlin



IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, and representatives from North America, Africa, and Germany on the 6th of May 2025 in Berlin.

The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), joined a distinguished assembly of leaders from Europe, North America, and Africa to commemorate a significant milestone: the 100th Anniversary of the DAAD in Berlin on the 6th of May 2025. The event, titled "Co-Creating Knowledge: Africa and the G7+ Shaping the Future

of Higher Education Cooperation," served as a vibrant platform for the exchange of ideas and innovative solutions, where participants thoughtfully addressed the contemporary challenges and immense opportunities present in international academic collaboration. In light of evolving global policies, discussions delved into the changing dynamics of South-North academic partnerships in an increasingly multipolar world. Key

insights from this engaging day were enlightening and inspiring, as noted by Kai Sicks, Secretary General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It became evident that, given the current geopolitical landscape and the various narratives at play, Europe must cultivate dependable partnerships with Africa, and vice versa. The G7 countries are encouraged to reassess their strategies with an emphasis on mutual benefit and shared



IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, with panelists on the 6th of May 2025 in Berlin.

responsibility, promoting equitable partnerships rather than one-sided approaches.

“As we reflect on Africa's burgeoning population, the prospects for university collaboration present a wealth of new opportunities and challenges for partners in Europe and North America. Additionally, there is a noteworthy call to action to enhance "South-South" and intra-African collaborations, which could facilitate pan-African resource-sharing and yield universal benefits”, stated Kai Sicks, Secretary General of DAAD.

The day was filled with stimulating discussions, leaving participants inspired and optimistic about our ability to forge partnerships that address local needs, emphasizing shared ownership and meaningful outcomes, stated Prof. Gaspard

Banyankimbona, IUCEA Executive Secretary.

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona discussed the concept of a joint agenda in scientific cooperation and its practical implications. He emphasized that a joint agenda in science involves collaboration between partners from different regions or institutions, such as universities in Africa and Europe, working together toward shared goals. These goals often address significant global challenges, including climate change, health, food security, digital transformation, education, and infrastructure, he stated.

He also mentioned co-creating and co-owning the entire research journey, which includes setting priorities, designing studies, securing funding, and executing

the work. This collaboration can also extend to the development of joint academic programs that offer joint degrees. It is crucial to ensure equality, enabling African institutions to transition from being mere implementers to becoming co-creators and decision-makers on key aspects of the partnership he further lamented.

Additionally, he highlighted initiatives such as the EAC-AU Research Agenda and the collaboration between the East African Community (EAC) and GIZ on clean energy. In these partnerships, both sides contribute value and share leadership. The ACE II Project is another notable example where African universities take the lead, supported by global partners like the World Bank and various African governments.

Historic Partnership: Prof. Banyankimbona, LVBC Boss Unite in MoU Signing



Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, the Executive Secretary of the IUCEA, and Dr. Kahitira Masinde Bwire of LVBC are joined by staff from both LVBC and IUCEA during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

On the 16th of May, a pivotal moment unfolded at the Headquarters of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) in Kisumu, as two prominent institutions dedicated to fostering regional development and collaboration united their efforts. Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona,

the Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), and Dr. Kahitira Masinde Bwire from LVBC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This signing ceremony signifies the beginning of a strategic partnership that seeks to leverage academic expertise

for the promotion of sustainable development and the advancement of research initiatives throughout the East African Community (EAC).

The MoU establishes a comprehensive framework for collaboration, targeting essential areas such as research, policy



■ Professor Gaspard Banyankimbona, the Executive Secretary of the IUCEA, and Dr. Kahitira Masinde Bwire of LVBC have formalized a collaborative partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

formulation, advocacy, capacity building, innovation, and resource mobilization. By aligning their efforts, these institutions aim to cultivate a culture of cooperation that resonates across borders, fostering a unified approach to tackling the multifaceted challenges that face the region today.

Through this partnership, we can initiate groundbreaking research that addresses the pressing needs of our communities. Collaborative efforts can lead to the development of innovative policies that not only benefit the environment but also stimulate economic growth and

social equity. By advocating for effective policies informed by rigorous research, we can empower local communities and establish sustainable practices that can be scaled across the EAC.

Capacity building is another cornerstone of this partnership. By sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices, both IUCEA and LVBC can enhance the skills and competencies of individuals and organizations within the region. This investment in human capital is essential for fostering resilient communities that are equipped to navigate and thrive amid the complexities of development.

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona articulated the significance of this collaboration, expressing his commitment to ensuring that the partnership achieves its intended outcomes. He emphasized that through collective strength and shared vision, the IUCEA and LVBC can significantly contribute to the regional integration efforts vital for sustainable growth.

In conclusion, the formalization of this partnership represents a powerful step forward in our collective journey toward sustainable development in East Africa.

Prof. Rai's Courtesy Visit to Hope Africa University: A Moment of Collaboration and Growth



IUCEA Deputy Executive Secretary, Prof. Rai signing a visitor's book at Hope Africa University in Burundi on 30th of April 2025.

The delegation of Quality Assurance Practitioners, led by Prof. Idris A. Rai, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), made a significant courtesy visit to Hope Africa University (HAU) in Burundi. This visit, which took place on 30th April 2025, was part of a broader initiative aimed at enhancing the

quality of higher education across the East African Community (EAC). During this pivotal visit, Prof. Rai was joined by a group of Quality Assurance practitioners representing various member universities from the IUCEA. Their engagement with the academic staff of HAU focused on several crucial areas, including the

formulation and implementation of quality assurance mechanisms in higher education. The discussions centered around best practices in quality assurance, with an emphasis on establishing benchmarks that can be utilized by institutions across the region to improve educational standards. The IUCEA delegation shared insights



IUCEA Deputy Executive Secretary and Quality Assurance Practitioners at Hope Africa University in Burundi on 30th of April 2025.

on effective quality assurance frameworks that have been implemented successfully in other universities, thereby providing HAU with valuable recommendations tailored to its unique context.

Additionally, the conversations explored opportunities for fostering collaboration between universities in the region, particularly regarding student and staff exchange programs.

Such initiatives are seen as vital for enriching the educational experience, enhancing research collaboration, and cultivating a diverse academic community within the EAC.

The overarching goal of this visit was to promote collaborative advancements in higher education, ensuring that institutions within the East African Community not only meet globally recognized

standards but also work together to address challenges and leverage opportunities in the evolving educational landscape.

By nurturing partnerships and shared objectives, the IUCEA and HAU aim to contribute to the development of a robust and dynamic higher education sector in East Africa.

Prof. Banyankimbona Makes a Courteous Visit to Kinshasa: A Bridge to New Collaborations



IUCEA Executive Secretary and Key Higher Education Representatives at the University of Kinshasa on the 14th of April 2025

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), had the distinct honor of meeting with prominent leaders from various higher education institutions in Kinshasa. This significant gathering was held at the University of Kinshasa Senate Building, a central hub for academic leadership and discourse, on the 14th of April 2025.

The meeting served as a platform for discussing IUCEA's vital mandate, which focuses on enhancing higher education across the East African Community (EAC) region and the upcoming IUCEA Annual Meeting & Conference scheduled for July 2025 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. IUCEA Executive Secretary and higher education Leaders in DRC delved into a

range of groundbreaking initiatives that are currently reshaping the educational landscape, including collaborative research programs, academic mobility schemes, and comprehensive strategies aimed at strengthening the integration of higher education within the region's socio-economic frameworks.

Throughout the dynamic discussions, leaders reflected on the critical role that higher education plays in driving regional development and innovation. They emphasized that well-structured educational systems are essential for fostering a skilled workforce, encouraging entrepreneurial ventures, and addressing the complex challenges facing the EAC member states.

The exchange was charged with a strong sense of purpose, as the

leaders collectively acknowledged the need to prioritize investments in higher education, promote partnerships between universities, and implement policies that can effectively align educational goals with the broader aspirations of economic and social development in East Africa. This collaborative spirit underscored the commitment of all stakeholders to create a more interconnected and resilient education system that can adapt to the rapidly changing global landscape.

Overall, the meeting not only highlighted the existing initiatives but also set the stage for future collaborations and strategic actions aimed at raising the profile of higher education as a fundamental driver of progress within the EAC region.

Unleashing Innovation: Highlights from the Inspiring AI Workshop in Zanzibar



A group photo of experts with Prof. Rai, IUCEA Deputy Executive Secretary in Zanzibar on 13th of May 2025.

The recent workshop on artificial intelligence (AI), which took place in the vibrant setting of Zanzibar, Tanzania, from May 13th to 16th, 2025, marked a pivotal moment for the evolution of education in the East African Community (EAC).

This event brought together a diverse group of experts, scholars, and innovators from top universities across the EAC, all united with a common goal: to harness the transformative power of AI in fostering innovation within higher education.

During the workshop, participants

engaged in in-depth discussions and collaborative brainstorming sessions, focusing on advanced AI models specifically designed to address the unique challenges and opportunities within the EAC's higher education landscape.

The exploration of AI applications revealed promising pathways to enhance educational outcomes, streamline administrative operations, and create tailored learning experiences that cater to the diverse needs of students across the region.

The constructive dialogue among

experts not only yielded insights into effective integration strategies for AI in educational systems but also emphasized a collective commitment to developing a robust framework that anticipates both current and future demands in academia. This collaborative spirit signifies a proactive approach to redefining educational practices and outcomes, ultimately equipping institutions to thrive in an increasingly competitive global environment.

Prof. Idris Rai, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East



■ IUCEA Deputy Executive Secretary, Prof. Rai, giving an opening speech during the AI workshop in Zanzibar on the 13th of May 2025.

Africa (IUCEA), underscored the workshop's significance during the opening remarks, declaring it the launchpad for a series of strategic initiatives aimed at embedding artificial intelligence into higher education throughout the EAC. This initiative extends beyond mere

policy adoption; he envisions the establishment of a comprehensive policy framework that will guide the integration of AI across educational institutions, he stated.

This includes the creation of a regional Center of Excellence in

Artificial Intelligence, the development of program benchmarks for AI-related disciplines, and the formation of both regional and global partnerships and networks in the field.

By investing in these initiatives, the EAC can not only address pressing educational challenges but also position itself as a leader in educational innovation. The potential of AI to revolutionize teaching, learning, and research practices cannot be overstated—it is an opportunity that must be embraced with foresight and determination.

The workshop in Zanzibar is just the beginning of a journey that promises to transform the academic landscape, ensuring that institutions across the region are equipped to meet the demands of the future while enriching the educational experiences of countless students.

Capacity Building Training on Internal Quality Assurance Practitioners Wraps Up in Bujumbura



IUCEA Executive Secretary, IUCEA Staff and Quality Assurance Practitioners on the 28th of April 2025 in Bujumbura, Burundi

The Capacity Building Training Programme on Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) for Higher Education Institutions in East Africa concluded. The event featured the presence of Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Executive Secretary of IUCEA, who opened the training. This notable occasion marked the sixth phase of a three-day hybrid training workshop held at King's Conference Centre in Bujumbura, Burundi, from April 28th to 30th,

2025.

The primary objective of this training program is to empower quality assurance practitioners throughout East Africa with the essential knowledge and skills needed to effectively implement Internal Quality Assurance Systems (IQAS). Specific goals of the workshop include emphasizing the principles and significance of Internal Quality Assurance Systems, developing practical skills for designing, implementing,

and maintaining IQAS in higher education institutions across the region, and providing insights into regional and continental advancements in quality assurance.

Furthermore, the program aims to facilitate the establishment and management of an Internal Quality Assurance System within Higher Learning Institutions, promote analysis of the EAC Internal Quality Assurance Model, encourage the sharing of experiences



IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Banyankimbona on the 30th of April 2025 in Bujumbura, Burundi.

among various Higher Education Institutions, and guide participants in conducting self-assessments of their Internal Quality Assurance Systems within IUCEA member institutions.

Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona highlighted that achieving excellence in higher education is a collaborative effort, with quality assurance as its foundation. This important journey began in 2006 when IUCEA, in partnership with national higher education councils and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), developed "The Roadmap to Quality – A Handbook for Quality Assurance in Higher Education in East Africa." Since then, IUCEA has successfully trained five cohorts

of quality assurance officers, equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively implement this transformative framework. Today, we proudly welcome the sixth cohort of quality assurance officers who are embarking on this essential journey. Your participation represents a significant investment in the future of higher education in East Africa, stated Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona.

Additionally, we are witnessing a positive trend in student interest in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). This shift emphasizes the need for our universities to adapt their programs to better align with labor market demands and the aspirations of

our youth. Our Internal Quality Assurance Systems (IQAS) must remain flexible and responsive to these changes while upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and relevance, noted Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona.

Prof. Paul Muoki Nzioki, President of the East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN), emphasized that the workshop provides a valuable platform for participants to enhance their skills, share experiences, and strengthen the internal quality assurance systems that are essential for institutional growth and the advancement of the East African Community (EAC).

Unlocking Knowledge: Key IUCEA Policy Documents Now Available in French



Experts from EAC Partner States took a group photo with IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, on the 1st May 2025 during the translations workshop in Bujumbura.

The translation of the IUCEA Key Policy documents reached a successful conclusion in the city of Bujumbura, Burundi. This initiative is particularly significant as it involved the comprehensive translation of four pivotal documents into French, which is a vital language for many stakeholders in the East African region. The documents translated include the East African Policy Framework on Recognition

of Prior Learning (EAC-RPL), the Standards, Guidelines, Procedures, and Processes for Regional Programme Accreditation, the Quality Assurance Guidelines on Disability and Other Special Needs in Higher Education in East Africa, and the Benchmarks for Medicine and Dentistry Programmes.

The opening ceremony for this major initiative took place on May 1, 2025, and was attended

by guests, including Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA). During his address, Prof. Banyankimbona articulated the importance of this endeavor, which has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of regional experts hailing from Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This collaboration highlights a shared commitment to improving higher education standards across the region. As the regional governing body responsible for overseeing higher education and research initiatives, IUCEA remains unwavering in its dedication to promoting equitable access to educational resources for all.

Prof. Banyankimbona acknowledged that, despite the considerable achievements in establishing comprehensive policies, particularly in areas related to quality assurance, there is a crucial need to ensure that these essential materials are accessible in French. This is particularly beneficial for institutions and stakeholders

operating in Francophone areas.

Prof. Banyankimbona further emphasized that this translation effort is instrumental in dismantling language barriers, which have historically impeded effective communication and collaboration among educational stakeholders. By making these vital documents available in French, IUCEA aims to enhance transparency within the higher education sector, foster broader participation across different communities, and facilitate the effective implementation of policies and standards throughout the region.

Ultimately, this translation initiative signifies a substantial stride

towards advancing the quality of higher education in East Africa. It not only reflects IUCEA's ongoing commitment to educational excellence but also promotes inclusion and accessibility in one of the most critical sectors for regional development.

The team of experts who carried out the translations included professionals from Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania, showcasing the collaborative spirit that is essential for the growth and sustainability of higher education in East Africa.

Regional Training for Postgraduate Supervisors concludes in Entebbe



IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, and Postgraduate Supervisors at Admas Hotel, Entebbe on 21st of May 2025.

The second Regional Training Workshop for Postgraduate Supervisors concluded at the Admas Hotel in Entebbe. The workshop occurred from May 21 to May 23, 2025, focusing on enhancing the competencies required for effective postgraduate education within the East African Community (EAC).

The event brought together 24 supervisors from various member universities of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), offering them a unique opportunity to refine their skills in modern supervision and mentorship.

The workshop was structured around several key areas aimed at promoting best practices in postgraduate supervision. Participants engaged in sessions designed to improve communication strategies, enabling

them to better interact with and support their students.

Additionally, the workshop facilitated the sharing of personal experiences among supervisors, fostering a collaborative environment where they could learn from each other's successes and challenges.

Comprehensive training modules were developed during the workshop, which can be utilized in future postgraduate programs. These modules are intended to standardize and improve supervision practices across the region, ensuring that all supervisors are well-equipped with the necessary tools and methodologies to effectively guide their students.

This initiative is vital for enhancing the quality of postgraduate supervision and support, which

is essential for promoting better academic outcomes for students throughout the EAC.

During the opening address at the Admas Hotel, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona highlighted the significance of the Standards and Guidelines for Postgraduate Training in East Africa, the Postgraduate Supervision and Mentorship Framework, and the Research Excellence Framework for Higher Education in the region.

He explained how these crucial tools provide a cooperative roadmap aimed at improving the quality of postgraduate education. Prof. Banyankimbona emphasized the importance of strengthening research outcomes and ensuring that graduates are well-prepared to meet the diverse needs of our continent.

PS MEACA Uganda’s Edith Mwanje Visits IUCEA Headquarters



Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of East African Affairs, Uganda, and IUCEA Executive Secretary at the IUCEA Headquarters on May 20, 2025.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of East African Affairs in Uganda, Edith Mwanje, had the privilege of visiting the IUCEA Headquarters on the 20th of May 2025. This significant courtesy visit was aimed at strengthening collaborations and enhancing regional cooperation within East Africa.

Upon her arrival, she was warmly welcomed by the IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, who expressed sincere appreciation for her commitment to fostering partnerships in the region. Accompanying Permanent

Secretary Mwanje was Mr. Edward Sebina, the Commissioner of the Ministry of East African Community Affairs.

The Permanent Secretary took the opportunity to tour the IUCEA II construction site, which is nearing completion. She expressed her profound appreciation to the IUCEA Executive Secretary and the partner states for their collaborative efforts in making the IUCEA II project a resounding success.

The meeting was characterized by constructive discussions on key issues of East African integration and the potential for future

collaborative initiatives.

Furthermore, the leaders engaged in a fruitful discussion on critical issues concerning East African Community (EAC) regional integration, student mobility, and the enhancement of higher education within the region.

Their dialogue underscored the importance of continued collaboration and strategic partnerships to advance the educational landscape and foster a more integrated and prosperous East African region.

Call For Applications East African Community Student Mobility Scholarships Scheme (EAC-SMS)

Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs

Background

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) invites suitably qualified students who are nationals of the East African Community (EAC) Partner States to apply for the EAC Student Mobility Scholarship Scheme (EAC-SMS) for the academic year 2025/2026.

What is the EAC-SMS?

The EAC-SMS is a regional scholarship programme designed to promote student exchange across the EAC Partner States. It supports students to pursue undergraduate, Master's, and PhD studies at universities in a Partner State other than their own.

Scholarship Coverage

This is a cost-sharing programme supported by:

Host universities: Waive tuition and examination fees for students from other Partner States.

IUCEA Secretariat: Covers travel expenses, health insurance, and research costs.

Parents/Guardians/Students: Cover remaining costs such as accommodation and daily living expenses through personal means or other available support schemes.

Scholarships Available for 2025/2026

A total of 177 scholarships are available in various disciplines:

91 Undergraduate

76 Master's

10 PhD

Where to Study?

Participating universities from across the EAC Partner States are offering the scholarships for specific programmes. The full list of programmes, institutions, number of slots, and intakes is available in Table 1 of the official call document which can be accessed through this link: <https://www.iucea.org/call-for-applications/>

Country	University	Programmes	Duration	Slots	Intake
Uganda	Uganda Martyrs University	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	3 Years	1	Aug/ Sept
		Bachelor of Science in Information Technology		1	
		Bachelor of Business Administration and Management		1	
Kenya	Strathmore University	Bachelor of Arts in International Studies	4 Years	1	Apr /Jul
		BSc. Computer Networks and Cyber Security		1	
		Bachelor of Hospitality Management		1	
		Supply Chain Management and Operations Management		1	
Kenya	Laikipia University	Bachelor's in Education (Art)	4 Years	2	Sept
		Bachelor's in Education (Science)		2	
		Bachelor's in Criminology and Security Studies		2	
		Bachelor of Science in Computer Science		2	
Kenya	South Eastern Kenya University	Bachelor of Education (Arts)	4 Years	1	Aug/Sept
		Bachelor of Education Science		1	
		Bachelor of Commerce		1	
		Bachelor of Project Planning and Management		1	
		Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Development Studies		1	
		Bachelor of Science in Computer Science		1	
		Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science.		1	
Burundi	Universite Lumiere de Bujumbura	Bachelor's in Marketing and Management	3 Years	1	Jan
		Bachelor's in Finance and Accounting		1	
		Bachelor's in the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations		1	
Burundi	University of Ngozi	Bachelor's in Agriculture	3 Years	1	Jan
		Bachelor's in Economic Sciences		1	

Burundi	Lake Tanganyika University	Bachelor's in Statistics	3 Years	2	Feb/Mar
		Bachelor's in Computer Sciences		1	
		Bachelor's in Management Sciences and Applied Economics		3	
Burundi	Universite du Burundi	Baccalauréat en Actuariat	3 Years	1	Oct
		Baccalauréat en Génie Statistique		1	
		Baccalauréat en Journalisme et Communication		1	
		Baccalauréat en Administration et Cartographie Foncières	4 Years	1	
		Baccalauréat en Génie Logiciel	3 Years	1	
		Baccalauréat en Agronomie et de Bio-ingénierie		1	
Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College	Doctor of Medicine	5 Years	1	Sept/ Oct
		Bachelor of Science in Health Laboratory Science	4 Years	1	Sept /Oct
		Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy		1	
		Bachelor of Science in Nursing		1	
		Bachelor of Science in Occupational		1	
Tanzania	The Open University of Tanzania	Bachelor's in Kiswahili	3 Years	1	Nov
		Bachelor's in Marketing		1	
RWANDA	Institut d'Enseignement Supérieur de Ruhengeri (INES)	Bachelor's in Land Survey	4 years	1	Sept
		Bachelor's in Statistics Applied to Economics		1	
		Bachelors in Accounting		1	
		Bachelor's in Rural Development Economics		1	
		Bachelors in Land Management and Valuation		1	
		Bachelors in Information Science and Library Management		1	
		Bachelors in Food Biotechnology		1	
Rwanda	University of Technology and Arts	Bachelor's in Crop Production	4 Years	1	Sept
		Bachelor's in Animal Production		1	
		Bachelors in Agribusiness		1	
		Bachelor's in Renewable Energy		1	
		Bachelor's in Social Work		1	
		Bachelor's in Accounting			

Uganda	Busitema University	Bachelor of Science in Polymer, Textile, and Industrial Engineering	3 years	2	Sept
		Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering		2	
		Bachelor of Agro-Processing Engineering		2	
		Bachelor of Science in Statistics		1	
		Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management		1	
		Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Water Resources Management		1	
		Diploma in Ginning and Industrial Engineering	2 years	1	
Uganda	Clarke International University	Bachelor's in Public Health	3 years	2	May /Aug
		Bachelor of Business Administration		2	
Uganda	Uganda Technology of Management University	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	3 Years	3	Sept
		Bachelor of Information Systems & Technology		3	
South Sudan	Catholic University of South Sudan	Bachelor's in Economics	4 Years	2	Aug/ Sept
		Bachelor's in Business Administration		2	
		Bachelor's in Accounting and Finance		2	
		Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science		2	
		Bachelor's in Education- English		2	
		Bachelor's in Peace and Conflict Studies		2	

MASTERS PROGRAMMES

Country	University	Programmes	Duration	Slots	Intake
Uganda	Makerere University	Master's in Renewable Energy	2 Years	1	Augt
		Master's in Public Administration		1	
		Master's in Business Administration		1	
		Master's in Agricultural Extension		1	
		Master's in Urban Environmental Planning and Management			
Uganda	Bugema University	Master's in Computer and Software Engineering	2 Years	1	Aug
		Master's in Public Health		1	

Uganda	Nkumba University	Master of Business Administration	2 Years	1	Feb / May
		Master of Arts in Security and Strategic Studies		1	
Uganda	Clarke International University	Master's in Public Health	2 years	1	May/Aug
		Master's in Health Informatics		1	
		Master's in Monitoring and Evaluation		1	
Tanzania	Moshi Cooperative University	Master of Arts in Procurement and Supply Management	2 Years	1	Oct
		Master of Business Management		1	
		Master's in Development Planning		1	
		Master of Project Planning and Management		1	
		Master of Arts in Co-operative and Community Development		1	
Tanzania	University of Dar-as-salaam	Masters in Swahili	2 Years	5	Sept
Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College	MMed in General Surgery	4 Years	1	Oct Sept
		MMed in Anaesthesiology		1	
		MMed in Dermatovenerology	1		
		MMed in Urology	1		
		MMed in Ophthalmology	1		
		MMed in Internal Medicine	1		
		MMed in Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1		
		MMed in Paediatrics and Child Health	1		
		MMed in Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	1		
		MMed in Emergency Medicine	1		
		MMed in Diagnostic Radiology and Medical Imaging	1		
		MMed in Anatomic Pathology	1		
		Master of Science in Epidemiology and Applied Biostatistics	1		
		Master of Science in Clinical Research	1		
Master of Science in Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programmes	1				
Master of Science in Urology	1				

Tanzania	St John's University of Tanzania	M.E with Education	2 Years	2	Sept
		Master of Business Administration		2	
Tanzania	The Open University of Tanzania	Master's in LLM ICT	2 Years	1	Nov
		Master's in MED CDD		1	
		Master's in MED QM		1	
Burundi	Universite Lumiere de Bujumbura	Master's in development management	2 Years	1	Aug Sept
		Masters in Gender, Institutions and Society.		1	
		Master's in leadership and management of Organizations	1		
BURUNDI	Université du Burundi	Master en Droit Judiciaire	2 Years	1	Oct
		Master en Sociétés, Pouvoirs, Territoires et Développement Durable		1	
		Master en Développement Rural et Agro-business		1	
		Master en Sciences et Gestion Intégrée de l'Environnement		1	
		Master en Biologie des Organismes et Ecologie		1	
		Master en Sciences de l'éducation et Formation		1	
		Master en Analyse Economique et Développement		1	
		Master en Probabilité, Statistique et Modélisation		1	
Rwanda	Institut d'Enseignement Supérieur de Ruhengeri (INES)	Master of Science in Geo-Informatics	2 Years	1	Sept
		Master of Science in Food Science and Technology		1	
		Master of Science in Bio-medical Laboratory Science		1	
Kenya	Kenyatta University	Master of Science in Biotechnology	2 Year	1	Sept
		Master of Public Health (Reproductive Health)		1	
		Master of Science (Climate Change and Sustainability)		1	
		Master of Science in Crop Protection (Plant Pathology)		1	
		Master of Economics (International Trade)		1	
		Master of Economics (Corporation and Human Development)		1	

		Master of Science (Integrated Soil Fertility)		1	
		Master of Education (Educational Management)		1	
		Master of Science (Knowledge Management)		1	
	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University (JOOUST)	Master's in Urban Environmental Planning and Management	2 Years	1	Sept
Kenya	Murang'a University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Master of Technology in Electrical and Electronics Engineering	2 Years	1	Jan May Sept
Kenya	Kibabii University	Master's in Information Technology	2 Years	1	Jan Aug
		Master's in Business Administration		1	
Kenya	KCA University	Master of Science in Development Finance	2 Years	1	Jan May Sept
Kenya	Laikipia University	Master's in Applied Linguistics	2 Years	1	Sept
		Master's in Kiswahili Communication		1	
Kenya	Moi University	Master of Business Administration	2 Years	1	Aug Sept

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Country	University	Programmes	Duration	Slots	Intake
Uganda	Makerere University	Doctor of Philosophy in the discipline of choice of the candidate	3 Years	1	Aug
Kenya	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Doctor of Philosophy in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture	3 Years	1	Jan Sept May
		Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health		1	
		Doctor of Philosophy in Innovation and Sustainable Development		1	
Kenya	Moi University	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management	3 Years	1	Aug Sept
Tanzania	University of Dar-as-salaam	Doctor of Philosophy in Swahili	3 Years	1	Sept
Burundi	Université du Burundi	Etudes doctorales en Sciences Sociales et Humaines	3 Years	1	Nov
Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	3 Years	1	Sept Oct
Tanzania	The Open University of Tanzania	Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy	3 Years	1	Nov
		Doctor of Philosophy in Tourism		1	

Eligibility Criteria

The following are the eligibility criteria for applicants to EAC-SMS:

1. Be a national and resident of a partner state in the East African Community. (Provide national ID/Passport/Birth Certificate).
2. Willing to apply to an eligible program (provided in Table 1) offered by a university in a country other than their countries of citizenship (g. applicants from the Republic of Uganda are eligible only if they apply to a participating university from other countries of the EAC other than Republic of Uganda).
3. Excellent academic performance records as per programs' entry requirements provided by participating universities.
4. Possess at least an Upper Second-Class Honours or "Distinction" or equivalent if applying for Master's and PhD programs.
5. Age limit (less than 35 and 45 for Master's and PhD programs, respectively, at the time of application)
6. Work experience will be an added advantage for PhD programs.

Responsibilities

A . IUCEA– Inter-University Council for East Africa

1. Provide medical insurance.
2. Provide transport facilitation by road whenever applicable at the beginning and end of the academic program.
3. Provide Master's and PhD students with a lump sum for research (after completion of coursework and approval of thesis proposal).

B . Member Universities

1. Offer scholarships through tuition and examination fee waivers.
2. Offer admission and induction to the scholarship awardees.
3. Provide a contact person to be a liaison between IUCEA and parents/guardians.
4. Monitor and provide regular progress reports on the performance of scholarship beneficiaries

Students

1. Cater for accommodation and living expenses.
2. Cater for other university fees except tuition and examination fees provided in the scholarship.
3. Provide any other material/ information as may be required.
4. Gather the necessary documents from the universities of their choice in the region that offer programs under the scholarship scheme. (cfr Table 2)
5. Submit regular progress reports on their academic performance and social welfare to IUCEA, the University, and Parents as required under the Scheme.

Application Process

The application process is two-fold, and each MUST be completed separately.:

1. **Application for admission:** An applicant shall identify the programme and university of their choice from amongst the eligible programmes as presented in Table 1. Table 2 contains the university admission links for each university that offered scholarships.

Applicants are required to consider the programme admission requirements that are provided by universities.

SN	Country	Name of the host institution	Admission Application Link
1	Kenya	Strathmore University	https://strathmore.edu/apply/
2	South Sudan	Catholic University of South Sudan	https://cuofssd.org/applicationregcu.php
3	Kenya	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology	https://jooust.ac.ke/index.php/about-jooust/jooust-downloads/3-university-downloads/35-admissions
4	Kenya	KCA University	https://application.kcau.ac.ke/Account/Login
5	Kenya	Kenyatta University	https://admissions.ku.ac.ke/
6	Kenya	Kibabii University	https://application.kibu.ac.ke/
7	Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College	osim.kcmuco.ac.tz
8	Kenya	Laikipia University	https://laikipia.ac.ke/Admissions

9	Uganda	Makerere University	apply.mak.ac.ug
10	Uganda	Nkumba University	https://admissions.nkumbauniversity.ac.ug/
11	Uganda	Bugema University	https://apply.bugemauniv.ac.ug/application.php
12	Uganda	Uganda Technology of Management University	https://utam.ac.ug/admissions/apply-online/
13	Kenya	Moi University	https://admissions.mu.ac.ke/
14	Tanzania	Moshi Co-operative University	http://mocus.mocu.ac.tz
15	Kenya	Murang'a University of Technology	admissions@mut.ac.ke
16	Kenya	South Eastern Kenya University	https://www.seku.ac.ke/how-to-apply.html
17	Uganda	Uganda Martyrs University	https://admissions.umu.ac.ug
18	Tanzania	Mzumbe University	https://admission.mzumbe.ac.tz
19	Burundi	Université Lumiere de Bujumbura	https://www.ulbu.bi
20	Rwanda	University of Technology and Arts of Byumba	www.utab.ac.rw
21	Tanzania	St John's University of Tanzania	https://oas.sjut.ac.tz
22	Rwanda	INES	https://www.ines.ac.rw
23	Burundi	Ngozi University	www.univ-ngozi.bi/admission
24	Tanzania	University of Dar-es-salaam	https://admission.udsm.ac.tz
25	Tanzania	The Open University of Tanzania	https://admission.out.ac.tz/index.php/registration
26	Burundi	Université du Burundi	https://master.ub.edu.bi/inscriptions-2 , https://inscriptionbac.ub.edu.bi
27	Uganda	Clarke International University	https://eadmission.ciu.ac.ug
28	Uganda	Busitema University	https://busitema.ac.ug
29	Burundi	Lake Tanganyika University	info@ult.bi (ask the admission through the email provided)

1. **Application for the EAC-SMS Scholarship:** Application for the EAC-SMS scholarship shall be made through the IUCEA website as follows:
 - a) Register online for the scholarship [Click here](#)
 - b) Download and complete the Scholarship Application Form [here](#).

The following are the required documents which will support the application:

2. A letter of motivation for applying for the scholarship.
3. Up-to-date and signed Curriculum Vitae.
4. Certified copies of all academic certificates and transcripts.
5. A copy of the university Application Form and its attachments
6. A recent passport photograph in the colour of your head and upper shoulders.
7. Evidence of Nationality of a Partner State in the East African Community, such as a copy of the national identity card/ passport/birth certificate.
8. Proof of Residency (provide a certificate from the local government)
9. Provide evidence of any awards, e.g., leadership, community service, etc.
10. Any other evidence required in the application form, e.g., medical reports, letters of reference, etc.

Submit the required documents in PDF format, zipped in one folder, electronically to eacsms@iucea.org. Indicate the subject line of your submission email with YOUR NAME, EAC-SMS Application, MONTH & YEAR, e.g., **Amani Africa, EAC-SMS Application, 30th June 2025.**

NOTE:

Applicants for EAC-SMS scholarships are not required to apply for admission directly to universities instead they should submit their applications for scholarship with all documents required for admission to IUCEA. IUCEA will receive and process all application documents for qualified candidate and submit the relevant documents for admission directly to universities.

There is no need for applicants of EAC-SMS to pay for application fees to universities

Application Deadlines

Admission deadlines shall be provided by the university admission systems

The deadline for applying for the EAC-SMS scholarship at IUCEA is 30th June 2025, EAT by midnight.

Note:

1. Applicants with academic qualifications obtained from foreign institutions must be equated by the authorised national agency (National Council/ Commission for Higher Education) in their respective countries.
2. Applicants with supporting documents (transcripts, certificates, among others) in languages other than English must submit both the originals and copies translated into English by an accredited language translation provider.
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4. Candidates may apply to more than one University. But only one scholarship can be offered.
5. Candidates who meet the scholarship requirements and have already been admitted to any university offering the scholarship can still apply to EAC-SMS.



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