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Message from the Secretary General



The Secretariat of AASU is in permanent quest to better inform its member organizations and all the stakeholders and seek their opinions on its performance. We believe that is the way to create a formidable African students' movement capable of defending adequately the interests and rights of all students on the continent.

Africa needs well-structured and dynamic organizations and institutions capable of carrying out activities geared toward uplifting the continent from its numerous problems.

AASU, being an organization with the main aim of mobilizing and galvanizing African students, is a formidable instrument to promote peace, solidarity and African integration among others if adequately equipped.

This report highlights the key areas in which the Union has been focusing in the year under review. It is not intended to be exhaustive of the work we have undertaken but rather a synopsis of the Union's progress.

We welcome any question or contribution on any portion of this report to get a fuller understanding of the relevant issues raised herein. We hope this report will be able to serve the purposes for which it is intended.

We would like to state that the support of our members, partners and stakeholders especially the Government of Ghana, which is paramount, is never taken for granted.

We look forward for constructive criticisms and working closely with you towards building a stronger, prosperous and united Africa.

Peter Kwasi Kodjie
Secretary-General

Programmes and Projects





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Convocation at University of the Gambia

On the 15th of January, the Secretary-General attended the 10th Convocation Ceremony of the University of the Gambia. Interestingly, the Secretary for Press and Information, Ansumana B. Bojang who is a former President of the National Union of Gambian Students was awarded his Bachelor's degree that day.



Africa Students' Dialogue

The maiden edition of the Africa Students' Dialogue Series was organised by the Union on the 27th of February at the University of Ghana, Legon. The event brought together students from higher institutions of learning to discuss the theme, "Winning the Fight Against Corruption; A Means to Effective and Responsible Leadership" The theme was selected in tandem with the African Union's theme for the year.



20CCEM

The Integrated Partners Forum of the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (20CCEM) was held from the 19th to 22nd of February in Fiji. Organised by the

Commonwealth, the forum was under the theme, "Sustainability and Resilience: Can Education Deliver?" The CCEM is a high level meeting held every three years where ministers from across the 52 Commonwealth countries meet to address the key education issues and discuss a collaborative approach to tackling them. The union participated in the IPF which provides a platform for stakeholders to network and exchange ideas and also offers opportunities for representatives to meet and engage with ministers and senior government officials.



Ghana's Independence

To commemorate Ghana's 61st Independence Day, the Union attended the President's Independence Day Awards Ceremony held at the Accra International Conference Centre on the 6th of March. The next day, the Union joined the Ghana's Diplomatic Corps to present New Year greetings to the President of Ghana.



100 Million Campaign

The 100 Million Campaign Regional Planning Meeting was held at the Mensvic Hotel in Accra from the 14th to the 16th of March. The meeting saw the participation of key civil society organisations like Education International (EI) and the All-Africa Students Union (AASU). The planning meeting was climaxed with the launch of a new national coordination group at the Accra International Conference Centre on the 16th. The national coordination group comprises activists from across the child and youth rights spectrum. Mr Ignatius Baffour-Awuah, the Minister of Employment and Labour Relations as well as other government functionaries fully participated in the event to launch the coordination group.

The 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate and the co-founder of the 100 Million Campaign, was present for the launch. AASU mobilised over 200 youth and children for the event.

<http://100million.org/blog/2018/03/24/100-million-campaign-launches-in-ghana/>



Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit 2018

The Union, represented by the Secretary for Gender and International Relations, participated in the Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit 2018 held in Amman, Jordan from the 23rd to the 27th March 2018. The summit was organised with the aim of standing with the rights of children in labour. This alongside other efforts contributed to the build-up of the Education Enrolment Programme that is set to take off in 2019 spearheaded by AASU.



International Women's Day

To commemorate the year's International Women's Day, the Union Partnered with the Gender Department of the Ghana's Ministry of Gender and the All Nations Development Agency to organise a seminar to create awareness for the theme. The seminar was organised on the 1st of March at the All Nations University in Koforidua under the theme, "Empowering the Rural Woman – Focus on Unpaid Care Work



Africa Progress Group

The Africa Regional Roundtable on "Use of the Digital Environment to Protect and Promote the Diversity of Cultural Expressions" was convened at Abeokuta, Nigeria by the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library on the 28th of November. The formal inauguration of the Africa Progress Group (APG), and Tribute Session by same in honour of the late Kofi Annan was organised the previous day. The union participated in both events.



Aspiring Women Breakfast Meeting

AASU convened the 1st Aspiring Women Breakfast Meeting on the 11th April in Nairobi Kenya. The Breakfast hosted aspiring female leaders in universities with an aim of encouraging more female leaders to run for office. It ended on a high note with more of them motivated and encouraged to run for office.

Scholars at Risk Network 2018 Global Congress

The Scholars at Risk Network partnered with the Freie Universität, Berlin and Alexander von Humboldt to organise the Scholars at Risk Network 2018 Global Congress under the theme, "The University and the Future of Democracy". Held between the 23rd and the 26th April in Germany, the 2018 Global Congress is held in the centre of Europe at a time of historic challenges not only to higher education, but to liberal democratic society in general.



PACE 2018

The UNESCO partnered with the African Union (AU) and the Government of the Republic of Kenya to organise the Pan-African Conference on Education (PACE 2018) under the theme, "Bridging continental and global education frameworks for the Africa We Want". AASU participated in all conference activities. The conference was organised from the 25th to the 28th of April at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.



EHEA Conference

The French Minister for Higher education, Research and Innovation hosted the EHEA Conference at the Palais Brongniart in Paris on the 24th and the 25th of May. The Forum focused on the roles and challenges of higher education in a changing society through two successive round tables which will address, on one side, the issue of inclusiveness through the access and success in higher education, and on another side, the question of social responsibility of universities.



SAUS Conference

The North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) hosted the National Elective Conference and conference Dinner organised by the South African Union of Students (SAUS). The conference held between the 5th and the 8th of July was under the theme, "Building a credible union through a united and strong student voice for accelerated access, transformation and modernized or relevant higher education".



7th ASYS

The 7th Africa Students and Youth Summit was organized by the Union from 24th to 28th of July in Kigali, Rwanda. The summit gathered over 2000 students and youths from across the continent and beyond. The theme for the summit was, "Pan-Africanism: A Paradigm Shift Towards Addressing the SDGs and AU Agenda 2063: The Role of the Youth Counts". This year's summit was organised in partnership with the Pan-African Movement, Rwanda Chapter and Rwanda National Students' Association Intagamburuzwa National Coordination (INC).

We enjoyed the gracious patronage of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda as well as its generous sponsorship of through the Ministry of Education.



AAU TV

On the 28th of August, the Secretary-General was hosted by the AAU TV for a discussion on A Prosperous Africa Based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development. The aim was to get a student perspective on issues of development and sustainability in the African Continent.



Kofi Annan's Funeral

The state funeral of H.E. Kofi Atta Annan, former United Nations Secretary-General was held on the 13th of September at the Accra International Conference Centre in Ghana. On the invitation of the President of Ghana, the Union attended the funeral. May the soul of this illustrious son of Africa rest in perfect peace.

10th ICQAHEA

Assurance in Higher Education in Africa (ICQAHEA) was organised from the 17th to the 21st of September in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The conference convened by the Association of African Universities (AAU) was organised under the theme "Higher education quality assurance and the promotion of synergies among science, technology and humanities: Towards the attainment of the SDGs in Africa". The conference reviewed activities in quality assurance in higher education in Africa and highlight recent regional developments in promoting synergies among S&T and Humanities and enhancing quality assurance in attaining the SDGs.



PFD Meeting

From the 8th to the 10th of October, the Union participated in the Policy Forum on Development (PFD) Africa Regional Meeting organised by the European Commission at the Travelodge Hotel in Botswana. PFD is a multi-stakeholder platform launched and supported by the European Commission where civil society organizations (CSOs), associations of Local Authorities and the private sector together with EU Members States meet to debate on development matters. The Africa meeting intends to deal with the last African Union-European Union Summit recommendations, around: youth, peace and security, mobility and migration and governance.

SHS - SDGs

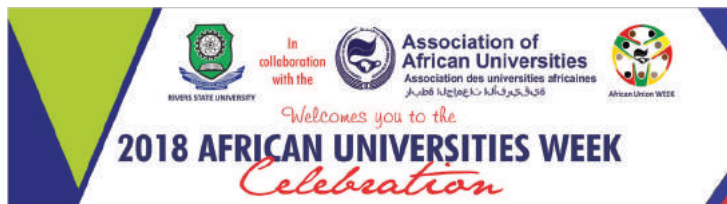
The Maiden Annual S. H. S. Forum on SDG's was organised on Saturday, 27th of October at the Aburi Girls' High School in Aburi in the Eastern Region of Ghana. AASU joined over 3,000 high school students to discuss their role realizing the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda.



C10 Summit

The C10 Summit was organised by the African Union in Lilongwe, Malawi on the 2nd and 3rd on November. In June 2015, the AU Assembly committed to establish a team of ten Heads of State and Government as African champions of education, science and technology (C10) to set high level platform for pursuing the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and to advance the implementation of the African Union Agenda 2063.

<https://mathsgee.com/african-union-holds-inaugural-c10-summit/>



African Universities Week

AASU joined partners at the Association of African Universities (AAU) to celebrate the African Universities Week between the 12th and 16th of November. This year's celebration focuses on the continental vision enshrined in the "Agenda 2063: The Africa we want" and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2016-2025). The Union participated in all events activities outlined for the celebration.

<https://events.aau.org/auweek/>

UPSA NUGS Week

The Students Representative Council (SRC) of University of Professional Studies, Accra, as part of their NUGS Week Celebration organised a leadership workshop on the theme, "A Leader with a Difference". This program, organised on the 15th of November, sought to educate and inform all students most especially student-leaders on effective leadership and provide guidance to upcoming NUGS executives so as to empower the non-partisan mass movement of all Ghanaian students both home and abroad.

Independence and Green March

The Union participated in the Independence and Green March commemoration organised by the Ghana-Morocco Students Association in partnership with the Moroccan Embassy in Ghana on the 29th of November at The Holiday Inn Hotel in Accra, Ghana. Under the theme: "Marching Africa Towards Economic Freedom, the Ghanaian and Moroccan Stories", the event was to bring together Ghanaian Morocco trained Professionals, Moroccan business community in Ghana, Moroccan community in Ghana and the Ghanaian press.



HAQAA Conference

The Union participated in the Final Harmonisation of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA) Conference hosted by ANAQ-Sup was held on the 3rd and 4th of December in Dakar, Senegal. The conference organised under the HAQAA Initiative had the theme, "Quality Assurance Harmonisation in African Higher Education: Taking stock, finding synergies, looking forward". This conference will celebrate the first 3 years of HAQAA, assess achievements, gather important donors and partners in this field and look forward towards the next HAQAA phase.



UNESCO and the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications

UNESCO hosted AASU and other CSOs for the Inter governmental Meeting on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications at its headquarters in Paris from the 5th to 7th of December. The aim of this meeting was to review the preliminary draft of the Global Convention in light of comments received from Members States, experts and relevant stakeholders during the consultation round launched in March 2018.

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Africa Progress Group Meeting



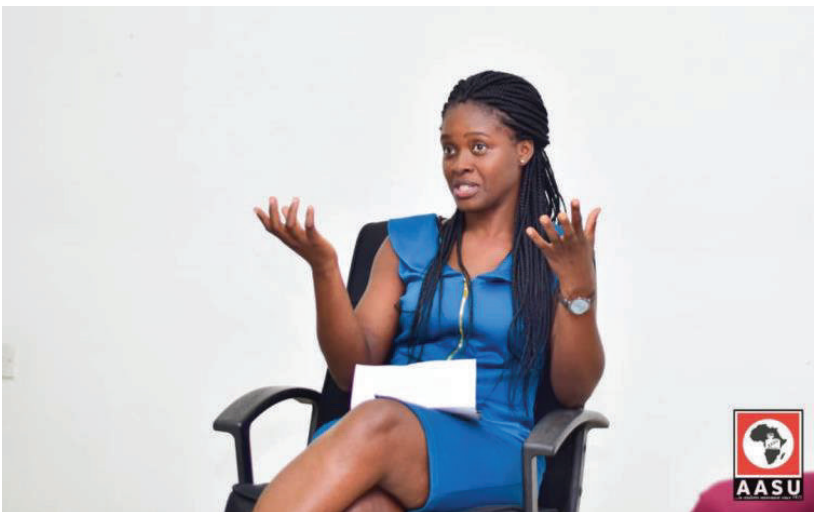
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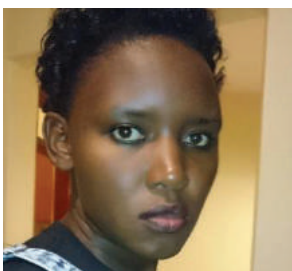
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Angola	Union Nationale des etudiants d'Angola	<i>Full Member</i>
Angola	Student Association of Universidade Agostinho Neto (UAN)	<i>Associate Member</i>
Botswana	Botswana United Students Association (BUSA)	<i>Full Member</i>
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Burkina Faso	Federation Estudiantine et Scolaire du Burkina Faso (FES/BF)	<i>Full Member</i>
Burundi	Burundi National Students Union (BNSU)	<i>Full Member</i>
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Cameroon	SOS Éducation Promote Cameroon	<i>Associate Member</i>
Cameroon	International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC)	<i>Associate Member</i>
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Central African Republic	Association Nationale Des Etudiants De Centrafrique	<i>Full Member</i>
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Republic of Congo	Union Nationale Des Etudiants Du Congo	<i>Full Member</i>
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Djibouti	N/A	<i>Associate Member</i>
Egypt	Students Representative Council of Cairo University	<i>Full Member</i>
Egypt	Students Representative Council of Alexandria University	<i>Associate Member</i>
Equatorial Guinea	N/A	<i>Associate Member</i>
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Ethiopia	Ethiopia Higher Education Institutions Students Union	<i>Full Member</i>
Gabon	National Gabonese Union for Students (UNEG)	<i>Full Member</i>
Gambia	National Union of Gambian Students (NUGS)	<i>Full Member</i>
Ghana	National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS)	<i>Full Member</i>
Ghana	Graduate Students Association of Ghana (GRASAG)	<i>Associate Member</i>
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Ghana	University Students Association of Ghana (USAG)	<i>Associate Member</i>

Ghana	Ghana National Union of Technical Students (GNUTS)	<i>Associate Member</i>
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Malawi	University of Malawi Students Union (UMSU)	<i>Full Member</i>
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Niger	Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université Abdou Moumouni	<i>Associate Member</i>
Nigeria	National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS)	<i>Full Member</i>
Nigeria	National Association of Nigerian Postgraduate Students	<i>Associate Member</i>
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São Tomé	Universidade Lusiada De São Tome E Principe	<i>Associate Member</i>
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Seychelles	Students' Representative Council, University of Seychelles	<i>Associate Member</i>
Sierra Leone	National Union of Sierra Leone Students (NUSS)	<i>Full Member</i>
Somalia	Somalia Higher Education Students Union	<i>Full Member</i>
South Africa	South African Students Congress (SASCO)	<i>Full Member</i>
South Africa	Union of Students (SAUS)	<i>Associate Member</i>

South Sudan	South Sudanese Students Union	<i>Full Member</i>
South Sudan	National Youth Union	<i>Associate Member</i>
Sudan	General Sudanese Students Union (GSSU)	<i>Full Member</i>
Swaziland	Swaziland National Union of Students	<i>Full Member</i>
Tanzania	Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students' Organisation	<i>Full Member</i>
Togo	Union Nationale Des Etudiants Du Togo (UNETO)	<i>Full Member</i>
Tunisia	Union Generale Des Étudiantes De Tunisia	<i>Full Member</i>
Uganda	Uganda National Students Association (UNSA)	<i>Full Member</i>
Zambia	Zambia National Students Union (ZANASU)	<i>Full Member</i>
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe National Students Union (ZINASU)	<i>Full Member</i>
Zimbabwe	Congress of Student's Union (ZICOSU)	<i>Associate Member</i>



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