

Universities as gateways between Africa and Europe: promoting a sustainable EU-AU partnership through university collaboration

A panel discussion convened by the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities during the AERAP's EU-AU Summit Side Events (14-18 February)

Date

Monday, 14 February 2022

Time

11:00 – 12:30 CET

10:00 – 11:30 GMT

Location

Online

Programme (Brussels time)

11:00 – 11:10 **Welcome and introduction**

Ernest Aryeetey, Secretary-General of ARUA

11:10 – 12:00 **Panel discussion**

- **Hugues Abriel**, Vice-Rector for Research and Professor of Molecular Medicine, University of Bern
- **Hilde Bras**, Aletta Jacobs Professor of Economic and Social History, University of Groningen
- **Barry Dwolatzky**, Emeritus Professor in Electrical & Information Engineering and Director of Innovation Strategy, University of the Witwatersrand
- **Nana Ama Browne Klutse**, Senior Lecturer in Physics, University of Ghana
- Moderator **Peter Maassen**, Professor in Higher Education Studies, University of Oslo and Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University

12:00 – 12:25 **Q&A**

12:25 – 12:30 **Closing remarks**

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About The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)

Composed of sixteen leading universities in Africa, ARUA aims to enhance research and graduate training in member universities through a number of channels, including the setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) at its member universities. Addressing key challenges of Africa's sustainable development, ARUA CoEs are intended to be focal points for aggregating world-class researchers from member universities and elsewhere to undertake collaborative research in priority thematic areas while providing opportunities for graduate students from the region and elsewhere to work with the researchers.

About The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities

Founded in 2016, The Guild comprises twenty-one of Europe's most distinguished research-intensive universities in sixteen countries and is dedicated to enhancing the voice of academic institutions, their researchers, and their students. The Guild is committed to the pursuit of excellence, the importance of truth-seeking and trust-building as the foundation of public life, and the creation of new knowledge for the benefit of society, culture, and economic growth.

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