

RECOMMENDATIONS

4TH CONFERENCE FOR A EURO-AFRICAN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

INVESTING IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING: BRIDGES BETWEEN AFRICA AND EUROPE FOR A NEW RENAISSANCE

INTRODUCTION

The 4th Euro-African Academic Partnership 2022 under the theme; *Investing in Research and Training: Bridges between Africa and Europe for a new Renaissance*, provided a platform to look back at the previous conferences through the proceedings and engage in critical discussions on how to put into concrete action the different recommendations from 2019 to 2021. The programme is articulated as follows:

- Three Keynote speeches
- Thematic Session I: Lessons from Euro-African Conferences: New concerns and perspectives through the discussions between 2019-2021
- Thematic Session II - Building Network for Training and education towards Sustainable Development Goals
- Thematic Session III – Establishing Working Groups and setting road map towards concrete actions: Discussing Concepts

The Conference brought together education actors and youth with competencies in the sciences, technology, humanities and social sciences to conduct an extensive need assessment for better cooperation between Africa and Europe in research and capacity building.

The participants at the Conference expressed their confidence that the cooperation between Europe and Africa will foster stronger engagement between the continents for the benefit of future generations.

The discussions led to the following recommendations, divided into three macro areas:

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH

The Euro-African partnership, through its action, will support:

- The **creation and strengthening of cultural and professional training programs** and paths at all levels of higher education by facilitating the mobility of young students across continents in order for them to connect, network and lead the development of their country.
- Promote the development of extensive **digitization initiatives for training**, from primary education to higher education, for the promotion and conservation of cultural heritage in Africa;

TOWARDS A EURO-AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP FOR CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The establishment of a consolidated inter-institutional Euro-African partnership in order to :

- Facilitate the **creation and strengthening of academic and professional training programs for research teams** to address today's challenges, thereby the job opportunities for young people will be enhanced;
- Facilitate the establishment of a **forum of experts from Europe and Africa**, including young people, to discuss the development of awareness programs, aimed at governments as well, using new technologies;
- Encourage **initiatives on a bilateral and multilateral level** involving competent international organizations and academic institutions and networks, with the goal of investing in young people and emerging professionals to create opportunities for shared narratives and alternatives, as well as and the sustainable development of society.
- Encourage research and initiatives in interdisciplinary frameworks to **strengthen infrastructures** and disseminate knowledge accessible to all.

ROAD MAP FOR A THREE ACTION PLAN

In view of ensuring a concrete follow-up, The Euro-African partnership will:

- Establish a **Euro-African Working Group/Task Force**, involving representatives of the partners, who will undertake to propose for the next edition of the Conference, to be held in a year, a five-year action plan to achieve the objectives relating to the proposed themes.
- Promote the exchange of information and **establish a stable platform for dialogue and exchanges** to share inclusive strategies that consider the variety and diversity of cultural expressions;

*Signed by
the participants of the 4th Conference for a Euro-African Academic Partnership,
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