Global Gateway

Youth Mobility for Africa

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

2024 Projects' Kick-off Meeting

AGENDA

Date: 14-15 April 2026
Place: EU Thon Hotel, Brussels (Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Bruxelles)

Master of Ceremony: Anya Sitaram

DAY 1 - 14 April 2026	
09:00-09:30	**Registrations and Welcome**
09:30-10:15	**Opening and Official welcome** **Speakers:** • Theo Duivenvoorde, Head of Unit, Erasmus Mundus, Sport, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) • Deirdre Lennan, Team Leader Human Development, Regional and Multi-Country Programmes for Africa, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) • Elif Memiş Marsman, Coordinator - Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, EACEA ***Moderator**: Anya Sitaram, Master of Ceremony*
10:15-11:00	***Panel discussion:* Building a shared foundation: Mobility, quality and partnership excellence** **Speakers**: • Girum Ayalneh Tiruye, Addis Ababa University, RAMDDA Project Partner • Nelson Odume, Rhodes University, TRACEEP Project Coordinator • Emelie Zonabend König, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, TRACEEP and CSAS Projects ***Moderator**: Huba Boshoff, Higher Education Specialist*
11:00-11:30	**Comfort break**
11:30-12:15	***Panel discussion:*** Partnerships' alignment with Global Gateway Priorities **Speakers**: • Theodore Djeni, Nangui Abrogoua University, Greentech Mobility Project Coordinator • Kandioura Noba, Cheikh Anta Diop University, COLABERA Project Coordinator • Daniel Otim, Busitema University, MMOCRA Project Coordinator ***Moderator**: Deirdre Lennan, Team Leader Human Development, Regional and Multi-Country Programmes for Africa, DG INTPA*

12:15-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-15:30	***Parallel workshops*** **Workshop 1: Strategic planning and institutional leadership for sustainable partnerships (Group 1)** **Speakers**: • Huba Boshoff, Higher Education Specialist, • Lorenzo Gabrini-Bellincampi, Head of Sector, EACEA • Antonella Giorgio, Project Adviser, EACEA
	Parallel workshops **Workshop 2: Scholarship holders Selection and Recognition of studies (Group 2)** **Speakers**: • Marina Larrea, Senior Coordinator Higher Education Policy, Obreal • Elif Memis Marsman, Coordinator – Intra-Africa, EACEA • Anne Spangemacher, Project Officer, EACEA
	Parallel workshops **Workshop 3: Impact, Visibility and Communication: telling your project story (Group 3)** **Speakers**: • Jonathan Lear, Senior Communication Manager, ICF • Josselin Amalfi, Programme Manager, EACEA • Kris Galoppin, Project Officer, EACEA
15:30-16:00	**Comfort break**
16:00-17:30	***Parallel workshops*** Workshop 1: Strategic planning and institutional leadership for sustainable partnerships (Group 3) Workshop 2: Scholarship holders Selection and Recognition of studies (Group 1) Workshop 3: Impact, Visibility and Communication: telling your project story (Group 2)
19:00-20:30	**Networking dinner**

DAY 2 - 15 April 2026	
09:00-09:15	**Welcome and orientation**
09:15-10:45	***Parallel workshops*** Workshop 1: Strategic planning and institutional leadership for sustainable partnerships (Group 2) Workshop 2: Scholarship holders Selection and Recognition of studies (Group 3) Workshop 3: Impact, Visibility and Communication: telling your project story (Group 1)
10:45-11:15	**Comfort break**
11:15-11:45	***Plenary Session:* Wrap-up of the Workshops** *Moderator: Anya Sitaram*
11:45-12:30	***Plenary Session*** **Efficient Management of the Intra-Africa Grant and Reporting** **Speakers**: • Alina Filimon, Financial Advisor, EACEA • Antonella Giorgio, Project Advisor, EACEA • Kurt Jacobs, Finance Manager, EACEA • Elif Memis Marsman, Coordinator Intra-Africa, EACEA ***Moderator**: Anya Sitaram*
12:30-12:45	***Plenary Session*** **Takeaways and links to the Cluster Meeting on Green Transition** *Moderator: Anya Sitaram*
12:45-14:15	**Lunch**
14:15-16:00	Individual Partnership Meetings
16:00-16:30	**Comfort break**
16:30-18:00	Individual Partnership Meetings
19:00-20:30	Networking dinner