

EAC HIGHER EDUCATION STRATEGY

Education 2050

Education Development Tied to the Provision
of Basic Needs and Development of a Creative
Economy

General Introduction

- Overview of Higher Education in the EAC
- HE in the EAC
- HE Future Direction

Focus

- Workforce and Economy
- Why?
- These are the outputs of higher education
- HEI are the gatekeepers of opportunity and the main pathways into careers and future learning

Metrics

- demand for quality, comparable and relevant education, and exposure and application of cloud technologies in business and social life,
- higher education efficiency and effectiveness
- relevant university education to local citizens to meet labour market and business demands
- Focus on stronger technical capabilities, and investment in deep specialization programs, technical training, apprenticeships, and to forge strong partnerships with universities.

Concept of Creative Economy

Foundation:

- Harmonised higher education system
- EAC Common higher education area
- Education systems that prepares the workforce for integrated labour market
- Increased state involvement to rectify economic gaps and imbalances in economic and social opportunities and acknowledging and restoring education as a public good and service, and re-engineering the core higher education functions
- Surging labour force

Creative Economy - Characteristics

- Enhancement of quality of labour
- The use of appropriate technology
- Taps into the creativity of human mind
- Creatively innovates and combines this with entrepreneurship
- Concentrates more on the services sectors than on manufacturing
- Harnesses innovation rather than might towards the realization of the envisaged knowledge-based society and middle-income status

Creative Economy - Approach

- Designed to significantly consolidate the basis of the EAC Partner State Economies over the medium term and long-term by boosting economic activities of relatively weaker agents such as small-scale traders, which are also the livelihood for more than 85% of the population
- Investment in higher education for rapid economic growth to sustain the provision of basic needs

EAC Higher Education Realm

- ❑ Need for adequate education and skills to:
 - improve the employability of workers,
 - Enhance the productivity of enterprises, and
 - the inclusiveness of economic growth

- ❑ Massification of higher education
- ❑ Programs to reflect society's growth and development needs

- ❑ Challenges:
 - Education governance,
 - Education diversification,
 - Education structure,
 - Education access and progression,
 - Education financing
 - Quality of education and resulting qualifications, and
 - Education mobility
 - sustainability

HE Future Direction

Vision:

Dynamic Knowledge Society

Mission:

To create a EAC Higher Education Common Area with a common framework of readable and comparable qualifications, compatible credit system, regionally and internationally competitive, enhanced employability and mobility of students and a higher education system that is sensitive to the needs of society.

Philosophy:

Higher education is central to the development of EAC society. Higher education institutions create, safeguard and transmit knowledge vital for social and economic welfare, locally, regionally and globally. As higher institutions of learning they cultivate EAC values and culture. Education is life.

Values:

The development of higher education in the EAC is based on a set of core values: equity and access; research and scholarship in all disciplines as an integral part of higher education; high academic quality; cultural and linguistic diversity, content, openness and effectiveness.

Goal:

Competitiveness and excellence must be balanced with social cohesion and access. Universities must continue to foster the highest level of quality, governance and leadership.

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- Labour force 89 million
- Quality
- Comparable and relevant education
- Exposure and application of high-level technologies
- Greater higher education efficiency and effectiveness
- Cross-border mobility

Flagship Projects

- **Flagship Project 1: EAC Higher Education Common Area**
- **Flagship Project 2: Creative Economy : An EAC Economy Based on Knowledge and Innovation**
- **Flagship Project 3: Diversification and Innovation Community**
- **Flagship Project 4: Expanding Access and Equity**
- **Flagship Project 5: Institutionalizing Quality Assurance and Standards**
- **Flagship Project 6: Dynamic and Productive Youth**
- **Flagship Project 7: Sustainable Growth – Promoting a More Resource Efficient and More Competitive Higher Education System**
- **Flagship Project 8: Resource Efficient EAC Higher Education Institutions**
- **Flagship Project 9: Inclusive Growth – A High-Employment Economy Delivering Economic, Social and Regional Cohesion**
- **Flagship Project 10: A Program for New Skills and Jobs**