

RUFORUM Webinar Series / Public Consultation

On the **working document of the African Union (AU) – European Union (EU) Innovation Agenda** launched during the 6th EU-AU Summit in February.

Thursday 5th May 2022

15-16:30hrs EAT [Meeting Link](#)

The [AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#) is an ambitious unprecedented initiative aiming to translate Research & Innovation endeavours into **tangible businesses, services and jobs**, in Africa and Europe. The Agenda foresees **short-, medium- and long-term actions** in the four joint AU-EU priority areas of Research & Innovation, namely (i) **Public Health**, (ii) **Green Transition** (encompassing Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy); (iii) **Innovation & Technology** and (iv) **Capacities for Science**. A copy of the working document of the Innovation Agenda in English, French (soon in Portuguese and Arabic) is accessible right on the online survey page (after the Introductory Paragraph). <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/IAPublicConsultation>

RUFORUM is partnering with colleagues at the DG Research & Innovation to host a Webinar as they share information on the Agenda and to boost appreciation from the member universities and other stakeholders. Well noting that [AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#) has implication for academia and research as core functions of the university.

This webinar complements the ongoing consultation/online survey, to gather input and feedback from **citizens and stakeholders** (including organisations), to ensure that the Innovation Agenda will be fully respondent to **needs on the ground**. Participants can indeed take the survey either as individuals or on behalf of their respective organisations /institutions /universities.

The final version of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda will take into account all contributions received through the consultation and is expected to be approved in the course of 2023.

Please take the survey and share the link to the public consultation with all your colleagues and collaborators – every view matters!

Consultation will remain open until **May 13th, 2022**.

For more information, please find also below:

- A [promotional video](#) on the AU-EU Innovation Agenda, in which we hear the views and hopes on this matter of two African female entrepreneurs, Chisom and Hadiyyat.
- A [report](#) on the pilot “mapping” of projects pertaining to the AU-EU Research & Innovation partnership on **Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)** aimed at identifying the most promising research projects from a socio-economic development and innovation standpoint and as part of the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.

Key speakers

1. Dr Vincenzo Lorusso from the European Commission, DG Research & Innovation
2. Mr Jens Hoegel (European Commission, DG Research & Innovation)
3. Mr Lukovi Seke (African Union Development Agency - NEPAD-NEPAD)