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FOSTERING INTRA-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP

DATE: Wednesday, 19 June 2024

TIME: 14h00 - 16h00

The webinar examines the importance of fostering intra-African partnerships in the education and training sector. The discussion will a) explore successful models of intra-Africa collaboration, b) How to overcome challenges in establishing and sustaining partnerships and c) Leverage technology and Innovation for cross-continental cooperation.

Introduction

Intra-African partnerships are crucial to the continent's sustainable development, growth and prosperity. Collaboration and partnerships among higher education institutions on the continent can assist researchers, students, and individual institutions in addressing historical challenges of inequality, and can contribute to an improved education system for all regardless of which side of Africa one is based. Intra-Africa partnerships promote inclusion through collaborations, sharing of resources, and capacity building.



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In the last ten years, Odon has organized and facilitated over 50 Africa-focused international workshops and conferences; liaised and collaborated with government, industries and academia in over 30 African countries; developed over 100 strategic educational, research and commercial partnerships between UK and African organizations; facilitated and supported the setting up of over 30 African-focused SMEs; designed and implemented over 40 strategic capacity building and knowledge transfer schemes and programmes; delivered innovative research impact and management training to over a thousand African researchers and mentored over 2000 young African researchers and entrepreneurs. He has done through international funded projects having won in excess of 40 million pounds in funding.