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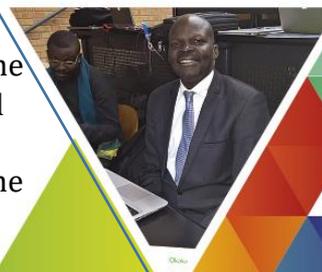
## ***About the project AHEAD***

The project “African Higher Education Leadership in Advancing Inclusive Innovation for Development – AHEAD” is implemented in the framework of the *Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 Capacity Building in Higher Education*. The duration of the project is 36 months, starting from 11/2017 and ending in 10/2020.

## ***AHEAD project aims***

To enhance the management, governance, teaching, research and evaluation capacities of African higher education institutions, enabling them to implement the knowledge triangle and integrate their research, education and innovation functions in support of *innovation for sustainable development and inclusive growth*.

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## **AHEAD**

Inclusive Innovation  
for Development

# ***What have we achieved so far?***



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# African Higher Education Leadership in Advancing Inclusive Innovation for Development



## What is expected from AHEAD project?

- Analysis of National Innovation Systems in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda
- Analysis of the innovation capacities at partner universities
- Open Educational Resources in the field of Innovation Management and Inclusive Innovation
- Capacity building workshops and training of trainers
- Improvement of the good-practice and evidence base for designing and delivering (social) entrepreneurship education
- An online innovation management platform for structured cooperation between Partner Universities and key stakeholders
- Strengthened knowledge flows between the university and stakeholders from the economy and society
- Innovation Hubs at Partner Universities from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda that will kick-start activities aimed at supporting local and regional development and enabling stakeholder co-creation in innovation

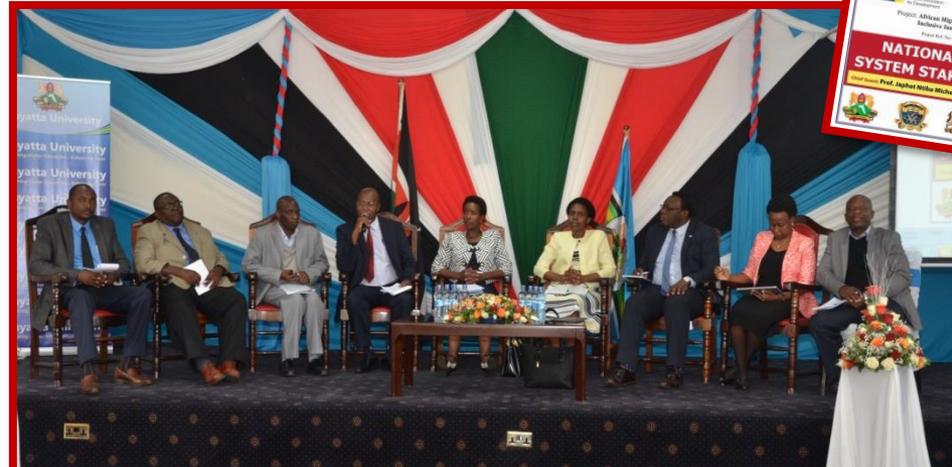


## So far the following results are achieved:

- ✓ 10 reports on the existing institutional innovation and research capacities of each African partner university
- ✓ 3 background reports on the National Innovation Systems in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda
- ✓ Compendium of good practices presenting more than 15 transferable case studies for promoting the development of the knowledge triangle

Discussion panels are being held within each partner University from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in order to collect feedback and new ideas on the AHEAD activities and results.

On 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2018, in Kenyatta University Conference Center, a **National Innovation System Stakeholder Forum** was held. It aimed at facilitating the involvement of key stakeholders in the project activities in Kenya. Representatives of all 5 Kenyan Universities were involved and the special guest and keynote speaker was Dr. Salome Guchu, CEO of the Kenya National Innovation Agency



## *Kick-off Meeting in Campobasso, Italy* February 26-28, 2018

The first AHEAD project meeting was hosted by Università degli studi del Molise, Italy, and was attended by 33 representatives from the 15 partner organizations.

All planned project activities were reviewed, including various project management issues. The national and regional innovation systems in the Partner countries – Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania - were analyzed. During a special session, the innovation ecosystem in each partner university was presented, and the participating universities shared their experience. Benchmarking tools for institutional capacity self-assessment and for analysis of the National Innovation System were jointly developed by partners. *The participants had the chance to get to know each other and lay the foundations for a successful Capacity building partnership.*



## *AHEAD First Transnational Capacity Building Workshop* Zanzibar, Tanzania, July 10-12, 2018

The first Capacity Building Workshop in the frame of the AHEAD project took place at the beautiful premises of the Institute of Tourism of the State University of Zanzibar. The 39 representatives of the partner institutions gathered to review the research results achieved so far and to discuss the impact and quality of the outputs that are being produced. Good practices for implementing the knowledge triangle were presented by the EU universities and discussed by all participants. The work groups focused on identifying working approaches and key steps for implementing the knowledge triangle in the AHEAD universities. During the second day of the workshop, the participating Universities made preliminary plans for the establishment of Innovation Hubs at their institutions. *The partnership had the chance to identify the challenges, opportunities and the vital steps in the process of intensifying knowledge flows and linkages between universities and their external environment and to plan the upcoming tasks of engaging stakeholders in innovation for development.*



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