

## RUFORUM Annual General Meeting 2019

### Sixteenth RUFORUM Principals and Deans Business Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

#### Concept Note

#### Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a network of 120 universities from 38 African countries is currently implementing its Agricultural Higher Education, Science Technology and Innovation (AHESTI) strategy (Vision 2030). The Vision 2030 is founded on four flagships: i) Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa’s growth and development (TAGDev); ii) Partnership of Anchor Universities Developing Agriculture (PAUDA); iii) Cultivating Research and Teaching Excellence (CREATE); and iv) Knowledge Hub for University Networking, Partnerships and Advocacy (K-Hub). RUFORUM operations are guided by its Board Organs that include: Board of Directors, Technical Committee, International Advisory Panel, and Principals and Deans committee. The latter brings together Principals and Deans from Faculties and Colleges Agriculture and related sciences in RUFORUM member universities. The Principals and Deans are recognised constituency of university management as such are integral to the implementation of the resolutions of all other sub-committees in the RUFORUM governance structure as well as the resolutions of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and at the same time, the Principals and Deans Committee generates business for consideration by the Board of Directors. In this regard, this committee is an integral component of RUFORUM’s governance and governance processes. The Principals and Deans Business meeting provides a platform for dialogue and consideration of business, tracking of implementation of resolutions, design of programmes and regional level activities for the network. This 16<sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans Business meeting will be convened at University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

#### Rationale and Purpose of the side event

The 16<sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans Business meeting will be convened to deliberate the sustainability of RUFORUM’s operations and convening events as a platform for mobilising continental action to higher education.

#### CO-ORGANISERS:



**Approach and Methodology**

This 16<sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans business meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. The meeting will be hosted by University of Cape Coast, Ghana in conjunction with RUFORUM member universities in Ghana. The meeting will take the business meeting dialogue and interaction approach to arrive at plausible resolutions to be communicated to the Board for consideration.

**Venue and Participants**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans Business meeting will be held at the School of Medical Sciences Auditorium, University of Cape Coast. Approximately 120 Principals and Deans from the member universities are expected to attend (from both full member universities and associate member universities) and other key invited stakeholders.

**Side Event Organizers and Contact**

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### Programme for the Principals and Deans' Business Meeting

Time	Agenda	Responsible Party
<b>Session one: Arrival and Official Opening</b>		
08:00-08:30	Arrival and Registration of Principals and Deans	Dr. Runyararo Jolyn Rukarwa
08:30-08:35	Agenda adoption	Prof. Elvis Asare Bediako
08:35-08:40	Welcome Remarks, Programme Manager R&I	Dr. Runyararo Jolyn Rukarwa
08:40-08:50	Welcome Remarks and introduction of Committee Members, Chairperson of Principals and Deans Committee	Prof. Elvis Asare Bediako
08:50-09:20	Review of Minutes and Actions of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Principals and Deans Meeting	Prof. Elvis Asare Bediako
09:20-09:40	Report on follow-up actions on previous Principal and Deans meeting recommendations and emerging issues	Dr. Runyararo Jolyn Rukarwa
09:40-10:00	Open Discussion	Prof. Elvis Asare Bediako
10:00-10:30	HEALTH BREAK	
<b>Session Two: Key note Address</b>		
10:30-11:00	<b>Key note:</b> Transformation of Higher Education: Why it matters for addressing youth unemployment in Africa	Dr. Codou Diaw
<b>Session Three: Strategic Business Planning in African Universities</b>		
11:00-13:00	Development of ICT based infrastructure for management of universities as complex institutions	Mega Hopex
13:00-13:30	General Discussions and way forward	Prof. Elvis Asare Bediako
13:30-14:30	LUNCH	

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