

***INVITATION***

**EHEA – Africa Conversation on  
Quality Assurance and Recognition Issues in Higher Education**

**HOW DO WE DO ACADEMIC RECOGNITION?  
INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS AND PRACTICES IN EUROPE AND IN AFRICA  
AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL**

**12th December 2022, 11:00-12:30 CET (10:00–11:30 UTC), on-line**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

In the *Rome Communiqué* issued on 19 November 2020, the *Ministers responsible for higher education within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)*<sup>1</sup> recommitted to international dialogue on higher education values, policies, and reforms, drawing on the experiences of the EHEA as well as those of other areas of the world, and to further develop and strengthen Global Dialogue during the 2021-24 work period. In line with the Rome Communiqué, the *Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG on GPD)* of the *Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG)*<sup>2</sup> under the EHEA is committed to develop continuous dialogue and to explore ways of initiating or consolidating contacts with other macro-regions, countries and organisations on matters of common concern and relevance for higher education.

In this context, the *sub-group on Africa* of the CG on GPD is pleased to invite you to follow an online **Conversation on Academic Recognition in the European Higher Education Area and in Africa**. In this conversation, European and African speakers will explore the *institutional contexts* within which academic recognition for international student (diploma and credit) mobility takes place – both between and within these two regions, and will look at recognition instruments, tools and practices used by the respective *institutions at regional and national level*.

**Speakers**

- **Ms Mirriam Chiyaba**, CEO, Zambia Qualifications Authority
- **Ms Anjusha Durbarry**, Higher Education Commission of Mauritius; Rapporteur, Bureau of the UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States
- **Mr Berto Bosscha**, Education & Science Attaché, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, South Africa, former Bologna Follow-up Group member.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [European Higher Education Area and Bologna Process \(ehea.info\)](http://ehea.info)

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**Conversation moderator:** *Ms Nathalie Nilsson-Thiello*, Policy officer for cooperation with the African region, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research; former Deputy-Director, ENIC-NARIC Center, France

**Chat moderators:** *Ms Fiorella Perotto, Ms Annet Kragt, European Commission.*

The conversation will take place in *English*. Attendees will have the opportunity to contribute with comments and questions through the event *chat* in ***English and French***. You will find attached a *Background note* outlining the context and tools for academic recognition in the European Higher Education Area and in Africa.

This Conversation will be the first in a series of three 90-minute moderated online dialogues that will enable institutions, experts and stakeholders from both Europe and Africa to exchange views and experiences on recognition opportunities and challenges in both regions, to promote a common understanding, and to identify and promote good practice and synergies.

This event is only open to invited selected representatives, experts and stakeholders.

We are looking forward to your attendance.

Best regards,

**Fiorella PEROTTO**

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*Chair, Africa Sub-Group*

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