

Interregional Dialogue meeting

The role of South-South-North interregional higher education cooperation in development

SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN AND EUROPE

(Preliminary Agenda)

(The event will have simultaneous Catalan, Spanish, English, French and Portuguese interpretation)

 Venue: [Palau Reial de Pedralbes](#)

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 9:30 AM - 5PM

This meeting is hosted and promoted by OBREAL Global, the Government of the Generalitat de Catalunya and the Argentinian Ministry of Education, acting also as the pro-tempore Presidency of CELAC (Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños). The event will bring together both representatives of governments and of regional and continental integration and cooperation institutions, and representatives of national, regional and continental HE associations and organisations to discuss:

- a) The concrete ways in which universities, the HE sector and governments are contributing to the local and regional development agenda, notably along several thematic axes: Open Science, Employment, Inclusion and Lifelong learning, Climate change and Sustainable Development
- b) Current examples of South-South-North Africa – Latin America – Europe collaboration to this effect and the perspectives for and importance of expanding this type of multi-regional collaboration

The event will be open to DHG members as an official pre-event of the annual DHG Forum.

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Introductory session: The logic of South-South-North cooperation in higher education. Looking to the future

- **Nicolas Patrici**, Director for Strategy, OBREAL Global

10:15 10:30 Framing presentation: The necessity of South-South cooperation in higher education and research towards common challenges: Climate & Sustainable development.

- **Myriam Moïse**, Secretary General, Universities Caribbean/ Chair OBREAL Global Caribbean Chapter

10:30-11:30 Round table discussion: Climate & Sustainable development : Policies and frameworks for the role of the higher education sector in local and regional development: Current examples and future potential of S-S cooperation.

- **Clare Browne**, Director for Education. Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries of Antigua & Barbuda
- **Nico Elema**, Director, Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- **Carlos Alvarado**, Secretary General, CSUCA (Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano)

Chair: **Elizabeth Colucci**, Director, Global Projects, OBREAL Global

11:30 Coffee

12:00-12.30 Official welcome followed by a governmental Round Table

- **Ramon Torrent**, President, OBREAL Global

12:30-14.00 Governmental Round Table

- **Joan Subirats**, Minister of Universities, Spain*
- **Andrea García**, Secretariat for Educational Cooperation and Priority Actions, Argentina
- **Ricardo Alfonsín**, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to Spain
- **Hambani Mashelini**, Ag. Director, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission
- **Maria Luisa Chicote**, President, CNAQ and Representative of the Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Republic of Moçambique

Chair: **Joan Guàrdia**, Rector, University of Barcelona

*Minister Subirats participation modality is dependent on the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados Agenda. If he has to participate in a Plenary Session, his intervention will be video-recorded.

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-15:15 Framing presentation: The necessity of South-South cooperation in higher education and research towards common challenges: Life Long Learning & Employment

- **Olusola Oyewole**, Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU)/Chair OBREAL Global Africa Chapter

15:15-16:00 Round table discussion: Life Long Learning & Employment - Policies and frameworks for the role of the higher education sector in local and regional development: Current examples and future potential of S-S-N cooperation

- **Roberta Bassett**, Global Lead for Tertiary Education, The World Bank
- **Hambani Mashelini**, Ag. Director, Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission
- **Olivier Sagna**, Director of Education and cooperation, Minister of Education and Research, Senegal
- **Marina Larrea**, Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education, Argentina

Chair: **Hélène Charton**, DG INTPA, European Commission

16:00-16:15 Framing presentation: The necessity of South-South cooperation in higher education and research towards common challenges: Research & Open Science.

- **Juan Guillermo Hoyos**, Secretary General, Association of Colombian Universities (ASCUN)/President of ENLACES (Espacio Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Educación Superior)/Chair OBREAL Global South American Chapter

16:15-17:00 Round table discussion: Research & Open Science - Policies and frameworks for the role of the higher education sector in local and regional development: Current examples and future potential of S-S cooperation.

- **Andaman Punsawai**, Programme Manager, ASEAN University Network (AUN), Thailand
- **José Consuegra**, Rector of the Simon Bolivar University and President of the Association of Colombian Universities
- **Damtew Teferra**, Director of Research and Programmes, Association of African Universities (AAU)

Chair: **Vidya Yeravdekar**, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University / Chair OBREAL Global India Chapter

17:00-17:15 The way forward

- **Marina Larrea**, Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education, Argentina

17:15-17:30 Conclusions and Farewell

- **Meritxell Serret i Aleu**, Minister of External Affairs and European Union. Government of Generalitat de Catalunya

17:50 Bus departure to the Networking Cocktail

18:30 Networking Cocktail together with the DHG group: Offered by OBREAL Global and hosted by the Universitat de Barcelona at the [Claustre de Matemàtiques, Historic Building at Plaça Universitat](#)