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Integrating Universal Acceptance Curricula in African Higher Education Institutions

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Outline

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2. AAU-led UA Project
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4. Progress to date – and Next priorities
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The AAU-led UA Project

Launched in Accra on 13 April 2023
by the AAU and ICANN under the
Coalition for Digital Africa initiative

Universal Acceptance Project

Aims to increase the number of African higher education institutions that are UA-ready (to at least 200) by June 2025.

Objective 1

Evaluate the UA readiness of the AAU members (higher education institutions) and create a baseline.



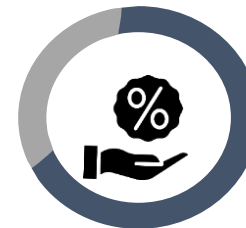
Objective 2

Create awareness of and develop capacity for UA within academic institutions



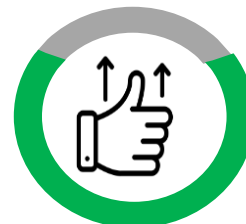
Objective 3

Support higher education institutions to incorporate UA and internationalized domain names into their IT/CS curricula.



Objective 4

Encourage higher education and research institutions to participate in the work of the UA Steering Group



Integrating UA into Curricula

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Anglophone Deans / HODs of Faculty Curriculum Workshop

- 15 February 2024
- 249 attendees (315 registered)

Francophone Deans / HODs of Faculty Curriculum Workshop

- 16 February 2024
- 34 attendees (out of 44 registered)

Key discussions during webinars with Deans of Computer Science

How are universities currently adding new content into their curricula?

How many hours required for UA curricula?

Who will teach the UA curricula?

Best strategy for integrating UA – standalone course vs updating relevant courses

What type of support do universities need?

Next Steps concerning UA Curricula

1) Expressions of Interest



- Analyse the expressions of interest submitted by universities keen to integrate UA into their curricula

2) Follow-up workshop



- Host a follow-up workshop during the Middle East DNS Forum in Morocco – 26 April 2024

3) Pilots



- Pilot UA integration with at least 5 universities

Challenges & Opportunities

Resources

- For continuous training using the 5 official languages in Africa

Bureaucracy

- Process of updating curricula in African higher education institutions



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