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**THE FIRST EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT FOR THE COMMITTEE OF  
TEN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (C10) CHAMPIONING EDUCATION,  
SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

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## **Draft Action Plan**

Priority areas	ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE	Responsibility	OTHER KEY PARTNERS
<b>Investing in Education, Science and Technology</b>				
Operationalize Education Science and Technology Funds in Africa	Operationalize the African Education Fund in collaboration with the AfDB	February 2019	AUC	ADEA AfDB Afreximbank
	Operationalize African Science and Technology Innovation Fund (ASTIF)	March 2019	AUC, NEPAD	ADEA AfDB Afreximbank
	Explore resource mobilization strategies and advocate for private sector and philanthropists to contribute to the funds	Continuous	C10	ADEA, AfDB
	Commit a special fund to facilitate the training of female university members of staff and women in general to PhD level to support of Agenda 2063 vision of quality education and gender equality.	Continuous	C10	ADEA, RUFORUM AFDB, UNESCO
Urge Member States to meet the original commitment of 1% GDP on Research and Development	Undertake study to determine the actual investment by Member States and the comparative advantage in investing in Education, R&D	March 2019	AOSTI NEPAD UNECA	UNECA UNESCO
	Commitment of the champion to lead by example	Continuous	C10	ADEA, AFDB, UNESCO
<b>Promoting Education in Africa</b>				
Promoting Early Childhood Education and Development	Advocate for free and compulsory ECED in all Member States and lead by example	February 2019	UNICEF/ AUC	Save the children, WFP
	Conduct a study on ECED in Africa to include cost/benefit, strategy and mechanisms for phasing in compulsory ECED in member states	February 2019	UNICEF/ AUC	Save the children, WFP
	Strengthen training, supply and remuneration of care	Continuous	UNESCO IICBA	Save the children

	givers and ECED teachers and provide relevant teaching and learning materials			
Strengthen Teacher Development and Retention	Increase qualified teachers in Member States at all levels with special attention to STEM, ICT skills and digital technology	Continuous	Member States, C10	IICBA/ RUFORUM
	Promote motivation of teachers and establish the Annual African Union teacher awards.	December 2019	AUC	UNESCO IICBA
	Promote Continental Teacher Mobility to ensure optimal utilization of the teacher resource in Africa	Continuous	AUC	UNESCO/RE Cs
Enhancing TVET and Skill Development for Employment	Promote dissemination and implementation of the Continental TVET Strategy	Continuous	AUC/NEPAD/GIZ	AFDB/ADEA/ CAPA/ UNESCO/ ILO/RUFORUM
	Provide practical attachment programmes and strengthen incubation of business and entrepreneurship training	Continuous	AUC/NEPAD/GIZ/RUFORUM	AFDB/ADEA/ UNESCO/IL O
	Capacity building of TVET trainers and stakeholders and Rebrand TVET for enhanced access, equity, quality and relevance	Continuous	AUC/NEPAD/GIZ	AFDB/ADEA/ UNESCO/IL O/RUFORUM
	Incorporate Life Skills Development and Career Guidance in TVET	December 2019	AUC/GIZ UNESCO	AFDB/ADEA/ UNESCO/IL O/RUFORUM
	Enhance linkages between universities and TVET institutions with focus on strengthening practical skills and education to enhance innovation, entrepreneurship and skills development for employability	December 2019	AUC/ World Bank/ RUFORUM	Mastercard Foundation; Nuffic

Advance the implementation of the Pan African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework and its domestication at regional and national levels	Expedite Ratification of the Addis Convention on recognition of Qualification	Continuous	AUC/ UNESCO	Member States
	Initiate the development of African Qualification Frameworks including TVET	June 2019	AUC/ILO/EU/ UNESCO	GIZ/ADEA
	Operationalize the set-up of the Continental Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency	December 2019	AUC/AAU EU	National and Regional QA Agencies
Strengthen higher education, science, technology and innovation	Strengthen foresight capacity at African universities and other partners and support capacity building in this important area to support planning and future implementation of key programs	Continuous	AUC/ RUFORUM/ NRF/ OCP Morocco	ISDB
	Develop programs to establish Research Chairs in African universities, Increase 'academic mobility schemes' and improving infrastructure and increase staff capacity development	Continuous	AUC/RUFORUM/ ISDB/ NRF	World Bank/ISDB/National Science Granting Councils/BADEA ISDB/BADEA/ Mastercard/
<b>Engaging Private Sector</b>				
Promote Engagement of Private Sector in Education Science Technology and Innovation	Develop Public Private Partnership framework including the provision of tax breaks to industries that fund Education, Science and Technology	Continuous	AUC/Private Sector	NEPAD/USA ID/GIZ/EU/ Business Africa/CEOs Forum
	Appoint an ambassador for Public-Private-Partnership PPP investment in Education, Science and Technology in Africa			
Promote linkages between research institutions and the private sector	Strengthen use of the IP System in Africa and indigenous patents to drive industrialization in Africa	Continuous	AUC/Private Sector	NEPAD/USA ID/GIZ/EU/ Business Africa/CEOs Forum
	Promote innovation, entrepreneurship	Continuous	AUC/Private Sector	EU, NEPAD, AOSTI,



	development and enhance beneficiation and value addition in collaboration with private sector			UNECA, Finland
<b>Communication and Advocacy</b>				
Enhance Knowledge Sharing, Communication and Advocacy	Develop Communication and advocacy strategies and related documents for use by the champions in all the priority areas	December 2019	AUC, NEPAD RECs	UNESCO/IL O/NEPAD/Af DB/Stakehol der agencies CAFOR
	Participate in high level African and global events to raise awareness on Africa's priorities in education, science and technology; including G20	All year (identify events and provide a schedule of events)	RECs, AUC, NEPAD, Stakeholder agencies	C10, Heads of State, Member States,

