AGENDA

FOURTH INTERREGIONAL DIALOGUE

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPEMENT

LATIN AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN, AFRICA, EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD

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DAY 0 - DECEMBER 14, 2026

10am– 3pm	**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP** Inscription required Hosted by the Addis Ababa University of Science and Technology (AASTU) • **Pre-event workshop 1: Interregional initiatives on tourism and sustainable development"** | Co-organized by the Government of Mauritius and the University of Tourism, Technology and Business Studies, Rwanda • **Pre-event workshop 2: Resilient universities in resilient societies – Interregional collaboration on resilience and conflict resolution (VLIRUOS, DAAD, MINEDU Colombia) |** Co-organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Association of Arab Universities (AarU), the Flemish Inter-University Council for Development (VLIRUOS) and the Association of Colombian Universities (ASCUN)
9am – 6pm	**BI-LATERAL AND POLITICAL MEETINGS**
6pm	• The Ethiopian Higher Education system: Opportunities for partnership' • Opening Networking Event and reception hosted by the Ministry of Education of Ethiopia

DAY 1 - DECEMBER 15, 2026

9am – 10.30am	**OFFICIAL OPENING** • Opening words by officials (AUC, CELAC Presidency, Obreal) • Achievements and Objectives of the Interregional Dialogue and Expected Outcomes
10:30 am – 11am	**COFFEE BREAK**

11 am – 1 pm	**POLICY DIALOGUE 1** High-Level Ministerial Roundtable: Education and Research for Development: Inter-regionality and Polycentric partnerships • **Track 1:** Green & Digital Transformation: Universities, Innovation and Territorial Development • **Track 2:** Interregional Knowledge Connectivity: Building Sustainable Research and Education Networks • **Track 3:** Skills, Youth and the Governance of Interregional Knowledge Cooperation
1pm – 2:30pm	**LUNCH**
2:30pm – 4:30pm	**POLICY DIALOGUE 2** Stakeholder Roundtable: Aligning Education, Research and Innovation Spaces with the Interregional Development Agenda Three separate dialogue round tables addressing the main conference tracks – 30 min each. • **Dialogue 1:** How can interregional research networks deliver measurable development impact? • **Dialogue 2:** How can universities and research systems accelerate green and digital transitions through innovation ecosystems • **Dialogue 3:** How should global knowledge cooperation evolve in a fragmented multilateral system?
4pm – 4:30pm	**CONCLUSIONS OF THE DAY AND PRESENTATION OF THE TECHNICAL AGENDA**
6:00pm	**WELCOME COCKTAIL & CULTURAL ACTIVITY** Offered by CELAC/Government of Uruguay

DAY 2 - DECEMBER 16, 2026

9am – 09.15am	**OPENING DAY 2** Presentation of the workshops
09:15pm – 10:45pm	**PLENARY** **Track 3: Skills, Youth and the Governance of Interregional Knowledge Cooperation*** • **Thematic Panel 1:** Youth Voices for Interregional Cooperation
10:45am – 11:15am	**COFFEE BREAK**
11:15 am – 1:15pm	**PARALLEL WORKSHOPS** • **Workshop 1: Africa-LAC collaborative and innovative teaching** | Offered by the Argentine Inter-University Council (CIN) and the African Association for Internationalization of Higher Education (ANIE) • **Workshop 2: Brain Drain to Brain Circulation: Building Equitable Talent Mobility Pathways for Sustainable Development** | Offered by the Institute for International Education (IIE) • **Workshop 3: Bridging Ancestral Wisdom and Living Heritage: Academic and Community Perspectives from Africa and Latin America** | Offered by the Flemish Inter-University Council for Development (VLIRUOS) • **Workshop 4: Strengthening Teacher Education Through Interregional Cooperation: Lessons, Innovations and Future Pathways from Africa and Latin America** | Offered by EDUFI • **Workshop 5: Youth Innovators Workshop** | Offered by UNESCO - INRULED
1:15 pm – 2.30 pm	**LUNCH**
2:30pm – 3:30pm	**SPOTLIGHT SESSION** Africa at the Center of the new cooperation landscape?

	• **Part 1:** Study and Research in Africa? Implications for Global Cooperation • **Part 2:** ProAfrica: Brazil and Africa in partnership • **Part 3:** Uruguayan post-graduate programmes for Africa and with Africa
3:30pm – 4:30pm	**PLENARY** **Track 1: Green & Digital Transformation: Universities, Innovation and Territorial Development** • **Thematic Panel 2:** Territories, technology, education and development
04:00pm – 04:30pm	**RAPPORT OF DAY 2**
7pm	**DINNER & CULTURAL ACTIVITY** • Dinner • Cultural Activity

DAY 3 - DECEMBER 17, 2026

9am – 9.15am	**OPENING DAY 3** Presentation of the workshops
9:15am – 10:45 am	**PARALLEL WORKSHOPS** • **Workshop 6: Hight Education on Trial: Delivering Public Value** | Offered by the Western Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC) • **Workshop 7: Employability and skills: Education for Work?** | Offered by the Association of Arab Universities (AArU) • **Workshop 8: Blackouts to Data-Driven Campuses** | Offered by VLIRUOS, PULSE-C Cuba and Universities South Africa — USAf

	• **Workshop 9: Small Island States: Interregionality and blue-green economy** | Offered by the Dominican Republic and Mauritius
10:45 am – 11:15 am	**COFFEE BREAK**
11:15 am - 12:15 am	**PLENARY** **Track 2: Interregional Knowledge Connectivity: Building Sustainable Research and Education Networks** • **Thematic Panel 3:** Re-imagining scientific partnerships for development
12:15 am – 1:45 pm	**PARALLEL WORKSHOPS** • **Workshop 10: Women, science and policy** | Offered by the Organisation for Women in Science in the Developing World (OWDS) • **Workshop 11: Tech transfer offices (TTOs) and Venture building programs** |Offered by the South African Network for Universities of Technology (THENSA) • **Workshop 12: Thematic South-South-North networking across continents in climate resilience and HE Management** | Offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) • **Workshop 13: Building interregional knowledge networks for sustainable development** | Offered by the Montevideo Group of Universities (AUGM) and the Southern African Regional University Association (SARUA)
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	**LUNCH**
3:00pm – 3:20pm	**GENERAL REPORT**

3:20pm – 4:20pm	CLOSING PLENARY AND CONCLUSIONS AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE ROADMAP 2027
4:20pm – 4:30pm	ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT IRD AND FAREWELL
7pm	DINNER & CULTURAL ACTIVITY