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Message from Editor in Chief

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The season has seen tremendous growth and activities in EiABC . We have organized and hosted International Conferences, EU Funded Programmes Supervision, Internal events and Special Committee Setups to ensure smooth run up of operations on Campus. The Management Board has also shifted management system to support the Institute.

We are heading to smooth close of the Semester and Students will be relieved for holidays. Staff will be working hard during their absence to fix the environment and systems to ensure better services upon students' return.

I welcome us all to take a close insight into what ensued these last two months and we continue to encourage stories from all units to help add more content and news to our monthly newsletter.

Wishing us a productive month ahead.





Following the call for proposals for the new Intra-africa programme, the office of the International Relations and Communications represented EiABC at the Africa Union in an Information Session Space for the programme. In attendance from the Institution were Mr. Sydney Kili (Head of International Relations Office), Mr. Kweku Boatın (Network and Bilateral Relations Manager) and Mr. Isaac Opoku (Communication Manager). Special dignitaries also participated in the facilitation of the space including Klaus Haupt, Head of Unit, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Ag. Director, Human Resources Sciences and Technology. African Union Commission, Dr. Kaba Urgessa, Ethiopia, State Minister of Education, Ministry of Education and Ron Hendrix, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union .

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The new Intra-Africa Programme comes in as a successor to the running Intra-ACP programme which harbors projects spread across the continent and run by Higher Educational Institution including AFIMEQG, PAMPAS, ARISE and ERMIT.

The full day programme threw a lot of highlight on the past programme, Intra-ACP and shed more light on the new one, Intra-Africa. Other sessions focused on scholarship opportunities provided by similar programs outside the Intra-Africa . The event had a wrap with a networking space for delegates from diverse Higher Education Institutions to interact.

Staff welfare has strongly been at the core of EiABC operations as this helps inform very productive output for the Institution. Following this premise, a Grievance Committee also termed “Business Process Reengineering (BPR) has been set up to welcome and address any complaints from any staff that hinder their smooth run of operations on campus.

The main mandate given the Committee constituted their assessment of complaints brought forward to them based on fairness and on just grounds by adopting the BPR document which captures all useful clauses to inform better decision making. In extreme cases where the Complaint was beyond the abilities of the BPR, the Acting Managing Director falls in line in addressing the case.

This Committee was created and mandated by the Acting Managing Director. As a highlight, this adds up to part of the shift in management system that has surfaced up in the Institution recently. Members of the Committee include Ato Shimeles Habtamu, Chairperson, Ato Kassa, Ato Geremew, Ato Aschalew and W/Ro Engida.



EiABC has been hosting different important international activities that encourage and facilitate the teaching, learning and research processes not only in our institute but also in the whole of the country and the African region.

One of these successful activities held in EiABC is the SCUPAD 2016 congress and student workshop that consisted of 70 participants in total. SCUPAD is an independent non-profit, international network organization of planners and development specialists, which was founded by the fellows of the Salzburg Global Seminar's Planning session in 1965.

With the title – **Cities beyond tools: Reimagining cities to confront poverty and climate change**, this congress was held in our very own EiABC Swedish Pavilion from May 12-15, 2016 and had about 26 international participants coming all the way from almost all the continents of the world to take part in both the congress and the workshop that took place in the next days. Our very own Dr. Zegeye Cherenet is part of the Congress Committee of SCUPAD and he played a major role in convincing SCUPAD to organize the conference for the first time in Africa hence in Addis Ababa Ethiopia which indeed brought EiABC to the next level of international conference organization.



In the congress, the Opening Keynote for the congress with a title 'Addis Ababa – a transitional city the rural – urban' was presented by Dr. Wubshet Birhanu (PhD) the former city manager of Addis Ababa and Country Director of Self-help Africa. Apart from this Scientific director of EiABC Professor Joachim Dieter gave a welcome speech highlighting that Ethiopia has a very large number of emerging cities that is scary but at the same time needing a lot of attention from the disciplinary of urban planning, architecture and city development, and he also supported having such conferences and platforms for discussion so as to make sure Ethiopia is on the right path.

Following the congress from **16-20 May, 2016**, an **international inter-disciplinary student workshop took place** which focused on boldly re-imagining city structures and providing solutions. With this workshop as well about 25 EiABC students from different disciplinary took part. Museums and key sites in the city tours with a title of Jane Jacobs Walk City tour were the highlights of the congress and the workshop.

Being led by the congress facilitation project manager Hiwote Negash, the international relations and communications office played a major role in facilitating this successful international congress and student workshop. We would like to thank all the administration units that supported throughout this event.



EiABC and other stakeholders meet a representative from European Commission on AFIMEQG



On 2nd May 2016, Dr. Klaus Haupt from Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) visited the Addis Ababa University to monitor the progress of all Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme managed by the European Commission.

The agenda of the day foresaw a courtesy meeting with the Vice president AAU, Deputy Scientific Director (EiABC), Dr. Ephrem, Director, office of external relations and Communication Dr. Zenebe and the Intra-ACP local project coordinators: PAMAPS Project – Prof. Haile Marium, ARISE project - Dr. Melaku Duguma and AAFIMEQG project - Kili Sydney . The space also took the chance to hear directly from the beneficiaries. A number of students expressed their gratitude for the programme amidst a few concerns and challenges after which solutions were proposed to inform the future programme termed Intra-Africa Programme.

The meeting was a great success as all stakeholders were available and aired their concerns. The head of Unit, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), Dr. Klaus Haupt was pleased with the work being done to support the Intra ACP project under EiABC and AAU. AFIMEQG fellows praised the support they received from EiABC despite the challenges coming from the coordinating institution. EiABC was asked to record and follow up the progress of all its outgoing mobilities as they felt neglected by home institution.

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AFIMEQG counts as one of four of the Intra-ACP programme running across the African continent in strong support of students and staff of Higher Educational Institute

On 19th May, 2016, EiABC hosted an Education Congress dubbed, “ East Africa Educational Congress” with the objective of setting a new pace and direction for the running of educational operations and programmes across the East African Hub.

Representing EiABC were Dr. Ephrem Gebremariam, Mr. Ayele Bedada , Coordinator Publication Centre and Mr. Sydney Kili, Head of International Relations and Communication Unit. Other participants from the PanAfrican Geoinformation services included Mr. Eyom Teshome, the General Manager and Zelalem Gethaun, the Executive Director.

A number of items built up the discussion including ways to digitize the educational system, conduct of workshop trainings both for staff and students and the implementation of geosystem into the Institutional operations. The conversation also steered in the direction of how each stakeholder was going to contribute to the implementation of the agreed pointers with emphasis on staff and student mobility development. With an anticipation of such educational system changes, Higher Education Institutions in the East African Hub are set for promising developments.



The Office of International Relations and Communication of EiABC has pragmatic steps in supporting Exchange Mobility directed at its Internationalization activities. On the 3rd May, 2016, 3 representatives from the office including Mr. Sydney Kili (Head of International Relations and Communication), Mr. Kweku Boatin (Network and Bilateral Relations Manager) and Mr. Isaac Opoku (Communications Manager) met with Mr. Derek Kelly, the Professional Development Coordinator of British Council.

The discussion partly centered on collaboration between the two parties in areas of providing English proficiency certification for all Exchange students and staff of EiABC. The meeting also deliberated on possibilities on providing Basic English Language teaching and skill training to some staff and students to help equip them with right communication and English proficiency skills in all their academic deliveries. The meeting ended with an agreement to put all discussed points into formal proposal for signing in the next meeting.



“There is a difference between goals and purpose. Goals are checkpoints to fulfill our purpose. Make career choices that are in line with your purpose. “

The Institute has expressed strong commitment to students’ support not only in Academia but also in support of their life after school. On 14th May, 2016, EiABC joined hands with an Institutional partner, AIESEC in organizing an intense but rich Career guidance platform for over a 100 students at the Goethe Institut. The event, ACE Conference 2016, attracted and brought very refined and experienced entrepreneurs from Ethiopia, Kenya, Benin and Georgia as well as professionals in varying fields who shared their experiences as mediums to inspire and motivate the youth. The audience was very open with their challenges, frustrations and fear for the future and asked many questions as possible to generate the right solutions from their experienced facilitators. The day was wrapped up with an appreciation message to all attendees, speakers ,partners and promised to hold more of such events in the future.

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ACE stands for Achieving Career Excellence. As the talk is centred on entrepreneurship, ACE Conference an Initiative by AIESEC in EiABC local chapter, seeks to fill the gap of those aiming at employment careers in the private and public sector.



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