



IIOE Kenya National Centre Launch Ceremony

Concept Note & Agenda

25 April 2022



Background

The COVID-19 pandemic, technological revolution and evolving labour market needs have exposed the urgency of transforming higher education systems. In particular, digital transformation is key for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to adapt to the changing environment and developmental needs. However, due to the "digital divide" and other deeply entrenched inequalities, digital transformation can be challenging for the global south, especially Africa.

In response to this, the International Institute of Online Education (IIOE) was launched by African and Asian HEIs and private sector partners in December 2019, endorsed by UNESCO. Since its establishment, IIOE provided a free-of-charge multilingual online education platform, teacher capacity building programmes in Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, online and blended pedagogy, and STEM online courses. It also developed the IIOE Quality Assurance Framework and Toolkit for Online and Blended Teaching and Learning, as well as the IIOE Competency Framework for the Higher Education Workforce. Since its launch, IIOE has benefited over 9,000 teachers in 135 countries worldwide.

Under the guidance of UNESCO's Priority Africa Strategy, the "IIOE National Centre" initiative was initiated by UNESCO-ICHEI in order to better serve the needs of HEIs in developing countries in terms of digital transformation. IIOE National Centre will serve as national hubs for higher education digital transformation through networking, capacity building, online course construction and sharing, and research.

Based on multi-stakeholder consultations with UNESCO, ministries and partner HEIs, University of Nairobi will host the IIOE Kenya National Centre. The establishment of the IIOE Kenya National Centre will serve to empower the country's higher education through digital transformation, in alignment with the nation's development strategies, for a more sustainable, inclusive and equitable future.

To this effect, UNESCO-ICHEI is jointly organising the IIOE Kenya National Centre Launch Ceremony with Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, UNESCO Priority Africa and External Relations Sector, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa in Nairobi, and University of Nairobi.

When and Where

Time: 25 April 2022, 9:00am -11:00am (Nairobi Time)

Location: Conference Hall, University of Nairobi, Kenya and Online via ZOOM

ZOOM Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uyGpq7OzSP6ef5ceJI7Jpg

Objectives

- Officially launch the IIOE Kenya National Centre Launch Ceremony
- Identify operational modalities and work plan of the IIOE Kenya National Centre for 2022
- Provide a platform for strengthening networking among HEIs, international organisations, and media in Kenya
- Officially launch the Smart Classroom in University of Nairobi

Participants

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Higher Education Institutions in Kenya
- Representatives of International Organisations in the Region

Agenda

Time	Section
5 mins	Welcome Remarks • Prof. Stephen Kiama, Vice Chancellor of University of Nairobi
12 mins	Opening remarks • Representative of Ministry of Education, Kenya • Mr. DU Yue, Director of the Division for Cooperation, Intersectoral Follow-up and Partnerships for Africa, UNESCO • Prof. LI Ming, Director, UNESCO-ICHEI
8 mins	Video Presentation on IIOE
8 mins	Policies and initiatives driving and supporting higher education digital transformation in Eastern Africa • Mr. Hubert Gijzen, Director of the Multi-Sectoral Office for Eastern Africa in Nairobi
20 mins	Presentation of the IIOE National Centre implementation framework and work plan • Mr. Roger Jiao, Senior Programme Officer, UNESCO-ICHEI • Prof. Justus Inyega, Professor in the Department of Educational Communication and Technology

20 mins	Smart Classroom Supporting Digital Transformation • Introduction of Smart Classroom by Prof. Stephen Kiama, Vice Chancellor of University of Nairobi • Video clips on the Smart Classroom • Mr. ZHANG Yu, Board Chair, Guangzhou Createview Education Technology Co., Ltd. • Mr. XIAN Weijian, President of Kenya Guangdong Chamber of Commerce
5 mins	Closing Remark • Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chancellor of University of Nairobi
30 mins	Physical Tour of Smart Classroom

