



## **African Student Consultation to provide input towards the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference 2022**

*24th of January - 13:00 - 15:00 GMT*

Hosted by the Global Student Forum, in partnership with the All-Africa Student Union

### **Rationale**

The UNESCO World Higher Education Conference is a key moment for the global higher education community. As the representative voice of higher education students worldwide the Global Student Forum and its membership hold unprecedented stakes when it comes to the conference outcomes.

The objective of this student consultation for the African region is to raise student's awareness for WHEC 2022 and capture the inputs and demands from the international student movement. As experts in higher education policy and governance from Europe, Africa, North and Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific, the Global Student Forum and its regional student federations offer a unique first hand perspective paired with policy-led considerations contributing to the knowledge production in the run up to the conference.

Student representatives taking part in this consultation will together agree on a process to articulate a common student position and joint declaration in the months leading up to the World Higher Education Conference. By performing a SWOT analysis on each of the 10 conference themes, national unions featured in the event are contributing to an unprecedented policy writing process aimed at deliberating a vision for worldwide higher education in the coming decade from a student perspective.

The consultation will furthermore serve as a kickoff to launch a worldwide student union campaign aimed at lobbying national delegations to include elected student leaders into their ranks at the World Higher Education Conference in Barcelona, Spain.

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**Rundown**  
*All times in CET*

When?	What?	Who?
13:10 - 13:25	Opening Remarks  UNESCO GSF AASU	UNESCO GSF ED AASU
13:25 - 13:40	WHEC Presentation	UNESCO
13:40 - 14:10	Plenary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why is it important that we make our voices heard in relation to the conference?</li> <li>- Why is it important that we have a global student declaration as a reference for our common demands?</li> <li>- What will the drafting process look like and who is being involved?</li> <li>- How can one contribute in the months ahead?</li> <li>- Who do we need to talk to, to ensure student representation at the conference in Barcelona?</li> <li>- What other plans related to WHEC2022 are in the making?</li> </ul>	GSF/AASU

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	Mentimeter and Open Discussion	
14:10 - 14:40	<p>5 Breakout Rooms (SWOT Analysis)</p> <p><b>Breakout Room 1 - XY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 1: HED &amp; Covid-19</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 2: HED &amp; Inclusion</p> <p><b>Breakout Room 2 - XY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 3: HED &amp; Sustainability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 4: HED and Digital futures</p> <p><b>Breakout Room 3 - XY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 5: Youth and governance in HED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 6: HED &amp; Indigenous Youth</p> <p><b>Breakout Room 4 - XY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 7: HED &amp; Migration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 8: HED &amp; the Professional World</p> <p><b>Breakout Room 5 - XY</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 9: HED &amp; Well-being</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theme 10: Financing of HED</p>	<p>Facilitators:</p> <p>BR1 -</p> <p>BR2 -</p> <p>BR 3 -</p> <p>BR 4 -</p> <p>BR 5 -</p>
14:40 - 15:05	Presentation of Breakout Room Findings	Rapporteurs
15:05 - 15:10	Closing Remarks	GSF

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