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EU-Africa conference on higher education currently underway in South Africa

As part of the EU-Africa Summit taking place in Libya, a conference on higher education is currently underway in Cape Town, South Africa. This side event, jointly organised with the African Union Commission (AUC), will identify and put forward policy as well as regulatory and capacity building recommendations for the support of higher education and academic mobility in Africa.

At the conference the EU contribution to the Nyerere Programme for academic mobility within Africa will be announced. It aims to promote student exchanges between universities in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, as well as twinning partnerships between European and African universities. Nils Jansons, deputy head of mission of the EU Delegation to South Africa, noted that "the Delegation was delighted to be part of the event and to be associated with the Nyerere Programme."

He continued, "regarding the Nyerere Programme, I would like to challenge the African Union Commission to develop it over time into a prestigious and sought-after programme not only for the African continent, but one that will attract participants from all over the world to rival our own flagship Erasmus Mundus Programme."

The conference will be attended by representatives from universities of all African countries, European and African university associations, student associations, African regional cooperation organisations, EU Member States' development cooperation bodies as well as higher education experts from Africa and Europe.

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