

DONOR HARMONISATION GROUP FORUM 2022


“Creating reciprocal, mutually beneficial partnerships to respond to local and global challenges”

23-25 November, 2022 – Barcelona, Spain – Hosted by OBREAL Global

PRE-DAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9:30 am – 4pm Interregional Dialogue meeting: The role of South-South interregional higher education cooperation in development: Spotlight on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe

 **VENUE:** Palau Reial de Pedralbes

This meeting is hosted and promoted by OBREAL Global and the Argentinian Ministry of Education as Pro-tempore Presidency of CELAC (Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños). The event will bring together both government representatives and representative higher education associations and organisations to discuss:

- a) The concrete ways in which the university and HE sector is contributing to the local and regional development agenda, notably along several thematic axes: Employment, Open Science and Sustainable Development and climate
- b) Current examples of South-South-North Africa – Latin America – Europe collaboration to this effect and the perspectives for and importance of expanding this type of multi-regional collaboration

The event will be open to DHG members as an official pre-event of the annual DHG Forum

18:30pm Welcome cocktail: Offered by OBREAL Global and the University of Barcelona at Claustre de Matemàtiques, Historic Building of the Universitat de Barcelona

 **VENUE:** [Claustre de Matemàtiques, Historic Building of the Universitat de Barcelona](#)

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DAY 1 - 24 NOVEMBER



VENUE: [CIDOB – Main Plenary Room](#)

9:00 Registration

9:30 Official welcome from the organisers and host

9:45 **Opening keynote: Creating reciprocal, mutually beneficial partnerships to respond to local and global challenges** – Dr. Nico Elema, Director, Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

-Discussion with DHG members

10:45 Ice-breaker exercise with DHG members: ‘What is your greatest challenge in creating reciprocal partnerships?’ (Mentimeter and discussion)

11:20 *Walk to Hotel Meridien for workshops and lunch and coffee*

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 **Block 1 of parallel thematic sessions/workshops:**



VENUE: [Hotel Meridien \(two minutes walking distance from CIDOB\)](#)

- Workshop 1: Fostering mutual benefits in programme design: Challenges and good practices
 - *Workshop offered by DAAD, focusing on project funding and administration structures*
- Workshop 2: An evidence-based move from transactional aid to mutually beneficial partnerships
 - *Workshop offered by UNESCO IESALC*
- Workshop 3: Building capacity from project management in Southern partner countries and institutions
 - *Workshop offered by OBREAL Global and the Association of Colombian Universities (ASCUN), current Presidency of ENLACES.*
- Workshop 4: Implementing Agenda 2030 in Higher Education & Science: Towards equal, global Partnerships? Going from SDG principles to tangible action at VLIR-UOS
 - *Workshop offered by VLIR-UOS*

13:30 Lunch – Hotel Meridien

14:30 **Block 2 of parallel thematic sessions: Workshops repeat**

- Workshop 1 is replaced by the topic “Measuring and Monitoring Global Academic partnerships for greater impact – Examples from the Programme ‘University-Business Partnerships” – Offered by DAAD

- Workshop 3 is replaced by: “Higher Education Partnerships for Development: Modes and Methods” – Offered by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)

16:00 Coffee break

16:20 Walk to CIDOB for remaining plenary sessions

 **VENUE:** [CIDOB – Main Plenary Room](#)

16:30 Panel of partner organisations from the South: Experiences in working with multiple partners and donors – How to ensure ownership? How to guarantee mutual benefits?

- Suchanaad Dhanakoses, Programme Officer, ASEAN University Network (AUN)
- Carlos Alvarado, Secretary General, Central American University Council (CSUCA), Guatemala
- Damtew Teferra, Director of Research and Programmes, Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, India and Head of Higher Education Section, FICCI

Chair: Marina Larrea, Director for International Relations, Ministry of Education, Argentina

17:45 Close of day 1

20:30 Official Dinner, offered by OBREAL Global

DAY 2 - 25 NOVEMBER

 **VENUE:** [Hotel Meridien](#)

9:00 Showcase session Spanish development cooperation: Offered by Spanish and Catalan organisations and hosts, providing examples of strategies, programmes, partnerships and impacts

*Cati Jerez - Fundació Solidaritat UB, University of Barcelona
Sergio Ponsá, Beta Technological Center, Universitat de Vic-Universitat Central de Catalunya
Jordi Marín, Spanish Service for Internationalization of Education - SEPIE*

Chair: Raul Ramos, Vice-rector for International Policy, University of Barcelona

10:15 World Café

DHG members will rotate after 30 minutes (five minutes break in between each 30 minute session). Coffee will be available throughout the different sessions. Common points of interest, challenges and divergences will be collected from the rapporteur of each session.

- Topic 1: Guidelines for reciprocal, mutually beneficial partnerships: Chaired by The Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE)
- Topic 2: Encouraging mutually beneficial partnerships and ethical guidelines for partnerships with global south? Chaired by EDUFI, Finland

- Topic 3: Owning and evaluating impact: Data in African and Latin American higher education: Chaired by OBREAL Global, the HAQAA2 Initiative and ENLACES
- Topic 4: How can we use partnerships to maximise the impact of higher education in advancing gender equality? Chaired by British Council

13:00 Lunch – *Hotel Meridien*



VENUE: Hotel Meridien

14:00 Panel of DHG-members: **International higher education cooperation and capacity development during crisis and conflict**

- Ida Arendal, Research program manager, Danida Fellowship Centre
- Signe Marie Breivik, Senior Adviser, Norad (Norwegian agency for development cooperation).
- Susanna Carmody, British Council, Senior Project Manager, Education and Society
- Christoph Hansert, DAAD, Head of Division "Development Co-operation and Transnational Programmes"

Chair: Hilde Elin Haaland-Kramer, Head of Department, Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir)

15:00 Team Europe: Coordinating approaches in Europe, towards enhanced synergies and impact

Session offered by the European Commission, DG INTPA and DG EAC. This will entail a discussion on the Team Europe approach in practice and how the DHG can contribute

16:15 Brainstorming session and reflection on DHG 2022

16:45 Close