

1. Short Presentations

Dr Juliet Thondhlana, UNESCO Chair in International Development and Education, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Based at the University of Nottingham, School of Education UK Campus, while also having a presence through its offices at the China Campus in Ningbo City and Malaysia Campus, this Chair brings together stakeholders from academic institutions, industry, government, the private sector, civil society and UN agencies to seek and contribute to sustainable solutions through research and impact work within the Global North and Global South, but with a special focus on Africa and Asia.

Also coordinates the work of [The Association of African Universities Europe Regional Office](#). For more information on opportunities for engagement through the AAU, please visit the AAU website or contact Dr. Thondhlana directly.

Dr Pia Stalder, UNESCO Chair in Responsible Global Management, Berne University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland

The climate emergency, multiple crises, the conflicts between countries and the decline of multilateralism hinder the path towards sustainable development. But global cooperation is exactly what such situations require. Education and the development of new knowledge in the field of global management play an essential role in the co-construction of a more sustainable future on a global scale. The [UNESCO Chair for Higher Education, Research, and Innovation in Responsible Global Management](#) (the UNESCO Chair in Responsible Global Management for short) – is intended to promote critical insights in this field. The Chair (as of 2024) consists of a partnership of 12 higher education and research institutions, six in Europe (Switzerland, France, Romania, Denmark) and six in Africa (Morocco, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Kenya).

For more information, please visit the Chair website: [UNESCO Chair for Higher Education, Research, and Innovation in Responsible Global Management](#)

2. Announcements

i) Training Opportunities

Chris P. Udochukwu Njoku, Technology & Education Innovation Specialist, University of Nigeria

From University of Nigeria, my research team (on ICTs in education in Africa) has begun discussions with the Chair on AI in Education (Beijing Normal University) for a week-long train-the-trainer workshop in June 2025 on use of AI and OER to enhance learning and teaching in higher education in Nigeria.

ii. Conferences

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AAU General Conference in Rabat, Morocco from 21 - 25 July 2025

16th Quadrennial General Conference (QGC): The Association of African Universities (AAU) is proud to present the 16th Quadrennial General Conference with the theme: Shaping the Future of Higher Education for Innovation and Sustainable Development of Africa. This conference aims to address critical challenges in African higher education, promote innovative approaches, and foster collaboration among institutions across the continent.

<https://events.aau.org/gencon/>

UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences - Conference 2025

The UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences hosted by Stellenbosch University will organize its 2nd Annual Conference in Rabat, Morocco from **29 September - 3 October 2025**.

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/unescochair-icc>

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2025 International Conference on Emerging Trends in Networks and Computer Communications (ETNCC)

Organised by the UNESCO Chair on Secure High-performance Computing for Higher Education and Research, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) in a hybrid mode from August 05-07, 2025, at NUST, Windhoek, Namibia

<https://etncc.nust.na/>

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