



African Network for Internationalisation  
of Education (ANIE)

# 16TH ANIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

**Building Resilient Knowledge Ecosystems in Africa: Deepening  
Partnerships, Policy Coherence, and Innovations**

14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2026 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

We are pleased to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) to be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## CONFERENCE CALL

### Background and Context

The 16th Annual Conference of the African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It will bring together scholars, policymakers, practitioners, students and partners to envision the implications and future of the new developments in internationalization on Africa's higher education. The conference comes at a time of new global developments and policy shifts amidst several transformations in Africa's higher education. It builds on the outcomes of the ANIE Conference in Zanzibar (2023), which centered on mutuality and equity in partnerships, to the ANIE 2024 Conference in Accra, Ghana, where the role of digitalization and innovations became crucial for the future of international education in Africa and 2025 ANIE Conference in Kampala Uganda which called for sustaining impact and driving change toward new futures.

In recent years, there are new global developments shaping higher education internationalisation in unprecedented ways and having several impacts on the future development of internationalisation in Africa. Nations and institutions are thus redefining their internationalization priorities for the future within these uncertain times. The African Union's CESA 2026-2035 recognises the centrality of higher education, research, innovations and international partnerships in the pursuit of these key priorities. In Africa the quest for social responsiveness, equitable partnerships, decoloniality and epistemic justice are gaining traction and centrality. There is the call to build resilient knowledge ecosystems through mutual partnerships and collaborations. Against this backdrop, the 16th ANIE Conference serves as an ideal platform to consolidate Africa's leadership in framing internationalization as a catalyst for continental transformation.

### Theme

The 16<sup>th</sup> ANIE Conference will be held under the theme: **"Building Resilient Knowledge Ecosystems in Africa: Deepening Partnerships, Policy Coherence, and Innovations"**

### Sub themes

- National and Regional Policy Frameworks for Internationalization in Africa
- Intra-African Internationalization and Regional Cooperation
- Homegrown innovations for Internationalization
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and Knowledge Justice and Sovereignty
- Sustainability and Digital Futures for Higher Education Collaboration
- Building Ethical and Reciprocal Partnerships

### Target Audience

We invite participation from:

- University administrators and academic leaders.
- Researchers and faculty involved in international partnerships and collaborations.
- Policymakers and government representatives focusing on internationalization of higher education.
- Funding agencies and philanthropic organizations.
- Students and early-career scholars interested in global academic mobility.
- NGOs and civil society organizations engaged in education development.

## Call for Submissions

We welcome:

- Academic Papers reporting on research findings, theoretical developments, and case studies from practice.
- Workshops and Interactive Sessions proposing hands-on learning, skill-building, or policy development exercises.
- Panel Proposals featuring experts from diverse institutions addressing specific themes on internationalization.
- Poster Presentations showcasing research projects or best practices in international partnerships and collaborations

Submissions should align with one or more of the conference sub-themes and demonstrate clear relevance to African contexts. Submissions should be submitted via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANIE2026>

**Only abstracts submitted through the online link will be considered.**

## Submission Guidelines

1. Abstracts: 300–500 words, including title, author details, and keywords.
2. Full Papers (Optional): 4,000–6,000 words, adhering to academic citation standards (e.g., APA, Harvard).
3. Workshop/Panel Proposals: 1–2 pages describing objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes.
4. Poster Submissions: 1-page summary outlining the project's purpose, methodology, and key insights.

## Conference Timelines:

1. Abstract Submission Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026
2. Notification of Acceptance: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026
3. Conference Registration Opens: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026
4. Registration closes: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026
5. Conference Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October, 2026

## Conference Fees

|                                     | Early Bird | After 30th July |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| ANIE Member                         | \$200      | \$250           |
| Non-ANIE member (African countries) | \$250      | \$300           |
| Non-ANIE Member (rest of the world) | \$300      | \$350           |

**NOTE: Please note that conference fees will cover the costs of tea/coffee, lunches and conference materials. Travel, accommodation and other logistical arrangements are at the cost of the delegates.**

## Conference Outcomes

- Proceedings or conference report summarizing key insights, policy recommendations, and actionable steps.
- Networking opportunities to spark new collaborations across Africa and beyond.
- A continued conversation on driving change through international partnerships and collaborations, with follow-up workshops and initiatives.

## Contact Information

For further details, abstract submissions, or inquiries, please contact:

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## About Us

The Africa Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) is a Pan-African network and think-tank committed to the advancement of high-quality research, capacity building, information sharing and exchange, transnational networking and cooperation, and policy advocacy on internationalization of education. Established in 2008, ANIE has its Secretariat based at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya. More information on the conference can be obtained from [www.anienetwork.org/conference](http://www.anienetwork.org/conference).