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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

What a final sprint! This very particular year 2020 is slowly coming to an end, but the leisurely pace at the end of the year has not yet reached us.
Quite the contrary - we from ASAF still have some exciting news to share with you!
Be it unique events in the last weeks or a few final calls for participation, we assure you an interesting lecture of this last newsletter 2020.

We wish you in advance a happy new year, well-being and let us look forward to 2021 – which will hopefully be more enjoyable than 2020!

Your ASAF Team

First joint ERASMUS Days online event with WBAA & ASAF on 15 October

Even if this joint online event organised by ASAF and WBAA (Western Balkans Alumni Association) on 15 October in the framework of the Erasmus Days 2020 lies already a bit in the past, we again would like to thank everyone who contributed to its big success! News and activities concerning the **Erasmus+ Programme for 2021** as well as different possibilities on how to get involved in the key actions of this programme were presented to the participants. A lively Q&A session at the end of the event offered everyone the opportunity to ask questions about Erasmus+ in general on the one hand, and to acquire more details on specific aspects on the other hand.


[Click here](#) for the full news article.

EHEA Ministerial Conference 2020 with Imane Benrabiaa on 19 November

The EHEA Ministerial Conference took place virtually on 19 November 2020. This year and for the first time, a member of the African Students and Alumni Forum had the honour to speak in the global panel discussion as part of the conference. Together with five other high-ranking panellists, among them H.E. Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union Commission, our member Imane Benrabiaa (Morocco) discussed global cooperation in higher education according to the motto: “Moving forward to 2030 with a specific emphasis on why global dialogue, especially in terms of policy is needed”. The Global Dialogue panel was very insightful and inspiring and therefore rightly considered the highlight of the Ministerial Conference.

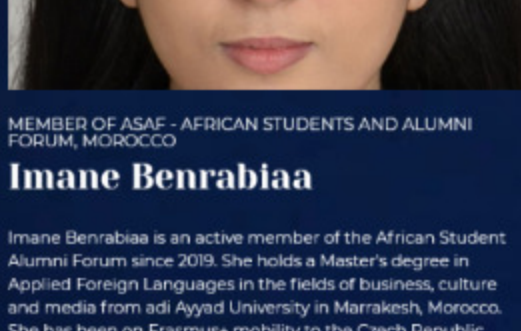
Congrats again to Imane, who – after speaking confidently and convincing during the discussion – truly left an impression!

To read the member report written by Imane, [click here](#).



Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union Commission
Sarah Anyang Agbor

H.E. Professor Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor, from Cameroon, was elected in 2017 as the new Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union Commission (HRST-AUC). H.E. Professor Anyang Agbor has over Twenty (20) years' experience in the field of Academia. She is a Professor of African and Commonwealth Literature, Department of English. Previously she was the Deputy Vice Chancellor in Charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World (DVC-RCB) in the University of Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon. Commissioner Anyang Agbor has written a number of academic Books and Publications to contribute to scholarship. Presently, she provides guidance and vision to the HRST Mandate – Education, Science and Technology, Youth and Human Resources.



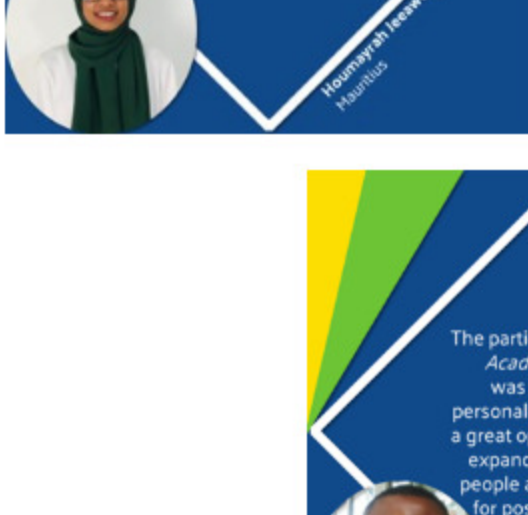
Member of ASAF - African Students and Alumni Forum, Morocco
Imane Benrabiaa

Imane Benrabiaa is an active member of the African Student Alumni Forum since 2019. She holds a Master's degree in Applied Foreign Languages in the fields of business, culture and media from adl Ayyad University in Marrakesh, Morocco. She has been on Erasmus+ mobility to the Czech Republic where she studied the inclusion of international students in higher education. Her research focuses on the social and cultural aspects of inclusion in higher education.

ASAF participation in Academy 2063 by Atlas4Development 23 - 28 November

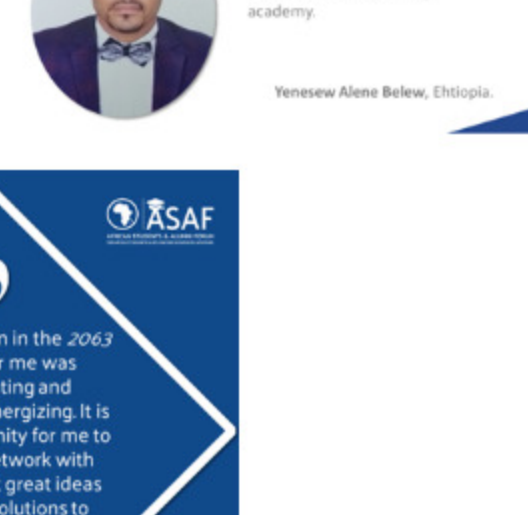
After ASAF established a **partnership with Atlas4Development** for their project **2063 Academy**, eight ASAF members have the opportunity to take part in this unique **pan-African initiative**. With the help of experts from the Peace First Team, the selected ASAF members will organise and implement their own project to promote the **Agenda 2063** and therefore create a **better Africa 2063**. The first phase of the initiative consisting of activities and informative sessions took place from 23 - 28 November. A concrete mentorship for the development of the project ideas and the actual project implementation by the chosen participants will follow between December 2020 and March 2021.

Moreover, three selected ASAF members were invited to represent ASAF and take over the role as a speaker in one of the Academy's sessions: On 28 November, Houmayrah Jeeawody (Mauritius), Yenesew Alene Belew (Ethiopia) and Paul Ndubuisi Anyiam (Nigeria) shared their experiences during the session "**Youth opportunity: Erasmus Plus and Intra-Africa scholarship Opportunities**". Here is a first impression after this unique opportunity:



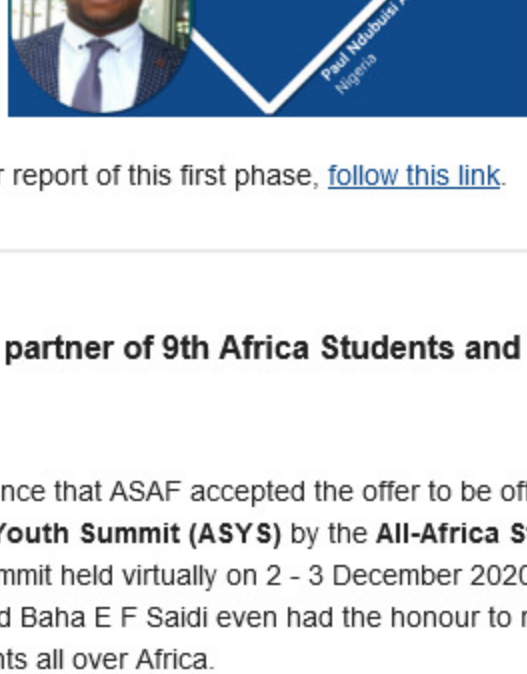
The participation in the 2063 Academy for me was an enriching experience. I got to work with amazing people from different African countries and be a speaker on an international platform where I shared my knowledge & experience with many African students. It was a great way of giving back.

Houmayrah Jeeawody, Mauritius



My participation in the 2063 Academy for me was inspiring and fascinating indeed. It paves an opportunity to share my in-depth experiences, knowledge and paradigms concerning my multiple mobility and project exposures at different countries in Europe. I was very honored to be the speaker on this very historic event of the 2063 academy.

Yenesew Alene Belew, Ethiopia.



The participation in the 2063 Academy for me was motivating and personally re-energizing. It is a great opportunity for me to expand my network with people and get great ideas for possible solutions to current problems.

Paul Ndubuisi Anyiam, Nigeria

To read the full member report of this first phase, [follow this link](#).

ASYS 2020 – ASAF partner of 9th Africa Students and Youth Summit on 2 - 3 December

We are proud to announce that ASAF accepted the offer to be official partner of the **9th Africa Students and Youth Summit (ASYS)** by the **All-Africa Students Union**. ASAF registrations for this summit held virtually on 2 - 3 December 2020 were given priority and our member Mohammed Baha E F Saidi even had the honour to record a video message from ASAF to participants all over Africa.

This year's theme "**Building back better in a connected world, lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and the critical role of young people and global solidarity**" underlined the goal to offer young people an opportunity to meaningfully contribute to the Covid-19 recovery mechanisms.

For more information on ASYS 2020, [follow this link](#).



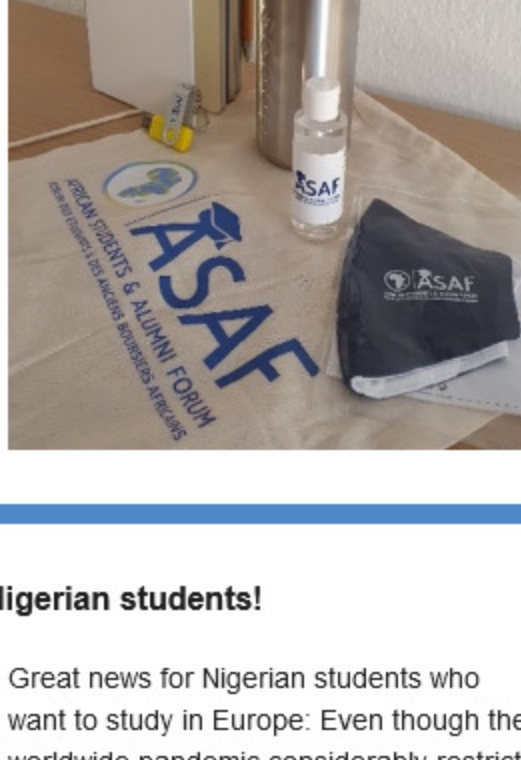
ASAF Community Activation Survey – Call for participation

To better understand and meet the **needs of the ASAF Community** and with the help of the Community Development Task Force we have set up a survey for ASAF members to precisely identify these needs. Subsequently, we will use the results of the survey as foundation for further action and activities in the ASAF Community. Even though we cannot guarantee that suggestions will be implemented one-to-one, we consider **your opinion and suggestions very seriously** and try to take them into account.

As a thank you for your participation, we will raffile ten ASAF packages with promotional material among the survey's participants.

If you are ASAF member, do not hesitate any longer and fill out [the survey here](#), deadline to so will be Friday, 11 December!

With a bit of luck, you might even win one of the great packages containing a compilation of the following items:



Erasmus+ for Nigeria: Great news for Nigerian students!



Great news for Nigerian students who want to study in Europe: Even though the worldwide pandemic considerably restricts mobility in general, the **EU-Delegation and EU Member States present in Nigeria have issued thousands of visas in 2020** and continue to do so. What is more: Particular priority is being given to the many students seeking to study in Europe! Proof of this is the fact that in 2020 more Nigerian students than ever before have been selected for the **prestigious Erasmus Plus programme!**

[Click here](#) to read the news article including the link to the original press release.

Erasmus+ Sport project: World2Win

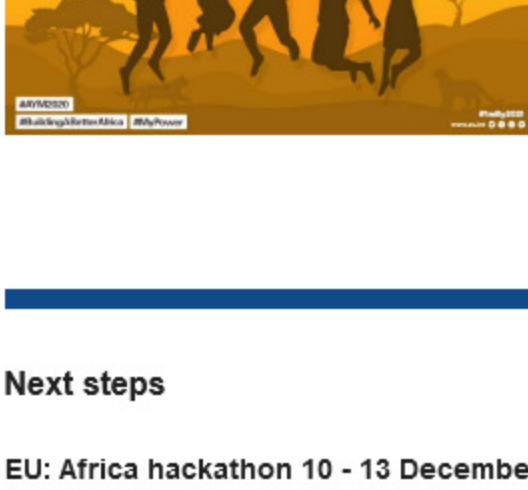
The Erasmus+ Sport project **World2Win** is a beach volleyball project between the EU and Senegal. Not only does it contribute to the development of sport organisations in **Senegal** by supporting the learning mobility of their staff, but it also aims at building a strong relationship by using the power of sport and focussing on these four topics: **Technical and management development, grass roots and girls empowerment.**

Watch the promotional video produced by the Dutch Olympic Committee [here](#).

Please also note:

[The "Sport" strand of Erasmus+](#) is open to any organisation or public body active in the field of sport and established in an [Erasmus+ Programme Country or Partner Country](#), in Africa or the rest of the world.

Africa Youth Month 2020



Africa Youth Day is celebrated annually on the first of November. This year and within the context of **the 1 Million By 2021 initiative** (#1mby2021), the African Union even decided to celebrate the youth month of November as **African Youth Month** according to the motto "**Youth Voices, Actions, Engagement: Building A Better Africa**". Each week focussed on one of the 4 "Es": **Education, Entrepreneurship, Employment and Engagement.**

Find out more on the [1 Million By 2021 initiative here](#).

Next steps

EU: Africa hackathon 10 - 13 December

EU-Africa: The Post Crisis Journey is an [African-European online hackathon](#) programme to find innovative solutions to socio-economic problems that have been amplified by the outbreak of COVID-19. Implemented by Garage48 and Smart Africa, the design sprint-like event will take place on 10 - 13 December 2020. The recruitment of participants and mentors is still ongoing, so [register here](#) and become part of the hackathon!

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