

# CampusAfrica

Ténériffe

26 September – 10 October 2014

## I- Background

The government of Tenerife is deeply involved in the promotion of health projects especially in West Africa. In this framework, the government of Tenerife with the assistance of the Canary Foundation for the control of tropical diseases - whose honorary president of the Senegalese Head of State His Excellency Mr. Macky Sall, is working on a major research project in the field of tropical diseases in Africa. This project has already been submitted to UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Given the interest in the topic of research among African countries, the presentation of the project to other African delegations continues within the institution in collaboration with the Delegation of Senegal.

In addition, the Government of Tenerife and the Foundation will organize the first edition of CampusÁFRICA, an international initiative which aims to promote excellence in science and culture in general, with special emphasis on research and control of tropical diseases..

## II- Objectives

CampusÁFRICA overall goal is to be a forum for scientific debate where proactive measures related to the development of the African continent will be formulated with the following objectives:

1. Create a specialized forum for thinking on the health, environmental, socio-economic, political, ethical and cultural development in Africa in the context of the current process related to the challenges of globalization.
2. Provide advanced training applied to the analysis and resolution of problems facing the African continent.
3. Provide a space to the presentation of current research on these issues.
4. Facilitate meetings between institutions, academics and businesses.
5. Provide a forum for exchange and debate on political relations and cooperation strategies with Africa.

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## III- Program

The opening ceremony and launching of CampusÁFRICA will take place under the official sponsorship of UNESCO. It will start on September 26, 2014 in the city of La Laguna, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and will continue until October 10. Tthis first edition will focus on the following themes:

- Africa and the Millennium Development.
- The role of science and technology in African development.
- West Africa in the context of the global economy

CampusÁFRICA wants to be an international meeting where various players converge:

- a) Scientists, represented by world-class researchers in the field of health and tropical diseases.
- b) Institutions represented by ministers and other authorities.
- c) Representatives of major international institutions such as UNESCO, the UN, the WHO and FAO.
- d) Academia, with the presence of students and rectors of the leading universities in countries of West Africa.

The format of this international meeting will be based on lectures by experts and renowned authorities, combined with a round table in which eminent personalities will participate.

## IV- UNESCO's contribution

The day of Friday, October 3 will be dedicated and devoted to UNESCO. This day will be an opportunity for UNESCO representatives to present their ideal of African development through science and especially capacity building in the field of science and technology. To that effect the following topics will be covered:

- Science and Culture for African Development
- Global Science Forum: Building a worldwide science
- UNESCO and Africa

These three themes will be complemented by the vision of Africa in the context of globalization of Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza former Director General of UNESCO.

- Africa in a new world