



CAFOR project on Popularization of CESA

Between today and June 2024, CAFOR and its partners will implement a project to create awareness and ownership of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25) in all African Union member states. CAFOR will build visibility and credibility for the CESA 16-25 by disseminating the Strategy's content and spirit widely through its various media of communication, including its members at the country level.

With only three years left for its completion, the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA) continues to provide the framework for reorienting Africa's education and training systems to meet the human resource needs of Agenda 2063 and the Global Sustainable Development Goals. CESA offers an agreed framework for mobilizing critical stakeholders towards a shared vision for pursuing various thematic education areas.



Figure 1 Association for the Development of Education in Africa

CESA also serves as a platform for bringing together all Education actors across the continent behind a transformative Pan-African plan for education. Stakeholders have adopted the thematic cluster approach to get themselves together in specific education fields to contribute to achieving CESA's strategic objectives. To date, twelve CESA thematic clusters have been launched. However, the clusters' full potential remains untapped as the groups are in various stages of functionality and performance.

The COVID-19 Pandemic and its negative impact on Africa's education systems call on all education stakeholders at the regional and continental levels to act quickly and scale up to implement innovative initiatives that improve Africa's resilient education system and ensure continuous learning. The African Union's DOTSS approach, which ensures continuity of learning online and offline, provides the framework for action and confluence for the work for clusters.



Source: UNICEF

This work will set the contexts for transforming Africa's education systems based on what CESA 16-25 has drawn from the lessons learned from over three decades of educational development experiences around the globe. By publicizing CESA 16-25, all stakeholders in the education sector in Africa will develop a shared understanding and reach a consensus on how to mainstream the education sector on the continent through integrating all sub-sectors of education and training systems with a concrete set of actions for the proper implementation of the twelve CESA strategic

objectives to transform Africa's education system. CAFOR will implement this project for three years at USD 5.2 million.

As Africa ushers into a new era that will determine its destiny as the future continent, CAFOR urges all partners and stakeholders to invest more and better in education.

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