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GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING AND ALTERNATIVE STUDY PATHS.

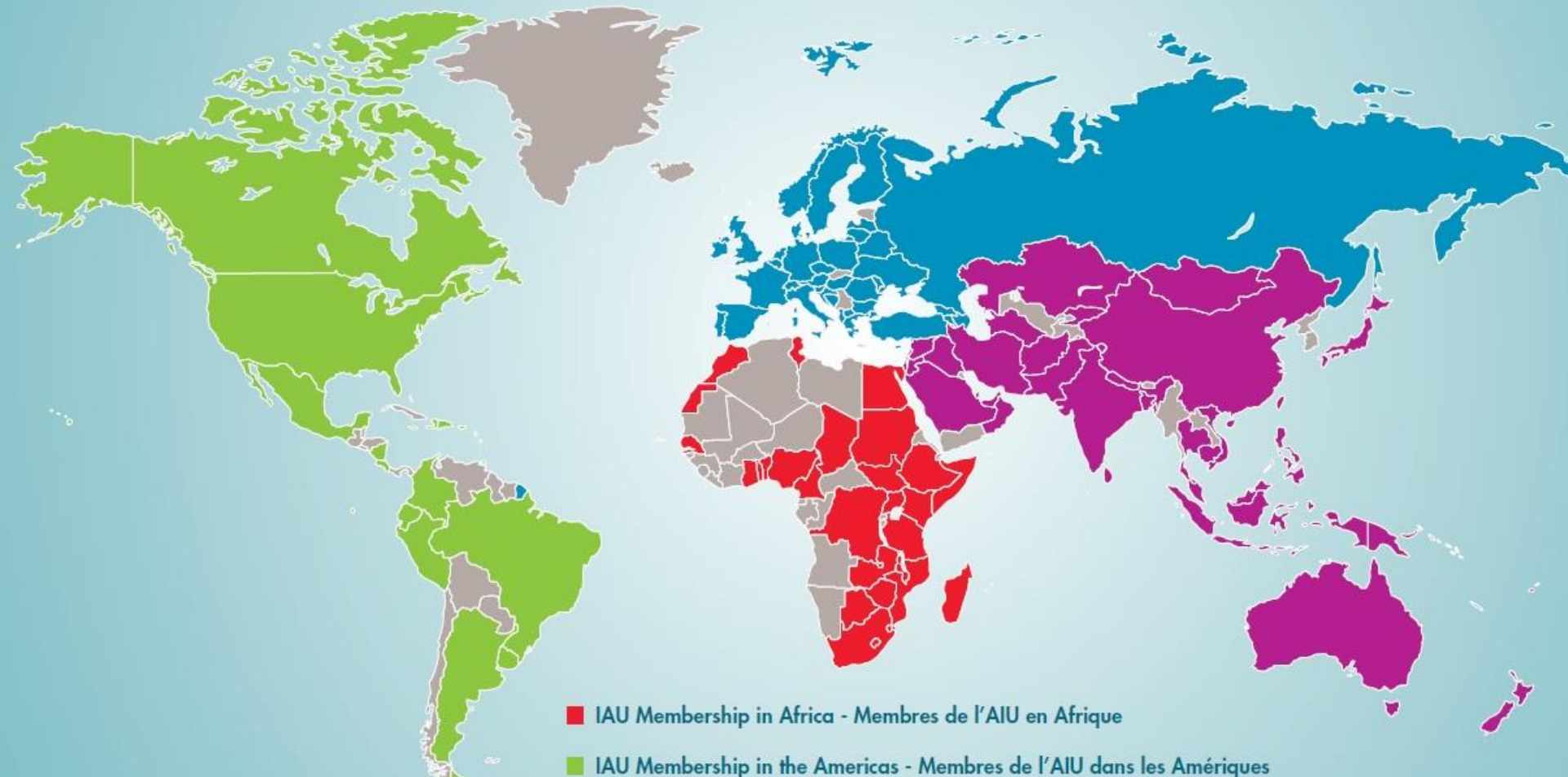
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The International Association of Universities

History & Identity

- Created in 1950 under the auspices of UNESCO
- An independent international Non-Governmental Organization (INGO)
- An official partner of UNESCO and based at its headquarters in Paris
- A membership organisation comprising more than 650 universities and associations of universities worldwide





■ IAU Membership in Africa - Membres de l'AIU en Afrique

■ IAU Membership in the Americas - Membres de l'AIU dans les Amériques

■ IAU Membership in Asia and the Pacific - Membres de l'AIU en Asie et Pacifique

■ IAU Membership in Europe - Membres de l'AIU en Europe



Vision & Mission

VISION

- ✓ Be the most representative and influential global association of diverse higher education institutions and their organisations
- ✓ Promoting and advancing a dynamic leadership role for higher education in society

MISSION

- ✓ To promote collaboration among its members
- ✓ To pursue the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge
- ✓ To advocate policy and practice that respect diversity and focus on equity and social responsibility
- ✓ To act as a forum for innovation, shared and mutual learning, and joint action

Education a prerequisite for saving the planet - Agenda 2030

- Knowledge has no borders
- Internationalization
 - Mobility, voluntary and forced must be promoted
 - UNESCO- Global Convention on the recognition of HE Qualification project
 - Recognition as a global right
- HEIs conditions to fulfill the global needs for education – education for all
 - Private/public funding, tuition fees
 - Recognition of prior learning
 - Curricular - Censored course content

Education for Refugees

- The number of refugees still increasing globally
 - 65 million of which approx. 50 percent younger than 18 years
- A big need of education
 - <1 percent of refugees access to higher education
 - Teachers and researchers among the refugees
- Education in host country
- Education in refugee camps

IAU activities

- Higher Education and Education for all
 - Access, success
- Education for sustainable development
 - IAU is a lead partner network in the UNESCO Global Action Program on ESD
- Internationalization
- Intercultural dialogue
- Leadership development
- Information and Communications Technologies

The IAU involvement in prior learning recognition

Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications Project UNESCO:

- Secretary General of IAU member of the expert group looking at the feasibility study for a global Convention
- The draft writing includes ONLY government representatives
- IAU will be consulted on the draft
- The convention should build on NOT replace the Lisbon convention
- Implementation

The IAU involvement in prior learning recognition (2)

Several open communication tools to voice what is being done:

- IAU Horizons Magazine
Latest issue – "Recognizing refugee´s qualifications" by Sjur Bergan ,council of Europe.
- The IAU WHED Portal
Reference tool (produced in agreement with UNESCO) on higher education systems, degrees and institutions around the world.
Systems and credentials in > 180 countries.
Information on some 18,000 institutions around the world.

The way forward

- Shared responsibility
- No single system fits all
- The basic values for HE and HEI must be defended
- The curriculum must give academic skills
- Education for all at all levels
- Mobility of students and staff, voluntary or forced, mutual capacity building
- Alternative study paths and new initiatives must be developed
- Recognition of prior learning



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

QUESTIONS?