**Theme: Developing a Graduate for the future: what does it entail?**

**East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania, 27 March 2015**: The Sixth Annual Meeting of Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) will be held on 31st March – 1st April 2015 in Dar es Salaam at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Convention Centre in United Republic of Tanzania, under the Theme “Developing a graduate for the future: what does it entail?”

IUCEA is one of the Institutions of the East African Community and every year it (IUCEA) holds an Annual Meeting, comprised of Executive Heads of IUCEA member Universities, Permanent Secretaries responsible for higher education, Executive Heads of National Commissions/Councils for University/Higher Education, Executive Heads of National Commissions/Councils for Science and Technology, representatives of East African Business Council, EAC Secretary General, and other higher education stakeholders.

The Annual Meeting is a platform for the participants to take stock of the developments and achievements in higher education and research in the region as coordinated by IUCEA, so as to enable IUCEA to appropriately advise the EAC Partner States on any aspect or matter related to higher education dynamics in the region and globally.

The Annual Meeting will engage in dialogue on higher education dynamics in East Africa as guided by the Annual Meeting theme. The dialogue is prompted by the fact that the advent of technology and the dynamism of the world economic order are setting in a new shift in the way the job market is getting configured. As a result, increasingly there is evident shrinkage of the traditional job market, which maps well with the apparent emergence of new job types and opportunities, many of which are anchored on ICT led SMEs, commerce and trade.

This has led to the emergence of a “jobs without workers and workers without jobs; and wealth without workers, and workers without wealth” syndrome across the globe.

In order to catch up with the prevailing job market dynamics, IUCEA considers it important to
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conceive appropriate human resource development strategies, focusing on exploring and exploiting new job market opportunities, and hence enabling the “graduate for the future” to be able to transform innovations and business ideas into new job opportunities. These emerging global phenomena require re-assessment of the current higher education systems in order to articulate appropriate strategies for developing the “graduate for the future”.

Therefore, it has been considered appropriate to discuss this matter in depth during the 6th IUCEA Annual Meeting. It is expected that such dialogue will enable the higher education fraternity and stakeholders in East Africa to identify appropriate strategies for repositioning the higher education systems in the region, thereby enabling them to produce the “graduate for the future”. The dialogue session will include short presentations and group discussions guided by issues emerging from the presentations and exemplary cases presented during the group discussions.

Participation in the Annual Meeting is only by invitation.

However, those who will not participate in the Annual meeting can present their ideas and inputs related to the theme “Developing a graduate for the future: what does it entail? The submissions can be made to the following address:
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