4th Africa-UniNet General Assembly Meeting

28–30 September 2026
University of Saida, Algeria

Network Administration: According to the Africa-UniNet Statutes, General Assembly Meetings must be held regularly, either in Austria or in an African country. In 2026, the new Africa-UniNet Board must be elected, and a new President and Vice-President must be appointed. There are also ideas to adapt some processes of the Africa-UniNet Statutes based on lessons learned.

Scientific Exchange: A key objective of Africa-UniNet is to establish a platform for scientific exchange. So far, about 100 Africa-UniNet projects have been implemented. The General Assembly Meeting provides an opportunity to share project results and showcase scientific achievements. The cross-cutting topic "Open Sources and Open Innovation in Higher Education and Research" will be examined in greater depth. This panel discussion will feature contributions from Algeria as well as practical experiences from Africa-UniNet. A second scientific panel will be organised at the suggestion of the Africa-UniNet Board and the General Assembly. Furthermore, Africa-UniNet project partners will have the opportunity to discuss their lessons learned in the scientific panels and to present their results at a poster exhibition.

Networking and Cooperation Opportunities: There are currently few scientific collaborations between Africa-UniNet's member institutions and Algerian universities and research institutions. The event will therefore also be used to gain a better understanding of the Algerian higher education sector. Furthermore, funding opportunities will be discussed, and the potential for cooperation within national and EU funding frameworks will be explored. Participating institutions will get the opportunity to introduce and present themselves, with the aim of exploring potential future collaborations. It is also envisaged to invite a representative of the Austrian Embassy in Algiers to provide an overview of the political and economic relations.

Programme

as of 28 January 2026

Saturday, 26 September 2026 | Arrival in Algeria

Arrival in Algeria according to flight schedules either in **Oran** or in **Algiers**

One night in a hotel in Oran or Algiers

Sunday, 27 September 2026 | Welcome to Saida

Pick-up from hotel in **Algiers** at **08:00am** and drive to Saida (7-8 hours)

Pick-up from hotel in **Oran** at **10:00am** and drive to Saida (3-4 hours)

Check-in at **Hotel El-Forsane** or **Hotel Maati** in Saida upon arrival from Oran or Algiers

17:00	**Inofficial Welcome at Hotel El-Forsane**
19:00	**Dinner at Hotel El-Forsane**

Opening and Institutional Introductions

08:15   Pick-up from hotel and drive to University of Saida

08:30 – 09:30   **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

Room: Auditorium

Moderator:

09:30 – 10:30   **Official Welcome Addresses and Opening Remarks**
Fethallah Ouahbi Tebboune, Rector of University of Saida
Governor of Saida Province
Representative of MESRS (Higher Education & Scientific Research)
Video Message from the Austrian Ministry of Women, Science and Research
Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD
Hubert Hasenauer, President of Africa-UniNet, BOKU University

10:30 – 12:00   **Round of Introductions:** Representatives of Africa-UniNet Member Institutions, Participating Institutions and Algerian Universities
Presentation: The Algerian Higher Education System
N.N., Algeria

12:00 – 12:30   **Group Picture**

Room: Library

12:30 – 14:00   **Lunch**

From Funding to Future Cooperation: Current Projects and Opportunities

Room: Auditorium

Moderator:

14:00 – 15:30   **Erasmus+ & CBHE Project SALDAE – Soutien à l'internationalisation des universités algériennes: diversification des activités et des échanges**
N.N., OeAD and Representative of SALDAE
Africa-UniNet & Africa-UniNet Project
N.N., OeAD and Africa-UniNet Project Partner
Further funding Opportunities, KoEF & Alumna
N.N., OeAD and Alumna
Discussion & Overview of the Institutional Exchange Fair and Poster Exhibition

Room: Library

Moderator: Gerhard Volz, OeAD

15:30 – 17:00   **Institutional Exchange Fair & Poster Exhibition**
Including Coffee

This interactive session invites participants to visit table-based stations hosted by representatives from each university, allowing for focused conversations, information sharing, and visual insights into ongoing work. In two rotating rounds, all institutions will have the chance to both present and circulate, with dedicated information tables also available for the funding opportunities introduced earlier.

At the same time, a poster exhibition will take place in the room, showcasing the results of ongoing Africa-UniNet projects. Project partners will be available at their posters, giving participants the opportunity to visit, discuss scientific achievements, and exchange ideas. In addition, the University of Saida will present posters highlighting its own projects and research achievements.

17:00 – 18:00   **University Tour**

18:00   Shuttle takes participants back to hotel

19:00   **Evening Reception at Hotel El-Forsane**

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Cross-cutting Topics: Perspectives from Research and Practice

08:00   Pick-up from hotel and drive to University of Saida

Room: Auditorium

Moderator:

08:30 – 10:00   **Scientific Panel Discussion 1: Open Sources and Open Innovation in Higher Education and Research**
N.N., CNLL, National Commission for Free and Open-Source Software (CNLL): Vision and Contributions
N.N., N.N. Sharing Algerias Experience with Program 1275: Integrating Innovation and Entrepreneurship into Higher Education
Speaker 3
Speaker 4
Discussion

10:00 – 10:30   **Coffee Break**

Moderator:

10:30 – 12:00   **Scientific Panel 2: Ideas from Board / GA**
                  Speaker 1
                  Speaker 2
                  Speaker 3
                  Speaker 4
                   Discussion

Room: Library

12:00 – 13:30   **Lunch**

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Room: tbd

13:30 – 15:00   **General Assembly Meeting**

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15:00 – 15:30   **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 17:00   **Continuation of General Assembly Meeting**

17:00 – 17:30   **Wrap up and Closing Remarks**

17:30   Shuttle takes participants back to the hotel

19:00   **Evening Reception at Hotel El-Forsane**

Wednesday, 30 September 2026 | Transfer to Oran or Algiers

07:00   Transfer to **Algiers** including **city tour in Algiers**

08:00   Transfer to **Oran** including **city tour in Oran**

One night in a hotel in **Oran** or **Algiers**

Thursday, 1 October 2026 | Departure

Transfer to airport and departure

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Excursion At Own Expense and Departure on Saturday, 3 October 2026

Instead of departing on Wednesday, participants may opt to join this excursion at their own expense, available only for those flying out from Oran. Registration for the excursion is required as part of the event registration process. Please note that registration is binding. Estimated cost: EUR 200, payable in Algerian dinars on site. Please note that credit cards are not accepted.

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

07:30   We set off to visit the historic town of **Boussemghoune** on the edge of the Sahara and explore its 4th-century ksar.

The details of the excursion depend on the number of participants and will be announced at a later stage. The excursion will depart from Saida and will include a visit to the Sahara, followed by a final visit to Oran. Participation is limited to attendees who will be returning from Oran. Participants should be in reasonably good physical condition, and accommodation may be basic.

Saturday, 3 October 2026

Transfer to airport in Oran and departure