



Supporting Alliance for African Mobility

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We also had fun!



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QUICK RECAPITULATION

From 31st May to 4th June, we have celebrated our first international meeting that focused on explaining the next steps of the project, working together and getting to know each other better in Nairobi (Kenya).



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Don Bosco Tech Africa hosted the on-site encounter in Nairobi (Kenya) where **partners from 14 African and 6 European countries** met in person for a week in the Eastern African country.

The hotel where the encounter took place was a complete open space, apart from the individual rooms. A perfect environment that allowed SAAM partners to work safely in the current circumstances because one thing was clear: **SAAM cannot wait any longer**. Everyone is willing to proceed to the next steps of the project.

The discussion groups and the working activities focused on **analyzing several aspects of SAAM** like the mobilities, the challenges SAAM has to face nowadays or the communication of the project. **The agenda of the week was built in order to identify what should be done next**, but it also included informal activities to encourage mutual acquaintance and public sessions where the European and African institutions were invited.

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WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

During the meeting, we managed to reflect on important issues and to reach clear conclusions for the next steps of the project. Also, thanks to public sessions we celebrated, SAAM is better known in institutions which are key to us.



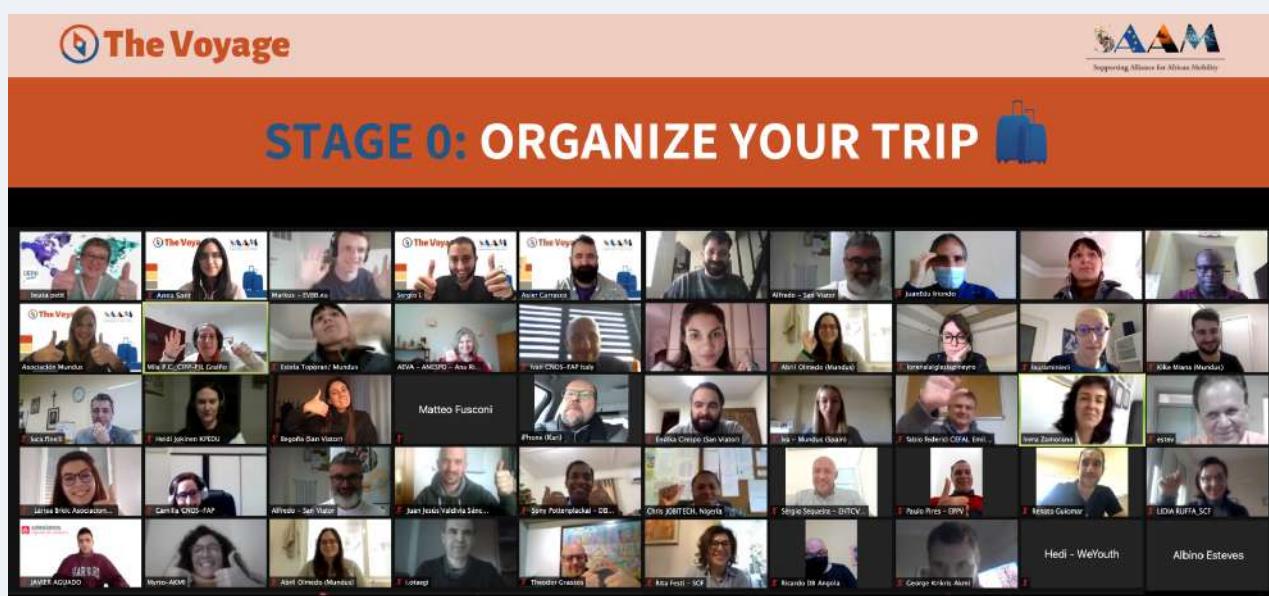
EU-AU CAPACITY BUILDING

The Voyage sessions will continue...

The whole partnership is happy to have been able to get to know each other thanks to The Voyage virtual mobility.

Thus, The Voyage has fulfilled part of the work to be done during the mobilities but for the final part (3rd questionnaire), the Voyage session will no longer be relevant. Due to the complexity of the questionnaire, it will be fulfilled during the EU-AU mobilities as they are going to happen for the last trimestre of 2021.

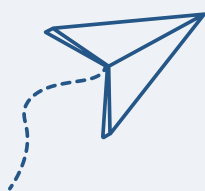
The Voyage enables a better preparation of the mobilities and it can give an ongoing link from a flow to the other. We can keep with the idea to meet every now and then to maintain the contact. The Voyage won't be always facilitated with a trainer but will be organized up to the will of the partners and when needed.



The peers are going to travel to Africa until the end of 2021

Before the travels we have to fix the profile and the mission of the EU peers.

The peers will have to pay attention to the contents of the experts' diary as the information provided are really helpful and relevant and they have to be careful and flexible with their expectations.



WP4 Report of VET system in Africa

The complete information will be received by the end of 2021 and the first draft will be delivered at the beginning of 2022. Thanks to these results, needs and gaps will be highlighted.

**END OF
2021**

**BEGINNING OF
2022**

**COMPLETE
INFORMATION**

**FIRST
DRAFT**

SAAM community: The tool where to start with the capacity building

Once the EU peers will come back to Europe, in the community, all the peers will have to exchange materials, ideas, advices to start with the preparation of the AU peers mobilities.

This information will help in defining the criteria for the staff traveling to Europe.

For all the partners, the overall capacity building process is useful but the focus will be in the peer review (in the peers context).

The partners have asked that the SAAM community should be open (until now the groups were closed) so all the groups can see the materials of the others.



Internationalization and mobility programs training

The common training will be on the internationalization and EU funds and this will be delivered during the EfVET training week in Brussels.

This training will be fixed at the beginning of 2022 and will gather all our African partners during their mobility to their EU peer schools.

STUDENTS MOBILITIES

Selection process

All the partners agreed that the selection process should be first defined by the European partners as they are used to this. But each school will have then to go more in details and adapt to their reality, their internal rules and their culture.

African partners mentioned that the families should be involved in the process.

The students selected have a double task: Have their own experience abroad but also will have to come back and be a multiplier for their mates.

Pre-departure training

The training module of Yes Forum will have to be customized by each hosting partners giving some specific contents respect to their culture, country, fellows, etc...

To integrate more the students the idea of building a SAAM club in each VET school can improve the preparation and the implementation of the students stays.



Travelling challenges

We must pay attention to the insurance, the official documents, health matters,.. The costs should be covered previously to the travel expenses as the families cannot afford to pay anything in advance.

We have to involve the European Commission on the responsibility of having some students not returning to Africa.

The accompanying teachers should be carefully selected as well.

Their stay in European schools

We have to define strictly the learning outcomes and the skills to be reinforced.

During the African peers' mobility in the EU school, the definition of all the students' mobility should be discussed in advance to avoid problems. Mutual agreement between VET centers beforehand to foster a better learning environment. And to fit the mobilities in the best moment possible for both VET centers.

Language barriers should be addressed.

Reports and diaries will have to be delivered from all the actors of the mobilities (templates will be designed by Mundus).

Once they are back, a new idea...

Try to ask the students to talk and tell the story of their experience.

Taking advantage of this input, the VET centres can offer online mobility for the students.

- Theory: Some modules, lessons and workshops can be taught online from EU to AU.
- Practical: Working sessions, conferences, projects...to be presented online from AU to Eu.



VISIBILITY OF THE PROJECT

Dissemination of the project

There are a lot of communication channels, so a common criteria for sending information should be set and explained in detail.

It is clear that our main target groups should be the following: young people, institutions, companies, policy makers and VET schools.

Everyone outside the project needs to understand that SAAM is not a bilateral agreement between two centres but a global project.



Good relationship with institutions

In order to facilitate the paperwork and all the bureaucratic process, key institutions like European Delegations, Embassies, Consulates or Ministries should be aware of the existence of SAAM.

For the moment, every institution we have contacted has shown interest in the project and has proposed to help us.

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HOW HAVE WE DONE IT?

For our working sessions we have used different methodologies so as to get the results previously explained: plenary sessions, focus groups, peer groups, public sessions and a visit to a VET center.



Plenary sessions

The plenary sessions were organised in order to explain in detail some key points, to introduce the work that has already been done, the current state of SAAM and the following steps. These sessions had a formal character and they were celebrated in the main venue of the hotel.

Due to the current COVID circumstances, the meeting was held in person for some SAAM partners, but also every plenary session was prepared to be followed online. Some of our partners could participate and talk in the sessions thanks to the online connection.



Focus and peer groups

The discussion groups focused on analysing several aspects of SAAM like the mobilities from Europe to Africa and Africa to Europe, the challenges SAAM has to face nowadays or the communication of the project

The focus and peer groups were thought to provide the partners the opportunity to discuss in small groups very important details of the next steps of the project, but also it was the perfect chance to get to know each other in a working environment and to reinforce the team work. All the conclusions reached there have been analysed and taken into account.



Public sessions

The first and the last day of the meeting, we held public sessions where the main institutions related to the project participated.

The opening session included several welcoming speeches by Father Simon Asira, the DBTA board chairperson and the Provincial of Africa East, the promoters and coordinator of the project (San Viator and Mundus), the hosting organisation (Don Bosco Tech Africa).

For the closing ceremony, the Spanish Ambassador in Kenya (Mr. Javier García de Viedma Bernaldo de Quirós) was invited as well



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as the European Union (Mr. Hubert Perr) and the African Union (Mr. Nicholas Ouma) representatives. Their speeches were full of good words for the project and motivational messages.

Fr. Patrick Anthonyraj Alexander, representing CNOS-FAP (Italy), Claire Challande from SEPR (France) and Father Chris from JOBITECH (Nigeria) were also invited to talk.

During the meeting, we also had the chance to listen to Kipkirui Langat, Technical and Vocational Training Authority. He talked about the importance of the VET education.



Don Bosco Boys Town visit

On Monday 1st of June, the first day of the Nairobi Intermediary Meeting, the SAAM partners visited Don Bosco Boys Town, a Don Bosco Center located in Nairobi that participates in the project and that will send VET students to Europe when that phase of SAAM arrives. There was no better way of introducing a week of work.

The students and the teachers received the SAAMers with an incredible welcoming event. After the warm welcome, the SAAM partners were divided into groups and they visited all the facilities of the center.



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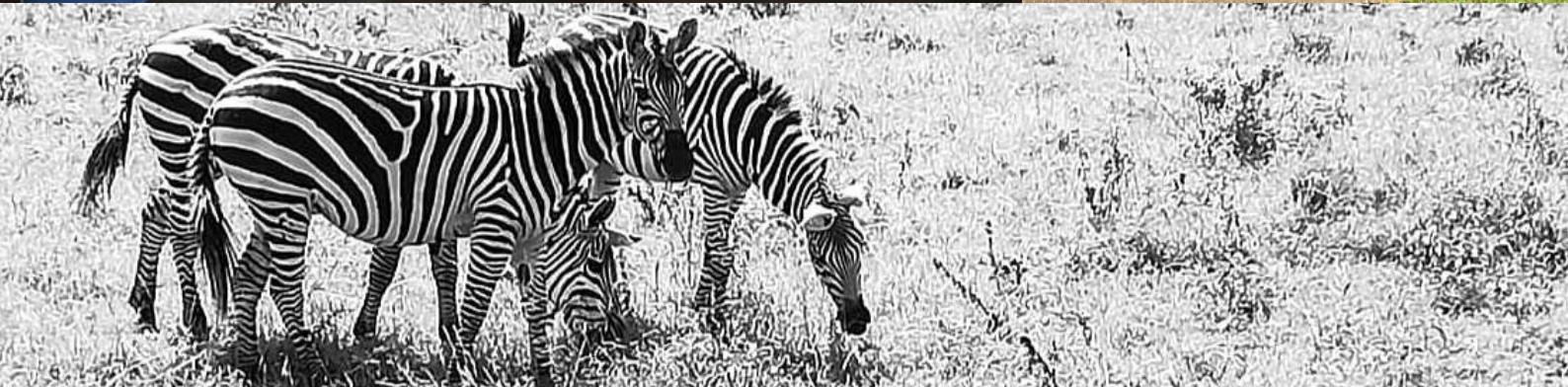
WE ALSO HAD FUN!

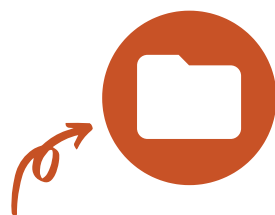
Between the working sessions, we also enjoyed our time in Kenya together with some fun activities. We had many informal reunions at the hotel, we visited the city of Nairobi and we even did a Safari!





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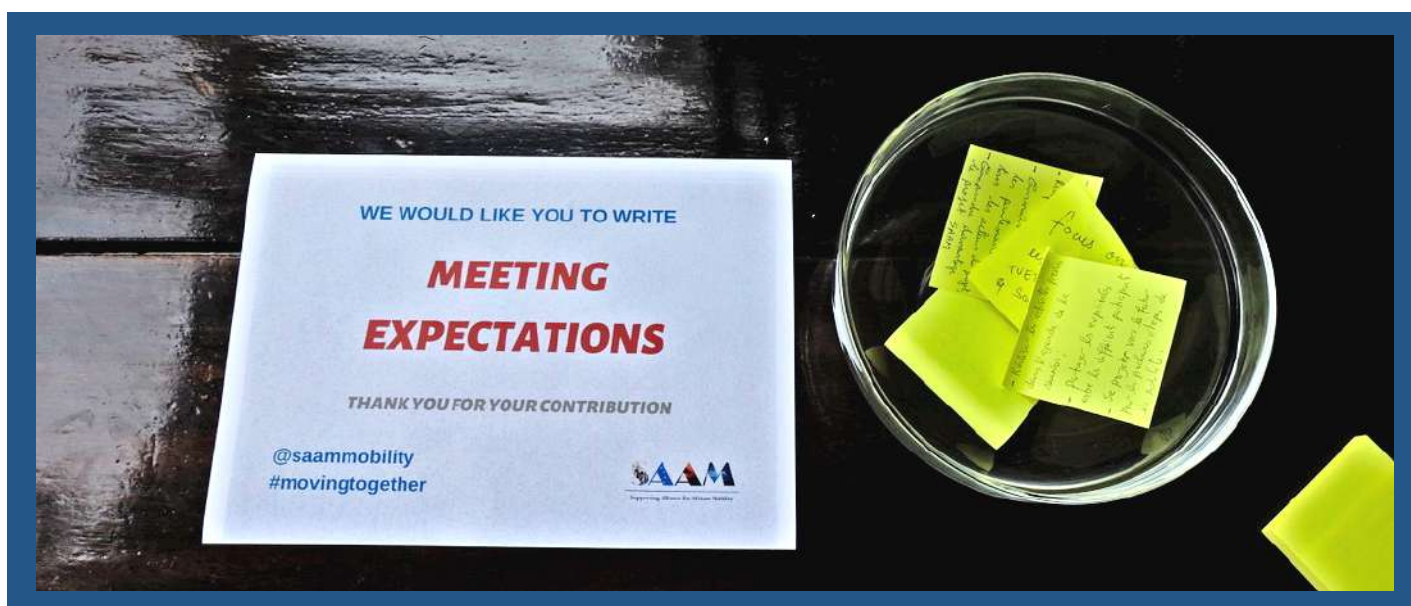


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QUALITY RESULTS

Since SAAM is a pilot and our philosophy is to deliver optimum results and grow, SAAM has a strong Quality Assurance procedures created by AKMI, the Quality Assurance Workpackage Leader, with the collaboration and support of Asociacion Mundus, Project Coordinator.

The quality team also evaluated the meeting.



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The report aims to review the in-person Intermediary Meeting that took place between 31st May and 5th June with a self-evaluation process gathering all the partnership's feedback. The main highlights of the report are:

- The highest score is 4.9/5 and refers to the SAAM coordination team before and during the meeting and at the contribution of the meeting for the improvement of the working relationships among the partners.
- The overall satisfaction of the partners for the meeting is good (4.4/5).
- A great score to the Masai Lodge and staff services with 4.9/5.
- About the working sessions, the plenary, focus groups and the peer-to-peer sessions were satisfying (and scored with 4.6/5).



"Thank you very much for your effort and dedication, you have worked like the SAAM team that you are"

"Everything was arranged and well executed"

"Great effort"

"The meeting has been very productive"

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FINAL CREDITS

This meeting was possible because of you, your efforts and your motivation.

In this section, we want to thank each one of you for making SAAM a better project.



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- **Promotor:** San Viator (Spain)
- **Coordinator :** Asociación Mundus (Spain)
- **Hosting organisation:** Don Bosco Tech Africa (Kenya)

- **African partners: 14 countries represented**

- Ecole Professionnelle Salesienne St Jean Bosco (Benin)
- Centre Prive de la Formation Professionnelle Don Bosco Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo (Cabo Verde)
- Institut Technique Don Bosco Ebolowa (Cameroon)
- Plateforme pour la Promotion des Centres Educatifs Familiaux de Formation par Alternance (Cameroon)
- Ecole Professionnelle de Don Bosco N'Djamena (Chad)
- Centre Professionel Artisanal Rural (CPAR) Saint Jean Bosco de Duékoué (Ivory Coast)
- Don Bosco Boys' Town Technical Institute (Kenya)
- Don Bosco Technical High School (Liberia)
- Don Bosco Youth Technical Institute (Malawi)
- Centre Professionnel Père Michel – Bamako (Mali)
- John Bosco Institute of Technology (Nigeria)
- Ecole Supérieure de Management de Projet (Senegal)
- Centre de Formation Professionnelle Don Bosco Médina Fall (Senegal)
- St. Joseph's Vocational Training Centre Khartoum (Sudan)
- Association WeYouth (Tunisia)

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- **European partners: 6 countries represented**

- European Forum for Vocational Education and Training - EfVET (Belgium)
- European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training - EVBB (Belgium)
- SEPR (France)
- AKMH A.E. (Greece)
- CNOS-FAP (Italy)
- ANESPO – Associação Nacional de Escolas Profissionais (Portugal)
- INSIGNARE – Associação de Ensino e Formação (Portugal)
- Centro Público Integrado de Formación Profesional “Profesor José Luis Graíño” (Spain)
- Centro público integrado de formación profesional Corona de Aragón (Spain)
- Escola Pia Catalunya (Spain)
- Fundación Tech Don Bosco (Spain)



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