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EDUCATION, GROWTH AND HEALTH

Bridging Africa and Europe

Knowledge, Equality and Intercultural Dialogue

Thursday, 22 October 2026

9:30 – 12:00

Room EC 4 - Department of Economics and Management

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PROGRAMME

9.30 - Opening

9:35–9:50 - Education, Growth and Equality: The Foundations of Sustainable and Inclusive Development
Prof. Patrizio Bianchi, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Education, Growth and Equality, University of Ferrara

9:50–10:10 -Empowering Higher Education in Africa: The Role of UNESCO Chairs and International Academic Cooperation
Prof. Valentina Mini, Co-chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Education, Growth and Equality, University of Ferrara

10:10–10:40 - The Epistemology of Health and "Paranormal" Illnesses in Africa: Knowledge, Rationality and Education
Prof. Émile Kenmogne, Guest Professor from University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon

10:40–11:05 - Looking at Europe from Africa: Education as a Bridge for Cooperation and Development
Maturin Manfo Zangmo – Fellow, UNESCO Chair Education, Growth and Equality - Faculty Member, University School for Economics and Business at Yaounde, Cameroon

11:05–11:40 - Discussion and Exchange with Participants
Education, health knowledge, intercultural dialogue and equitable development across Africa and Europe

11:40 –12:00 - Concluding Remarks: International Academic Cooperation, Mobility and the Future of Higher Education
Prof. Matteo Vincenzo D'Alfonso, Full Professor and Delegate for Incoming and Outgoing International Mobility, University of Ferrara