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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transforming Leadership for 21st Century Africa



Nairobi, Kenya, 7 February 2017 - The Aga Khan University Graduate School of Media and Communications (AKU GSMC) is set to host a pioneering suite of courses designed to transform leadership in Africa.

Launching in November 2017, **Transforming Leadership for 21st Century Africa** brings together two world class courses designed to equip executives with the skills, mindset and communication expertise

to better lead their organization – and Africa itself – in our increasingly complex and rapidly changing world.

Speaking at the signing of an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AKU GSMC, the Aga Khan Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Executive Education (HKS Executive Education), in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Monday 6 February 2017, AKU GSMC Founding Dean Michael Meyer announced:

“We are proud to bring to Nairobi an extraordinary opportunity for African executives to sharpen two of the most vital skills needed to better lead their organizations – and Africa itself – in our increasingly complex and rapidly changing world.”

The MOU outlines how AKU GSMC, the Aga Khan Foundation and HKS Executive Education intend to collaborate on executive education and training for officials from government, civil society, private sector and the media. In a separate agreement with the Aga Khan Foundation it was agreed that HKS Executive Education will deliver one of the courses in the suite: *Adaptive Leadership for Africa: Chaos Complexity and Courage*. This course will help executives exercise leadership amid uncertainty with skill, purpose and effectiveness.

The second course in this suite, *The Voice of Leadership: Inspiration, Influence and Impact*, will be delivered by AKU GSMC to empower leaders to speak and act with clarity vision and authenticity.

“For us at Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education, this engagement stresses our commitment to public service and to engaging senior leaders in Africa. We are pleased to bring our adaptive leadership curriculum to the region as part of this suite of offerings,” said HKS Executive Education Senior Associate Dean Debra Iles.

“**Transforming Leadership for 21st Century Africa** offers the expertise of AKU GSMC and HKS Executive Education to provide a unique learning experience that will change the way you think about leadership and communication in your professional and personal life,” Dean Meyer stated.

For more information visit the AKU GSMC website (www.akumedia.aku.edu) or email info.gsmc@aku.edu.

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