

# PLAN AUF SPÉCIAL PANDEMIC COVID-19



## AUF COVID-19 PANDEMIC SPECIAL PLAN

### AXIS I - SPECIAL ORGANISATION, INFORMATION AND MONITORING

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which the world is facing today, the AUF has undertaken several actions towards its members and partners; and a reorganization of its internal working methods.

#### **ACTION 1. CREATION OF AN AUF CRISIS UNIT**

The mission of the AUF crisis and monitoring unit is to ensure a daily monitoring of the evolution of the situation and the instructions issued by the local authorities in the different countries where the AUF is established.

- 13 March 2020: creation of a "*Crisis Unit at the central level*" (Paris/Montreal)
- 24 March 2020: creation of a "*World Crisis Unit*" extended to all AUF regional branches.
- Creation of a dedicated alias: [cellule-crise@auf.org](mailto:cellule-crise@auf.org) and a WhatsApp group

#### **ACTION 2. GRADUAL GENERALISATION OF TELEWORKING THROUGHOUT THE AUF NETWORK**

Telework has been introduced gradually and by default in all countries where it has been strongly recommended by local authorities. Staff are only allowed to travel to their usual place of work for compulsory reasons and with authorization.

***Today, all the AUF establishments in the world (about sixty countries) are teleworking.***

#### **ACTION 3. PRESERVE LINKS AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN COLLEAGUES**

The transition to telework requires the AUF to adopt new methods of collaboration, but also to preserve the links and solidarity between colleagues throughout the network. To this end, each week, an ***internal news flash*** presents an update on the situation in the AUF's different locations. For example :

- ***Feedback on experience***: sharing the different actions implemented to ensure continuity of work
- ***Optimization of experience***: the HRD offers "**Tips and Tricks for Teleworking**" sheets.
- ***Keep your morale up***: the communication department offers to participate in a photo challenge "**View from my office window**". Beautiful windows open on the world...
- ***Encouraging permanent exchange***: the opening of an internal "**Forum**" space
- ***Encouragement of local initiatives to*** preserve links between colleagues.
- ***Meeting of the Rector***: the Rector proposes an internal webinar to all colleagues around the world in order to exchange on the situation in general and the provisions of the AUF in particular.

#### **ACTION 4. VALORISATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

- A weekly "COVID-19" watch, coordinated by the Direction for Innovation, is broadcast every week. It lists all useful publications related to the pandemic: diagnosis, solutions, initiatives, etc. from the academic world in general and AUF partners in particular. <https://www.auf.org/nouvelles/actualites/lauf-lance-bulletin-de-veille-electronique-orientee-recherche-covid-19/>
- Dissemination of the IAU - International Association of Universities survey, which launched a survey on the impact of COVID on universities worldwide, in three languages. The AUF relays this survey to its members: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAUCOVID19b?lang=fr>

#### **AXIS II - MAKING AVAILABLE THE DIGITAL RESOURCES OF THE AUF**

Moreover, the needs of the academic world, pupils, students, teacher-researchers... in digital and online resources have never been so high. The AUF proposes a series of actions.

#### **ACTION 5. PROMOTION OF THE RESOURCES IN THE AUF DIGITAL LIBRARY, THE BNEUF**

A communication and information campaign was launched to highlight the resources of **the AUF digital library, called BNEUF** - <https://bneuf.auf.org> with more than 11 million resources available free of charge to students and teachers in various disciplines and scientific fields - as well as the 18,000 experts listed via the **Atlas de l'expertise francophone**, thus promoting the skills of AUF members.

- Organize internal awareness training on the BNEUF
- Relaying information in all AUF locations
- Official letter sent by the Rector to all the heads of AUF member institutions to encourage them to use all these resources and to participate actively in their enrichment (990 institutions in 118 countries).
- To encourage and assist AUF member institutions and partners to reference their scientific productions on the BNEUF free of charge, in particular in relation to the health crisis (MEDLINE, PubMed, etc.).
- Launch of a new information visual on digital media:



**BNEUF**

**LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE NUMÉRIQUE DE L'AUF**

**+ DE 11 MILLIONS DE RESSOURCES PÉDAGOGIQUES**

**+ DE 18 000 EXPERT-E-S**

**<https://bneuf.auf.org>**

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## **ACTION 6. PROVISION OF OTHER FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE BNEUF**

**Free and open access relayed via the BNEUF are also offered by the AUF partners.** *For example: Editions législatives; EDUNAO: educational technological platforms for the distribution of courses; Microsoft: a free offer for 6 months around collaborative platforms; Nomad Education; Numérique Premium; OpenClassrooms; FUN-Mooc; Agorize; YouScribe; Editions Dalloz; Techniques de l'ingénieur...*

**You can find the "login and password" in the following link:**

[A unique link to access the offers](#)

## **AXIS III - SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **ACTION 7. FREE OFFERS FOR THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ONLINE TRAINING COURSES**

- Support our members in the production of technical and pedagogical support for the design and development of online training modules
- Encourage the availability of the LMS platform (<http://ific-lms.auf.org/>) for the online availability of training modules (calls for tenders, requests for proposals, etc.) with the possibility of storing them on this online training platform.
- Produce and propose technical and pedagogical supports (video capsules...) for the editing and animation of virtual classes ([ific@auf.org](mailto:ific@auf.org))
- Encourage the availability of the "Transfer" system for professional training (<https://transfer-tic.auf.org/>) for the setting up of online training workshops, particularly in connection with the health crisis, to be offered free of charge.
- Propose a collaborative space accessible through the ANEUF website (<https://aneuf.auf.org/>) to promote exchanges and transfer of expertise between young researchers.

### **ACTION 8. PRODUCTION OF VIDEO TUTORIALS "UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS".**

- Develop and put online video capsules on university governance in times of crisis based on the collection of testimonies of HEI managers.
- Deploy an online teaching system for the management teams of member institutions ([ifgu@auf.org](mailto:ifgu@auf.org)).
- Post-crisis case studies: Identifying, studying and promoting good practices with a focus on the tools that have contributed to making governance more effective in times of crisis.

## AXIS IV - SPECIAL OFFERS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

### ACTION 9. SUPPORT THE HEALTH NETWORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUF FOR THEIR ACTIONS RELATED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Implementation of first actions with CIDMEF (Conference of Medicine Deans) around a rich program to help French-speaking medical faculties to face the pandemic. *For example:*

- The Société de Pneumologie de Langue Française (SPLF) has set up a page dedicated to COVID-19: <https://splf.fr/tag/covid-19/> This documentation page is freely accessible and provides information on 30 clinical situations
- The Société d'Imagerie Thoracique and the Société Française de Radiologie (SFR) propose a video of Pr Khalil on the main radiological images: <https://medzone.fr/view/view.php?t=lsWRCLAbjdgGTHiPxfqo>
- The French Society of Microbiology (SFM) has drawn up a management sheet for biological samples taken from a patient suspected of having COVID-19: SFM working group "Emerging microorganisms" and SFM section "biological safety and security": <https://www.sfm-microbiologie.org>
- The Société de Réanimation de Langue Française (SRLF) has just published expert recommendations on the resuscitation management of patients in times of SARS-CoV2 epidemics, recommendations published jointly by the SRLF, the SFAR, the SFMU, the GFRUP and the SPILF : <https://www.srlf.org/recommandations-dexperts-sars-cov2>

### ACTION 10. SUPPORT YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN THEIR PANDEMIC-RELATED INITIATIVES

Launch of an international call for tenders to support initiatives by students, student engineers and young researchers, linked to the health crisis, provided they are approved by their national health authorities (coordination with all the regional branches).

