

AFRICA: New AVU online education centres

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The African Virtual University, in partnership with the African Development Bank, has launched a centre of online learning and distance education in Zambia, the first of 10 scheduled to open in universities throughout Africa in the next five months, **Agence de Presse Sénégalaise** reported.

The new multimedia centres, set up under the **AVU Multinational Support Project**, will be situated in the following institutios: Jimma University, Ethiopia; University of Nairobi, Kenya; University Antananarivo, Madagascar; Universidade Pedagogica, Mozambique; University Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal; Amoud University, Somalia; the Open University of Tanzania; Kyambogo University, Uganda; the University of Zambia; and the University of Zimbabwe.

Founded in 1997, the African Virtual University is a pan-African inter-government organisation whose aim is to increase significantly access to quality higher education and teaching through innovative ICT.

It has educated 40,000 students throughout Africa, and established the biggest network of learning and distance education in more than 30 sub-Saharan countries. Its headquarters are in Nairobi and it has a regional office in Dakar, Senegal.