

Senegal

National Higher Education Equity Policies

Governance

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, with a General Directorate of Higher Education, is responsible for defining national policies in higher education (<http://www.mesr.gouv.sn/>).

Higher Education Policy Documents

What are the current official documents defining the national higher education strategy / policies?

- “Programme d’Amélioration de la Qualité, de l’Équité et de la Transparence (PAQUET). Secteur Education Formation 2013-2025” 26 February 2013 (Sector Program for Quality, Equity, and Transparency Improvements in Education)

Equity Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives do the policy documents identify?

- Increase the number of available spots
- Decentralize and diversify higher education offerings
- Integrate ICT and distance education
- Create professional education institutions (ISEP)
- Support the supervised development of private higher education institutions
- Increase the number of students – girls in particular – in scientific professions
- Encourage access for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Which equity target groups are identified in the policy documents?

- Low-income students
- Gender groups
- Geographically disadvantaged groups
- Students with disabilities

Does the country have concrete targets for the participation of specific equity groups?

- No

Senegal does not have a standalone policy document dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Are there specific anti-discrimination provisions?

- Not in higher education

What specific interventions and/or instruments of equity promotion are included in the official strategy and policy documents (monetary and non-monetary)?

Monetary Policy Instruments

- Very low tuition fees in public universities.
- Needs-based scholarships and related subsidies (food, lodging, transportation) are the main financial instruments to promote equity.

Non-Monetary Policy Instruments

What are the main non-monetary instruments to promote equity?

- Outreach and bridge programs
- Distance learning at two universities (Université Cheikh Anton Diop in Dakar and Université Gaston Berger)

Financial Resources

What financial resources does the country devote to equity promotion measures?

- Not available

Quality Assurance

The quality assurance criteria do not take equity elements into consideration.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Who is responsible for monitoring the impact of equity promotion measures?
- What instruments, methods and data are in place to carry out the monitoring and evaluation activities?

Dedicated Equity Promotion Agency

Senegal does not have an agency dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

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