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Dear Students,

There is no doubt that our country as well as the entire world is experiencing nowadays difficult extraordinary circumstances due to Coronavirus outbreak. We do pray to Allah that this crisis will pass and things revert to normal very soon

In spite of all these hard circumstances we are going through, the AOU managed to continue education process and offers its students a way to learn at home as distance autonomous learners at their own pace over the past weeks by virtue of its dynamic academic system known as "**Blended Education** " which normally consists of four major components : self –learning , E-Learning , face to face tutorial as well as Office hours .In the same respect, the AOU has mainly adopted E- learning approach in order to enable the students to take the opportunity to benefit from flexibility of studying by distance till university could resume in campus regular academic activity (Hopefully, in the nearest future)

In the light of the previously mentioned points, the AOU in Sudan has decided the followings

Firstly, all modules shall be offered off campus by means of videoconferencing and online tutoring for the current semester which lasts April,26 the date designated for administrating the STMAs, Accordingly, the final year students due to graduate this semester can also get done with all their remaining courses electronically and hence obtain graduation certificate after their final grades and degree are calculated by the end of the period allocated for handing over the STMAs

Secondly, The deadlines for TMAs submission according to the previously announced schedule will be on ,11th ,12th ,13th of May 2020. <u>And both TMA and STMA will</u> <u>allocates 50 for each (50 for TMA& 50 for STMA)</u>

Thirdly, All students who choose to pursue their study electronically and hence take the STMA as their final exam, should bear in mind that that they have no right to register for the complementary study period when regular classes are resumed once they have get access to the STMA.

Fourthly, In line with core ethical and professional principles, the AOU is highly committed to offer its learners in Sudan free on line tutorials with zero financial commitment from their side.

Fifthly, the date for resuming regular classes shall be announced in quite ample time prior to start of the compensatory study period and after conducting all necessary procedures required by the AOU-HQs and local authorities.

Stay safe and well,