

Facts and figures on higher education cooperation between Kenya and Austria

and the role of OeAD | Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

Country Talk Kenya, 18 September 2023

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Agenda

- Overview about the main funding sources, facts & figures
 - Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC)
 - Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)
 - European Commission / Erasmus+
- Results and feedback from the Kenya conference in October 2022



Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC)

- North-South Dialogue Scholarship Programme since 1984
PhD and research fellowships from developing countries, implemented by OeAD
- New ADC strategy on higher education as of 2009
 - Shift from individual to **institutional** cooperation, focus on **priority countries**
 - New **Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development (APPEAR)**
 - Alumni of the North-South Dialogue Scholarship Programme were important multipliers and cooperation partners

APPEAR

- APPEAR started in December 2009
- Currently third programme phase (2020-2027)
- Total budget (APPEAR I – III) is approximately 33 million euros
- Instruments: Preparatory Funding, Academic Partnerships, Scholarships
- 10 calls until today
- Last call in 2024 (selected funding instruments, limited project duration)

- www.appear.at

APPEAR and Kenyan institutions

- 58 Academic Partnership, of which **seven** with Kenyan institutions
 - Egerton University (2x)
 - University of Nairobi (2x)
 - University of Eldoret
 - Technical University of Kenya
 - Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology
- 93 Preparatory Funding, of which **8** with Kenyan institutions
- 206 scholarships granted, **21** of them to Kenyan fellows

Under APPEAR III, Kenya is no longer a priority country but can participate as **part of a regional network.**

Kenya

Strengthening Capacities for Agricultural Education, Research and Adoption in Kenya | SCARA

- Project Coordinator: Benedict Mwavu Mutua
- Coordinating Institution: Egerton University
- Partner Institution: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (Dominik Ruffeis)
- Partner Country: Kenya
- Project Duration: 1 May 2016 – 30 November 2020
- [Project website](#)

Professional Social Work in East Africa - Towards Sustainable Impact | PROSOWO II

- Project Coordinator: FH Prof. Dr. Helmut SPITZER
- Coordinating Institution: Carinthia University of Applied Sciences
- Partner Institutions: Makerere University (Janestic Mwende Twikirize), University of Nairobi (Gidraph Gachunga Wairire), Hope Africa University (Jacqueline Murekasenge), University of Rwanda (Charles Rutikanga), Institute of Social Work (Zena Mnasi Mabeyo)
- Project Duration: 1 January 2016 – 31 March 2019
- Project website: www.appear.at/prosowo

Promotion of Professional Social Work towards Social Development and Poverty Reduction in East Africa | PROSOWO

- Project Coordinator: FH Prof. Dr. Helmut SPITZER Research Assistant: Mag.(FH) Sabrina RIEDL
- Coordinating Institution: Carinthia University of Applied Sciences
- Partner Institutions: Makerere University (Dr. Janestic Mwende TWIKIRIZE), University of Nairobi (Dr. Gidraph Gachunga WAIRIRE), Institute of Social Work, Tanzania (Dr. Zena Mnasi MABEYO), National University of Rwanda (Mr. Charles RUTIKANGA, MSW)
- Project Duration: 1 March 2011 - 30 November 2014 led to Advanced Academic Partnership Professional Social Work in East Africa - Towards Sustainable Impact | PROSOWO II
- [Project website](#)

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Austrian-African Research Network (Africa-UniNet)

- Initiated in 2020 by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) as part of the national follow-up of the EU-Africa strategy
- Launched by OeAD and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU); first general assembly in January 2020 – shortly before COVID
- Its objective is to create a long-term, stable basis for cooperation between Austrian and African universities and research institutions.
- Africa-UniNet intends to promote new contacts, deepen scientific cooperation and provide excellent opportunities for innovative joint research projects.
- www.africa-uninet.at

67 member institutions, 26 in Austria and 41 in 17 countries in Africa (data as of 8 Aug 2023)

Burkina Faso 1
Burundi 1
DR Congo 1
Egypt 1
Ethiopia 4
Gabon 1
Ghana 2
Kenya 7

Lesotho 1
Marocco 1
Mozambique 1
Namibia 1
Nigeria 9
São Tomé and Príncipe 1
South Africa 1
Tanzania 1
Uganda 7

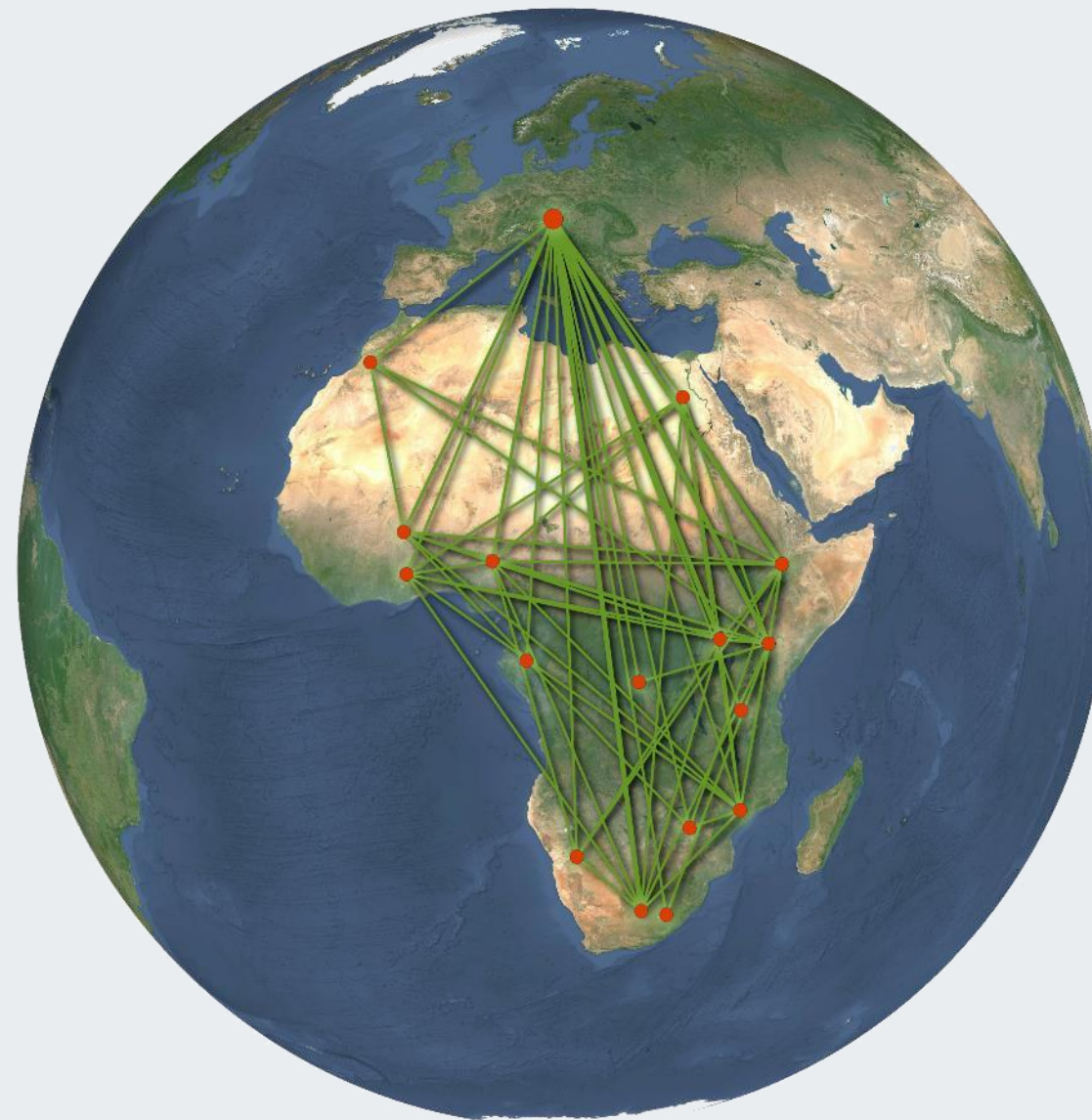
Kenyan member institutions

- African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)
- Egerton University (EU)
- Kibabii University (KIBU)
- Laikipia University (LU)
- Maseno University (MSU)
- Technical University of Kenya (TUK)
- Turkana University College (TUC)

Africa-UniNet | Projects

- 61 projects between institutions in Austria and 16 countries in Africa
- 1.5 million euros by the BMBWF
- 16 projects with Kenyan institutions

Countries	Projects
Burkina Faso	6
DR Congo	3
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	16
Gabon	3
Ghana	2
Kenya	16
Lesotho	2
Morocco	1
Mozambique	3
Namibia	5
Nigeria	10
South Africa	11
Tanzania	1
Uganda	17
Zimbabwe	1



Africa-UniNet and Kenyan institutions

- Kenya-related projects: 16
- Number 2 (with Ethiopia) after Uganda (17 projects) in terms of the number of projects (out of a total of 61 projects).

The participating institutions are:

- Egerton University
- The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)
- Maseno University (MSU)
- Laikipia University (LU)
- Kibabii University



Cooperation Development Research Kooperation Entwicklungsforschung (KoEF / CDR)

Objectives of the programme:

- stimulation of international research cooperation, development of sustainable partnerships between HE and research institutions in the global south
- contribute to analysing and solving local challenges and to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Funding: mobility and material expenses for researchers at Austrian and international higher education institutions/research institutions within the framework of one- to three-year research projects.

Current call open until November 30, 2023

More details at www.oead.at/koef

KoEF/CDR and Kenyan institutions

- First Call published in 2019
- Until today a total of 36 projects have been granted
- out of these: 24 projects with 37 institutions in 11 African countries

Two projects with Kenyan institutions involved

- Egerton University
- Technical University of Kenia

Information in English

- <https://oead.at/en/cooperations/international-he-cooperations/cooperation-development-research>



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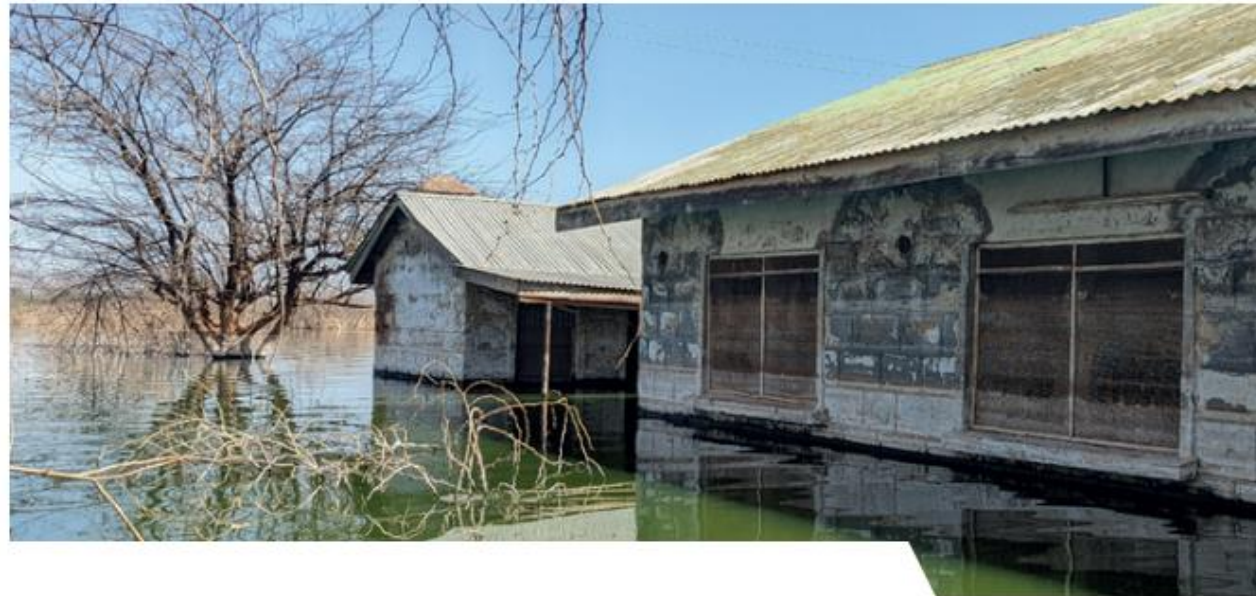
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Analysis of Water Level Fluctuations and Implications on Local Livelihoods in the Great Rift Valley Lakes of Kenya
Project KoEF 08/2020

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Cooperation Development Research

The programme "Cooperation Development Research" (KoEF), financed by the BMBWF, is a funding programme to foster research on the two main principles of excellency and cooperation in development research. The aim is to support application-oriented cooperation projects between Austrian higher education institutions/research institutions and institutions in countries of the Global South and therewith to contribute to analysing and solving local challenges and to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

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Erasmus+ Higher Education worldwide

Cooperation with third countries (international academic mobility)

International Credit Mobility worldwide – Erasmus+ KA171

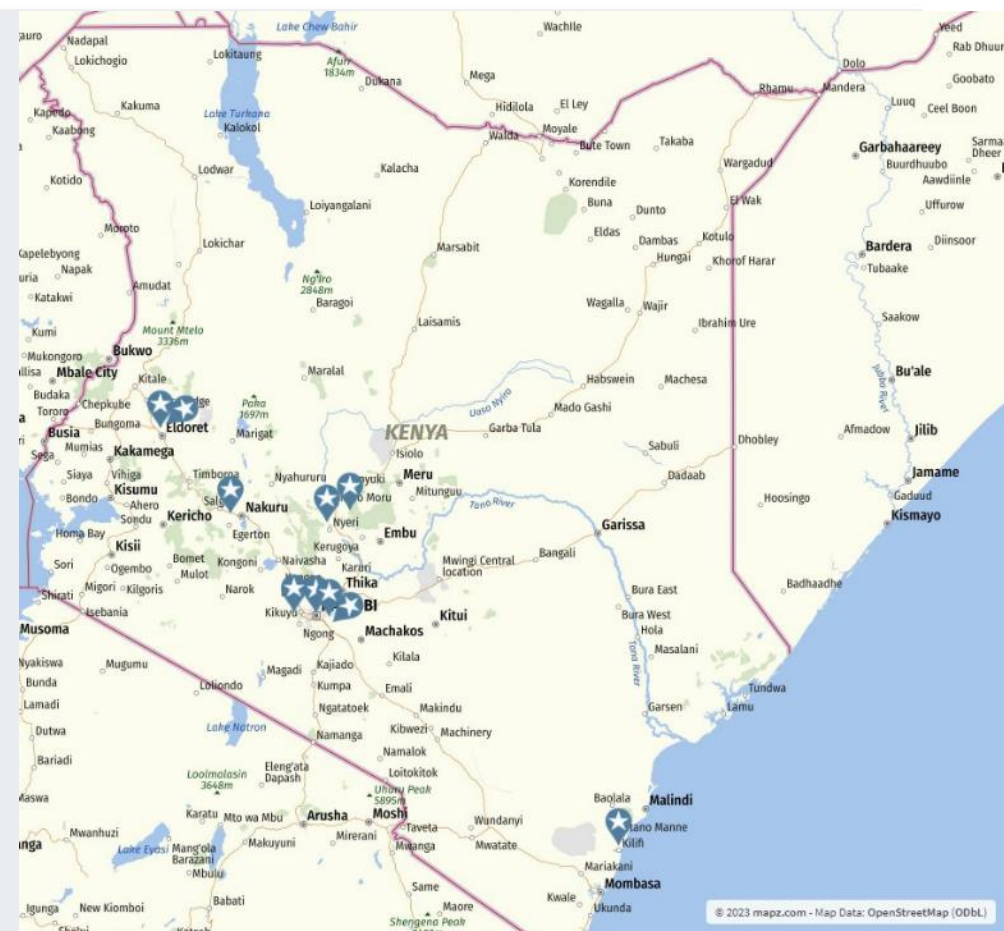
- **Student or Staff Mobility** to / from Erasmus+ Partner Countries
 - **Studies:** 2 – 12 months (credit mobility) in a partner university
New: Short-term mobilities with digital component (5-30 days)
 - **Traineeship:** 2 – 12 months in a relevant organisation; recognition foreseen
 - **Teaching** (5 – 60 days, partner university) or **training** at relevant institutions abroad
 - Financial support for travel and subsistence
- **Funding**
 - **Student mobility:** 700 – 850 Euro per month;
 - **Staff mobility:** 160 – 180 Euro per day;
 - One-time payment of the **travel grant** according to distance
- **Annual call**
 - Next deadline **February 2024**

International Credit Mobility

Erasmus+ 2021-2027 defines **Sub-Saharan Africa** as **target region** for mobility and project cooperation outside of Europe

We see a significant **increase in mobility projects** with Kenyan (and other African) partner institutions

- Call 2020: 2 partner institutions
- Call 2022: 10 partner institutions



Kenyan partner institutions call 2022

Priscilla Muriithi on her Erasmus+ Mobility experience in Austria

5. September 2023 | #Hochschule #Europäische Programme



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The student from Egerton University (Kenya) gives insights into how her Erasmus+ traineeship at BOKU opened up opportunities and supported institutional partnership.

Priscilla Wangari Muriithi is a doctoral student in Limnology at Egerton University, Kenya. In March and April 2023, she took part in a traineeship at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) through the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility programme.

Aktuelle Meldungen

Vienna Design Week: Schultouren

15.09.2023

VGUH bereitet bis zu 600 Studierende aus rund 60 Ländern in Graz auf ein Studium ...

15.09.2023

VWA-Mentoring in Informatik oder Physik: Q&A-Session am 12. Oktober 2023

14.09.2023

Weitere Meldungen

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Cooperation projects with non-industrialised countries worldwide with a **focus on their needs:**

- Modernising Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and their HEI- systems
- Increasing the cooperation between HEIs and the regional integration
- Fostering of innovation and governance

Project types

- **Strand 1:** Fostering access to cooperation in Higher Education (2 or 3 years; 200.000 – 400.000 Euro)
- **Strand 2:** Partnership for transformation (2 or 3 years; 400.000 – 800.000 Euro)
- **Strand 3:** Structural reform projects (3 or 4 years; 800.000 –1.000.000 Euro)

Annual call: Next deadline **February 2024**

CBHE 2023: BREEDTECH - Building Capacity in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology Education and Research through partnership program in Africa, Middle East and Europe for Agricultural transformation with Egerton University (Coordinator) & BOKU (associated Partner)

Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Actions (JMO)

Different **Jean Monnet Actions** contribute to spread knowledge about the **European Union integration matters**

Action type **Jean Monnet Policy Debate** is interesting for HEI's cooperation

- **Large thematic networks** in HE collect, share and discuss among the partners research findings, content of courses and experiences, products (studies, articles, etc.)
- **Last call (2023):** two themes in the were foreseen **on external policy**
 - Jean Monnet Networks on Values and Democracy
 - Jean Monnet Networks on EU-Africa
- **Duration:** 3 years; **Budget:** up to 1.200.000 Euro

Annual call: Next deadline **February 2024**

JMO-Network EU-Africa 2023: PolyCIVIS - Confronting the Polycrisis in Europe and Africa
with Egerton University (Partner) & University of Salzburg (Partner)

Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

In brief ...

- A **high-level integrated & transnational** study programme at **MA level**
- A Master programme of **excellence** open to **all disciplines**
- Delivered by an **international consortium of HEIs** from different countries worldwide and other (non-)educational partners
- Offering **high-level fulltime scholarships** to **excellent students worldwide**

Funding rules for new EMJM - more than 5 Mio. Euro for 6 years in total

- For consortia of HEIs: 750 Euro/month/student and
- For scholarship holders: 1.400 Euro/month

Annual call

- For **consortia of HEIs**: next deadline **February 2024**
- For potential **students**: further information about **funded EMJM** and application details:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

Find projects AND alumni WH[...]

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20 Projects

7 Alumni

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Analysis of Water Level Fluctuations and Implications on Local Livelihoods in the Great Rift Valley Lakes of Kenya | GreatLakes

Duration: 2021 to 2024

BIO-ETHANOL PRODUCTION FROM SWEET SORGHUM STALKS GROWN IN VARIED AGRO-ECOLOGICAL ZONES IN AFRICA

Duration: 2022 to 2024

Biosorbents for Sustainable Wastewater Treatment

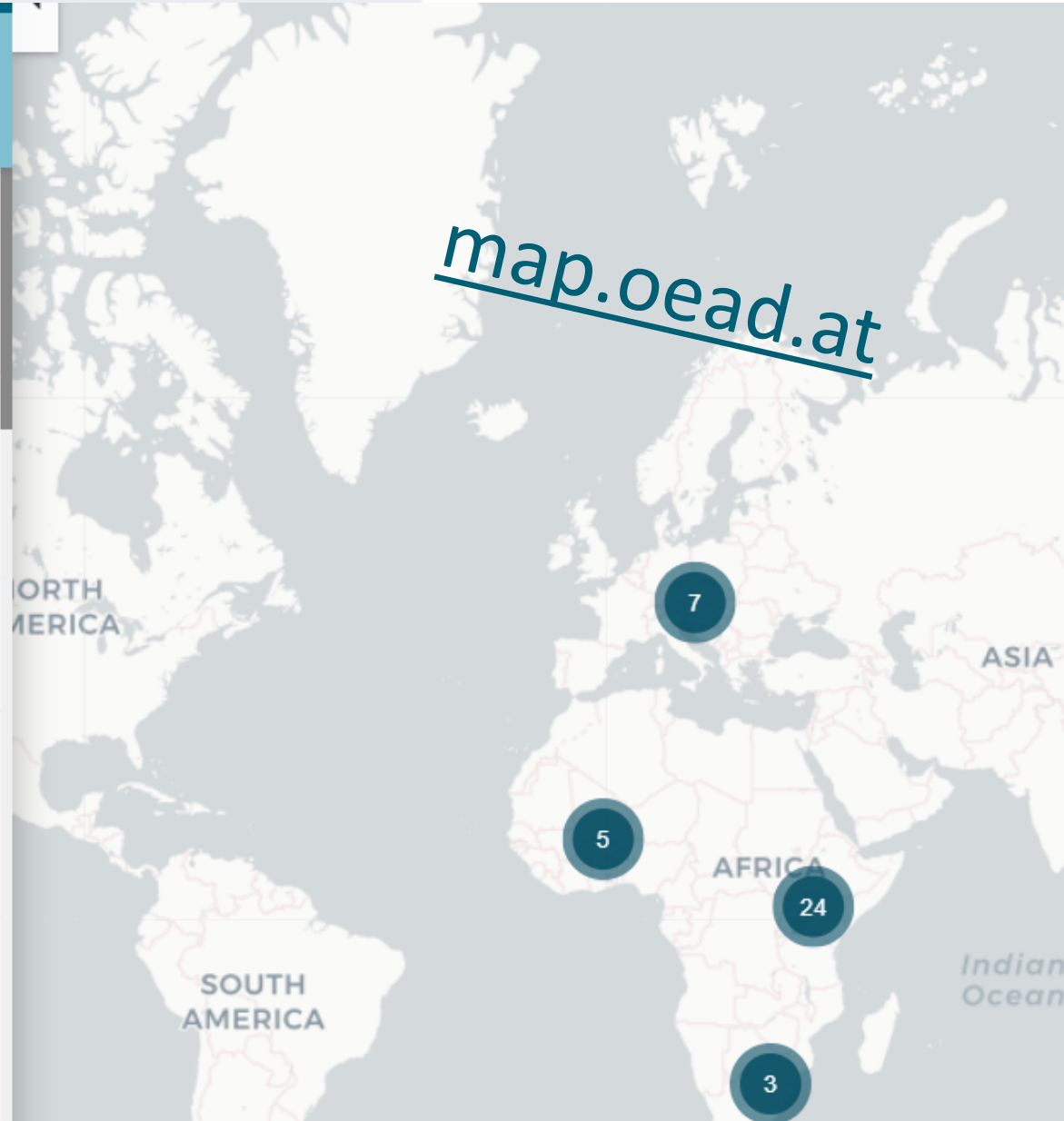
Duration: 2022 to 2024

Capacity building in Genomic data analysis and strengthening partnership between institutions from the South and North

Duration: 2021 to 2024

Capacity building on the water-energy-food security Nexus through research and training in Kenya and Uganda | CapNex

Duration: 2016 to 2020



2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly | Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar Egerton University, Kenya, October 2022

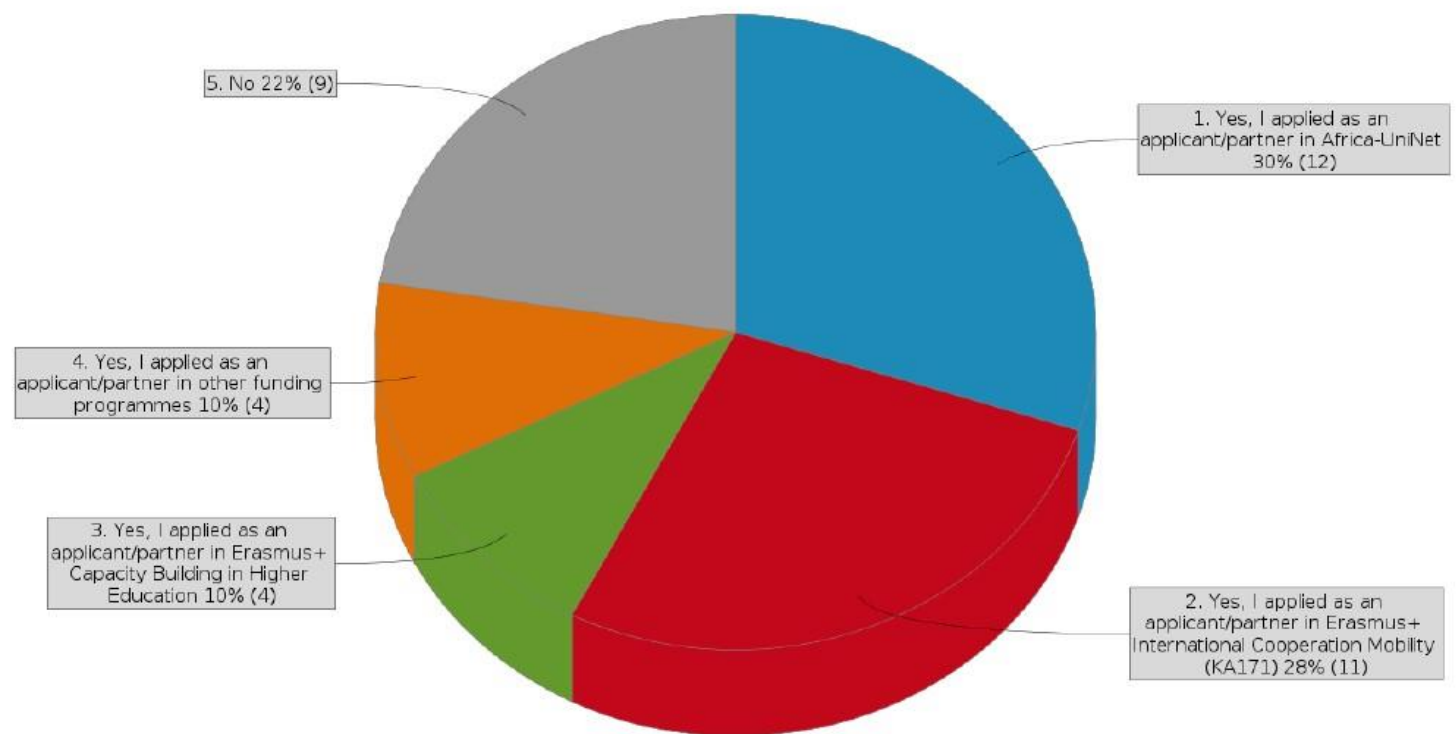


Survey on the Egerton University conference

- 35 % of the respondents were not involved in any cooperation with African countries before
- 87 % of respondents were able to make new contacts through the meeting
- 100 % of respondents improved their knowledge of the funding landscape
- Overwhelming feedback demonstrates that face-to-face meetings are drivers for enhanced academic collaboration and a possible kick-start for mobility of students, teachers or for research projects



Survey II – follow-up applications



● 1. Yes, I applied as an applicant/partner in Africa-UniNet ● 2. Yes, I applied as an applicant/partner in Erasmus+ International Cooperation Mobility (KA171)
 ● 3. Yes, I applied as an applicant/partner in Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education
 ● 4. Yes, I applied as an applicant/partner in other funding programmes ● 5. No



Follow-up applications...

... in upcoming calls:

- 4th Africa-UniNet Call: 1 September - 30 November 2023
(only for Africa-UniNet Member institutions)
- KoEF/CDR: 1 September - 30 November 2023
- Erasmus+ 2024: expected in October/November 2023
- APPEAR: expected February – May 2024

Thank you very much for your attention!

