



# TFK Program with Southern Africa

## Application webinar

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# Why Southern Africa?

- The future geniuses are born here – they define our future too!
- Large and diverse area – 16 SADC countries + Burundi and Rwanda are different from each other, but also neighbors and used to cooperate with each other
- Finland not unknown in the area, liked partner– a lot of past and current cooperation
- Africa's share of global research is grown from 1 % to 3 % - and still growing
- South Africa is the engine of the region, undergone an amazing transformation since 1994 – but still suffering from higher education inequality
- South African cooperation & links with Finnish HEIs have been mapped – the matrix can be shared upon request
- All Finnish embassies – Dar es Salaam, Lusaka, Maputo, Pretoria, Windhoek (+Angola) - in SADC region have focus in education and science, have been informed on the program and very willing to help with local contacts and information



# PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Partnership, Partnership, Partnership!
- Continue the old vs. create some new – both welcome!
- Planning and co-creating together
- Be responsive to the initiatives from African HEIs
- Include less known, lower ranked but potential smaller HEIs in your consortium – addresses inequality (ref. Mozambique)
- Which disciplines? Varies between countries, often linked to productive industries and historical strengths
- African time – paciencia!

# FORMS OF COOPERATION – SOME ADVICE

- Joint study units & courses
  - *Listen to the partners' needs, suggest and adapt your ideas*
- Digital/virtual teaching
  - *Rapid development in this area on-going, remember infrastuctural and connectivity challenges*
- Curriculum cooperation
  - *Curricula in the region are on constant move, but changing might involve heavy bureacracy (approval processes)*

# FORMS OF COOPERATION – SOME ADVICE continues

- Joint/double degrees
  - *Discuss with your partner, find out the process well*
- Mobility of students & staff
  - *Obviously very welcome and needed component, especially for post-graduates (Doctoral production varies a lot in the region)*
- Working life cooperation
  - *A new very topical theme with many HEIs – linked to changes in curricula*

# Questions?

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