

TFK Program with Southern Africa

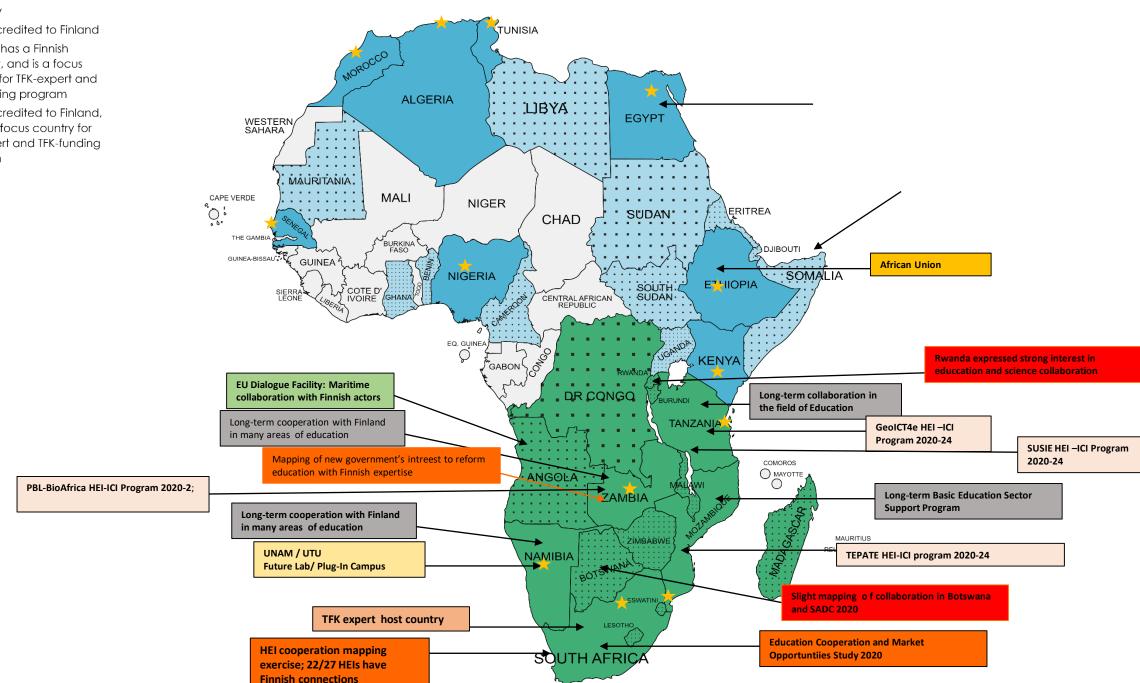
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Why Southern Africa?

- ➤ The future geniuses are born here they define our future too!
- ➤ Large and diverse area 16 SADC counties + 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 tranformation 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

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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 historial strengths
- African time patiencia!

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 postgraduates (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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