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2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly
& Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar

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Egerton University, Njoro Campus, Kenya

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Our sincere thanks go to Vice Chancellor Isaac O. Kibwage, Acting DVC APD, Richard Mulwa and Former Acting DVC R & E Bockline O. Bebe, to Prof. Nzula Kitaka, Priscilla Muriithi and the whole organising committee at Egerton University for hosting the Africa-UniNet General Assembly and the Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar and for their tireless support in organising this event.

Welcome

Vice Chancellor Isaac O. Kibwage, Egerton University

On behalf of Egerton University, I welcome you to the 2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly and the Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar at Egerton University. Egerton University is the oldest institution of higher learning in Kenya. It was founded as a Farm School in 1939 by Lord Maurice Egerton of Tatton and granted a full university status by an Act of Parliament in 1987. Since the establishment of the University in 1987, we have grown to 46 Departments spread across 10 Faculties. Our current student population stands at 21,544 students pursuing various undergraduate, diploma, and postgraduate degree programmes across the faculties.



Egerton University prides itself in having national, regional and international collaborative research programmes with funding that support researchers and postgraduate training. Key among them include the Joint Degree programme in Limnology and Wetland Management (LWM) in Partnership with BOKU, Austria, Egerton University, Kenya and IHE-Delft, The Netherlands funded by Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) since 2012 under projects "Development of Educational and Research CAPacity in Eastern Africa for the Sustainable Management of AQUatic Ecosystems (CAPAQUA) and Education and Research Hubs for the Sustainable Management of Freshwater

Ecosystems in Eastern Africa (AQUAHUB). In addition, The Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union has funded the project "Strengthening Agri-Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement Training in East, West and North Africa (AgriEngage). Egerton University is a beneficiary of three projects as the lead institution and several others as a partner funded by Africa-UniNet.

The 2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly and the Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar at Egerton University gives a clear indication of our commitment to research collaborations. More than 130 participants from more than 75 different higher education and research institutions in 20 different countries have registered to participate. We are grateful for Africa-UniNet to choose Egerton University as the venue to convene this event focusing on strengthening ties between Austrian higher education institutions and research institutions in African countries. Additionally, the participants stand to benefit through expanding their networks, enhancing and strengthening existing partnerships in their areas of specialization.

I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable stay at Egerton University and Nakuru County!

Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer and Africa-UniNet Vice-President Nzula Kitaka

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Participants of the 2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly and the Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar,

When a group of scientists from 20 countries meet, we can expect a lot: exchange of thoughts and experiences, information, interesting and inspiring methodological, content-related and institutional approaches to create answers to burning scientific questions and, above all, the exploration of opportunities to establish new and sustainable academic cooperation. It is precisely for this

purpose that Africa-UniNet was initiated three years ago by the then Minister of Science and current President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, who also participates in our meeting.



Africa-UniNet is a platform for discussion and cooperation between universities and scientific institutions in Austria and in African countries. Africa-UniNet promotes academic partnerships by funding excellent research projects. Currently 40 cooperation projects are carried out by Africa-UniNet-members, the third call has been open since the beginning of September, around 20 further projects will emerge from this. Africa-UniNet enables continuous scientific communication and cooperation, also as possible prerequisite for participation in other programmes, such as Erasmus+, which will be presented and discussed in detail at this event. We are also happy about the participation of alumni of two important programmes, financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation – APPEAR – the Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development – and LWM – International Joint Master in Limnology & Wetland Management – Alumni play a significant role in the initiation of project cooperation and in the creative implementation of further excellent research.

We are currently in multiple local and global crises. The economic, political, social upheavals are so dramatic that we fear a global instability and insecurity not seen since the end of the Second World War. In addition to the dramatic, all over the world noticeable consequences of man-made climate change, and the societal consequences of the COVID-19 crises we can currently count 29 wars, one of them brutally carried out in Austria's neighbourhood since 24 Feb. 2022. The Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, which hardly anyone thought would be possible, deeply shocks. This unbelievable brutal and seemingly anachronistic war has so far not only cost the lives of tens thousands of people, but also has massively damaged the networked structures of the global economy. This is a wake up to all of us in this meeting on how to re-engineer the global economy and more so through networking in collaborative research, the key pillar of Africa-UniNet.

The economies are currently eroding at a breathtaking pace, not only because of the sanctions against Russia, but mainly because of the artificially generated energy shortages, supply chain bottlenecks and the resulting price increases – in particular for goods of daily use. In addition to inflation rates not seen in decades these multiple crises lead to excessive food price increases and food shortages, which also affect African countries in particular and widen the gap between rich and poor. After a brief decline in absolute global poverty in the years before the COVID-19 crisis a huge increase is expected in 2022. A billion people are already in danger of slipping into absolute poverty, accompanied by suffering and hunger.



Africa-UniNet Board 2020-2023: C. Anieke (Godfrey Okoye University), H. Hasenauer (BOKU), N. Kitaka (Egerton University), A. Bockreis (Univ. of Innsbruck), Z. Mabeyo (Institute of Social Work), B. Gebrewold (MCI Innsbruck).

The activities and projects of Africa-UniNet and Erasmus+ are thematically committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Our response to the uncertain, unstable, dangerous global situation as responsible scientists and colleagues must be: cooperation instead of conflict, evidence-based knowledge production instead of ideology, participation instead of dividing nationalism, responsibility for each other instead of unilateral interests, democracy instead of

autocracy, armament and war. We must not be discouraged by the multiple crises. We have to face the challenges: poverty and violence are consequences of wrong developments. In order to correct this, cooperative networks are required that promote sustainable developments with all their might. More than ever before, we are called upon to think, to research and to act together, more than ever before we are called upon to create an innovative, sustainable future – so that peace, freedom, democracy and a life of human dignity can be realized for all.

With this in mind, we wish this event every success – inspiring encounters and discussions. We are pleased that after several postponements due to COVID-19 the Africa-UniNet General Assembly in combination with the Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar can take place and we are pleased to warmly welcome the participants. Finally, we would like to thank the team from Egerton University and the OeAD team for organising the event and, of course, especially the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria, whose funding enables the innovative and trendsetting platform Africa-UniNet.

Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

as managing director of the OeAD – Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation – I am pleased to welcome you to this event. More than 90 participants from 19 African countries and approximately 40 participants from Austria have registered to discuss scientific and institutional questions and to discuss possibilities for further cooperation – both on the basis of the Africa-UniNet network and as part of a possible participation in Erasmus+. For me, the disciplinary diversity and the broad spectrum of the participating institutions from the following countries is fascinating: Burkina Faso, Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. From all these African countries we welcome representatives of academic institutions who represent the scientific competence and expertise of their organisations and have a deepened interest in cross-national and interdisciplinary scientific cooperation.



The challenges we face as societies oblige us to this kind of cross-national collaboration. Every regional or local problem has a global dimension and can no longer be thought of and researched separately from each other. The Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations offer a suitable contextual framework and define targets to which Africa-UniNet also feels committed.

Africa-UniNet is at its core a network that also contains a limited amount of funding for academic mobilities provided by the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research. However, more funds are available in different other funding schemes, among them the Horizon Europe scheme of the European Union or the APPEAR programme of the Austrian Development Agency. Erasmus+ also provides funds for international collaboration. This is why the OeAD will host an Erasmus+ cooperation seminar at the same time as the general assembly of the network takes place. Let us make use of the network to acquire Erasmus+ project funding for future activities!

With this in mind, I wish you, I wish all of us, an inspiring event that will contribute to many new creative ideas and plans.

Programme

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Sunday, 16 October 2022

Room: PST, Hallway in front of Lecture Theatre 1

17:00-19:00 **Early bird registration**
Set up of poster presentations

Monday, 17 October 2022

Room: PST, Hallway in front of Lecture Theatre 1

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration & coffee**
Set up of poster presentations

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Moderator: Nzula Kitaka, Vice-President of Africa-UniNet, Egerton University

10:00 **Opening remarks**
Isaac Ongubo Kibwage, Vice-Chancellor, Egerton University
Martin Polaschek, Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research
(video message)
Christian Fellner, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Kenya
Hubert Hasenauer, President of Africa-UniNet, BOKU
Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD

10:30 **Keynote address: African Universities and the new dynamics in internationalisation: Building capacities for strategic responses and resilience**
James Otieno Jowi, African Network for Internationalisation of Education-ANIE / East African Community-EAC

11:00 **Keynote address: International cooperation in research and higher education – Why, how and to what end?**
Stefanie Lemke, BOKU

11:30 – 12:00 **Press conference**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**

Poster presentations: Several posters of Africa-UniNet projects (1st Call) are displayed in the hallway of the Physical Science Complex. You are invited to study them, engage in discussions or leave notes to the authors. The authors of the posters are asked to be available at the site of their poster during the refreshment breaks as noted in the timetable. <https://africa-uninet.at/en/projects>

Internet access: To access the internet, please get the login credentials at the registration desk.

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Moderator: Gerhard Volz, OeAD

13:00 – 13:15 **Introduction and outline of the programme** by Gerhard Volz, OeAD

13:15 – 15:15 **Africa-UniNet | Introductory session**
Introduction of Africa-UniNet representatives
Overview and status quo
Africa-UniNet project presentations
Tour of poster presentations with authors present at posters

15:15 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Moderator: Gerhard Volz, OeAD

16:00 – 16:15 **Economic ties between Eastern Africa and Austria**
Edith Predorf, Commercial Counsellor of Austria in Eastern Africa

16:15 – 18:00 **Erasmus+ | Introductory session**
Overview of Erasmus+ collaboration and funding opportunities
Introduction of Erasmus+ representatives

Venue: ARC Hotel

19:00 – 21:00 **Address by the Austrian Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Kenya, Christian Fellner, followed by an Ambassador's Dinner courtesy of the Austrian Embassy**

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

Programme start for all participants at 09:00

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening and introduction** by Andreas Obrecht, Africa-UniNet Office, OeAD

After the opening, there will be two parallel sessions:

Tuesday, 18 October	Africa-UniNet General Assembly for Africa-UniNet Representatives	Erasmus+ participants from Africa and Austria (Alumni may participate)
Morning	09:15 – 13:00 <i>Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1</i> Africa-UniNet General Assembly – decisions and resolutions	09:15 – 13:00 <i>Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 3</i> Session, guided tour of Egerton University campus

Africa-UniNet General Assembly for Africa-UniNet Representatives

09:15 – 13:00

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Chair and co-chair: Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU) and Africa-UniNet Vice-President Nzula Kitaka (Egerton University)

According to the Africa-UniNet statutes, the General Assembly has a quorum if the President or the Vice-President and at least 50% of the members entitled to vote are present (physically or virtually via internet/video). All members who have paid their membership fee in the respective year are entitled to participate and vote.

09:15 – 09:30 **Opening remarks** by Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer, BOKU, and Vice-President Nzula Kitaka, Egerton University

Moderator: Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer, BOKU

09:30 – 10:00 **Presentation and official acceptance of new member institutions**

10:00 – 11:00 **Election of Country Representatives** (as of February 2023)

Election of Board (as of February 2023)

Election of President and Vice-President (as of February 2023)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

Moderators: Africa-UniNet Board

11:30 – 13:00 **Strategic discussion and way forward**

Programme for participants interested in Erasmus+ activities from African countries and Austria

09:15 – 13:00 (Alumni and students are invited to join)

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 3

Moderator: Gerhard Volz, OeAD

09:15 – 09:30 **Introduction** by Gerhard Volz, OeAD

09:30 – 11:00 **The Kenyan higher education system**
Commission for University Education

The Austrian higher education system
Representative from OeAD

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Guided tour of Egerton University Campus**

Programme for all participants starting from 13:00

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Moderator: Gerhard Volz, OeAD

14:00 – 15:30 **Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar**

Presentations of participating universities and matchmaking sessions

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break | authors present at poster presentations**

16:00 – 17:30 **Panel discussion: International cooperation in research and higher education in practice – lessons learned, good practice and way forward**

Christian Anieke, Godfrey Okoye University / Nzula Kitaka, Egerton University / Zena Mabeyo, Institute of Social Work / Helmut Spitzer, Carinthia University of Applied Science / Gerold Winkler, BOKU

Moderator: Michael Hauser, ICRISAT, BOKU

Venue: Lord Egerton Castle

19:00 – 21:00 **Address by Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer and Eva Schulev-Steindl, Rector of BOKU, short panel discussion on Austrian-African cooperation in the framework of the 150th anniversary of BOKU, followed by a reception**

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Room: PST, Lecture Theatre 1

Moderator: Anke Bockreis, University of Innsbruck

9:30 – 11:00 **Austrian-African cooperation: experiences, impact and future**

Tadesse Fetahi Hailu, Addis Ababa University
Peter Mayr, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg
Jane Misihairabgwi, University of Namibia
Luke Olang, Technical University of Kenya
Adama Oueda, University of Ouahigouya
Moderator: Margarita Langthaler, ÖFSE

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 **Wrap up and closing remarks**

Jakob Calice, Managing Director, OeAD
Nzula Kitaka, Vice-President of Africa-UniNet, Egerton University
Hubert Hasenauer, President of Africa-UniNet, BOKU

12:00 – 12:30 **Vote of thanks by Egerton University**

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Planning and Development

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 End of official programme

Optional leisure programme

In case you would like to take the opportunity to explore the beauty of Kenya, the following leisure activities can be booked at your own costs. Please make sure to register for the trips and to book your accommodation accordingly. Please contact the tour operator for details or ask at the registration desk.

The tours are organised by:

Bonfire Adventures & Events Ltd

Email: trips@bonfireadventures.com

Mobile: +254 703 554 158

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Option 1:

14:00 – 18:00 **Nakuru National Park**

Option 2:

14:00 – 18:00 **Menengai Crater**

The bus leaves at 14:00 from Egerton University and returns to Egerton University/Nakuru at 18:00.

Thursday, 20 October 2022

Option 3:

08:00-19:00 **Hells Gate National Park, continue to Nairobi JKIA and CBD**

The bus leaves at 08:00 from Egerton University and continues to Nairobi JKIA (estimated arrival at 19:00). The bus will not return to Egerton University.

Option 4:

08:00-19:00 **Lake Naivasha, continue to Nairobi JKIA and CBD**

The bus leaves at 08:00 from Egerton University and continues to Nairobi JKIA (estimated arrival at 19:00). The bus will not return to Egerton University.

Travel information

Shuttle service will be organized by Egerton University. Please ensure that you have registered to use this service.

Conference bus shuttle

During the event Egerton University will organize shuttles from The Alps Hotel to Egerton University and back. Departure times will be available at the hotel reception and the registration desk.

Departure

Shuttles departing from ARC Hotel to Nairobi JKIA and Nairobi CBD:

- Wednesday, 19 October | 14:00
Estimated arrival 19:00
- Thursday, 20 October | 09:00
Estimated arrival 14:00

Please make sure to register for the shuttles. In case of questions or change of travel plans, please contact the registration desk.

If you would like to book individual transfer at your own costs, please contact the registration desk.

Emergency numbers

In cases of emergency, please contact
Priscilla Muriithi: +254 711 220 000
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Keynote address

African universities and the new dynamics in internationalisation: Building capacities for strategic responses and resilience

James Otieno Jowi, African Network for Internationalisation of Education (ANIE) / East African Community (EAC)

Internationalisation is one of the main agents of change and transformations in higher education globally and more so in Africa. With the growth of the global knowledge society, research and knowledge creation have become key for societal advancement. This puts the role of universities even more central in society. Compared to other world regions, African universities face myriad challenges which stifle their effective participation in the knowledge society and their capacity to address the challenges of their societies. Internationalisation has over the years become one key means of enhancing institutional capacities for research and responsiveness to societal needs. African universities have however engaged in internationalisation from a position characterized by several weaknesses and challenges. This requires that they develop and embrace strategic approaches that could enable them to make the best out of their internationalisation endeavours while at the same time minimize the attendant risks and challenges. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has ensued further challenges to African universities including to their internationalisation efforts. At the same time, it has brought forth several opportunities that, if well utilized, could lead to lasting transformations in African universities including on internationalisation in Africa. This paper will explore the contemporary developments in internationalisation in Africa including the challenges, opportunities, risks and the gains made so far. It will further delve into the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on internationalisation in Africa and make some projections on what this could portend for the future of internationalisation in Africa. The presentation draws insights from institutional, national, regional and even global developments on these dynamics. It concludes by advancing some proposals on some strategic approaches that African universities could deploy to build their resilience for the future.

About James Otieno Jowi:

James Otieno Jowi is the Principal Education Officer at the East African Community (EAC) where he coordinates the development and implementation of regional education programs. He is also currently the Acting Executive Secretary of the East African Kiswahili Commission. As Principal Education Officer at EAC, he is responsible for Harmonization of Education Systems of EAC, Mutual Recognition Agreements, EAC Centres of Excellence, TVET Harmonization among others. He is the founding Executive Director of the African Network for Internationalisation of Education (ANIE). He is currently a member of the ANIE Board and chairs the research committee. He holds a PhD from the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), University of Twente, Netherlands; a Masters in Comparative & International Education, University of Oslo, Norway; a Master of Linguistics & Bachelor of Education from Moi University, Kenya. Before joining the EAC, he was a Senior Lecturer at the School of Education, Moi University, Kenya. He has won several research grants, led various multicounty education and research projects and established/participated in several research networks. He has published extensively on higher education in Africa, especially on internationalisation, governance and leadership. Dr. Jowi also sits in the boards of several international organisations including the Advisory Board of the Austrian Partnership Program in Higher Education and Research for Development (APPEAR).



East African Community
One People, One Destiny

International cooperation in research and higher education – Why, how and to what end?

Stefanie Lemke, Institute for Development Research (IDR), University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna

International cooperation in research and higher education is key for addressing the global challenges we are facing: the climate crisis, increasing conflicts about access to natural resources, chronic and acute food and nutrition insecurity, fuelled by the Ukraine war and other conflicts.

The keynote will introduce the Institute for Development Research (IDR), with the three thematic areas food sovereignty, analysis of socio-ecological systems and transformative learning, which are closely intertwined. The IDR, together with a wider community of partners united in the Cluster for Development Research (CDR) at BOKU, which is coordinated by the IDR, works for achieving a transition towards ecological, economic and social sustainability in the Global South and the Global North, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (SDGs). We apply transdisciplinary, participatory research approaches and innovative co-learning formats that bridge the divide between academic and non-academic actors, and that allow to co-develop research aims, methodologies, research processes and outcomes that have societal impact. We adopt gender-transformative, intersectional, rights-based and inclusive approaches in research, and in educational and capacity-building activities, for example, PhD and MSc training and curriculum development.

The presentation will highlight selected participatory action research projects conducted in collaboration with academic partners, civil society organisations and community-based actors. One example is the participatory action research project Women's Communal Land Rights (WCLR), a collaboration between Coventry University, UK, BOKU, Austria, and four farmer and pastoralist organisations in West and East Africa. Another participatory action research project that was initiated by FACT - Food Agency Cape Town is on governance of urban food systems and food justice in Cape Town, South Africa, in collaboration with TMG Research ThinkTank, Berlin, Heinrich Boell Foundation Cape Town and other partners. Both projects demonstrate how research foci and research processes are driven by local actors, based on what they define as relevant, and the role that we as academic partners can play in accompanying these transformation processes.

The presentation will also provide examples from ongoing projects among African and Austrian partners in higher education and capacity building, illustrating how partners involved benefit from shared expertise and co-learning in particular contexts.

About Stefanie Lemke:

Stefanie Lemke joined the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, as Professor and Head of the Institute for Development Research in April 2021. Previously she was Associate Professor at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University, UK (2015-2021), Acting Chair (2013-2015) and Senior Research Fellow (2008-2012) at the Department Gender and Nutrition, University of Hohenheim, Germany; Senior Research Fellow and German Research Foundation Fellow with the Center for International Development and Environmental Research, Justus-Liebig University of Giessen, Germany (2003-2008); and Visiting Senior Research Fellow at



the Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research and at the Department of Social Anthropology, North West University, South Africa (2003-2008), where she also conducted research for her PhD (1997-2000), within the THUSA study (Transition and Health during Urbanisation in South Africa) at the Nutrition Department.

Stefanie's work lies at the intersection of nutrition and social sciences. Her research experience spans more than 20 years, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. She applies gender-transformative, rights-based, participatory and transdisciplinary approaches, collaborating with international academic partners, civil society organisations and other local actors in the co-conceptualisation of research and teaching. Areas of work: food and nutrition security, the human right to adequate food and nutrition, sustainable livelihood approaches, sustainable food systems, gender, intersectionality, women's rights, governance of natural resources. Besides academia Stefanie has worked as a consultant for various civil service organizations, in the fields of nutrition counselling, consumer protection, and livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

Stefanie is Associate Editor, Political Ecology, Frontiers, and Co-editor of two Special Issues in Frontiers, Section Sustainable Food Systems: "Women's Communal Land Rights" (completed March 2022) and "Participatory Action Research during COVID-19 and beyond" (shortly before completion). She has served as reviewer for Human Ecology, Public Health Nutrition, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Sustainability, Agriculture & Human Values, Agronomy, Food & Nutrition Bulletin, Food Security, Maternal & Child Nutrition, Social Science & Medicine, Land Use Policy, South African Geographical Journal. She further conducted reviews of research proposals for various funding bodies, including GCRF/BBSRC UK, BMBF Germany, AHRC UK, Federal Office of Agriculture and Nutrition (BLE) Germany, Wellcome Trust UK, ESRC UK, National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa.

COVID-19 precautions

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections during the meeting, we kindly ask you to follow these regulations:

- COVID-19 antigen or PCR test before departure is recommended.
- Face masks must be worn during the event inside meeting rooms, except for speakers. Please bring your own mask – we recommend the use of FFP2 masks.
- Hand sanitizing before entering the meeting room is provided.
- In case of symptoms antigen test must be conducted. Antigen test kits will be available at the registration desk.
- Whoever tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate themselves in their room or in hospital, depending on the severity of the illness.
- Please take pharmaceuticals / medicine according to your personal requirements with you.
- In case you booked your flights privately, we recommend travel insurance and travel cancellation expenses insurance.
- We recommend all participants from Austria to register their trip with the Austrian Ministry of European and International Affairs:
<https://auslandsregistrierung.bmeia.gv.at>

About this event

Africa-UniNet and Erasmus+ – together with APPEAR and Cooperation Development Research – share the objective to strengthen the ties between Austrian higher education institutions and research institutions in countries in Africa. They are designed to foster new contacts, but also enhance and strengthen existing partnerships in the field of higher education and research. Furthermore, LWM represents a strong HEI partnership between Austria and Kenyan / Ethiopian / Ugandan HEIs in the form of research collaboration and a joint master's programme. It is one of the longest-standing programmes financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation, which also finances the APPEAR programme. Africa-UniNet and Cooperation Development Research are funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), while Erasmus+ is the flagship programme for educational cooperation of the European Union.

Despite different sources of funding, all programmes strengthen the ties between HEIs and research institutions in Austria and in African countries and aim at substantially contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They provide funding opportunities for student and staff mobility, for research cooperation, joint proposal writing, as well as for collaboration that strategically strengthens research and higher education at the participating institutions. As such, all of these initiatives offer a set of networking and funding possibilities that largely target the same audience: academics in Austria and in countries in Africa, who are interested in and committed to collaborating in higher education and research.



The current meeting combines two major events:

- The 2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly, which brings together all member institutions of Africa-UniNet and enhances the visibility of current Africa-UniNet projects <https://africa-uninet.at/en/>
- An Erasmus+ Cooperation Seminar enabling networking between Austrian and African higher education institutions in view of Erasmus+ funding: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

In addition, APPEAR and LWM Alumni are invited to share their experiences, to provide insights into the long-term effect of their collaborations and to enable future networking.

Africa-UniNet, Erasmus+, APPEAR and Cooperation Development Research are implemented by OeAD – Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation. OeAD supports people in continuously expanding the necessary skills for a self-determined life in a digitised and globalised world and in working together – across borders – in science and education. Whether kindergarten, schools, higher education institutions and science, vocational education and training or adult education: the OeAD supports educational institutions in imparting the skills for the digital age – problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and collaboration and creativity.



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The Austrian-African Research Network (Africa-UniNet) was initiated and is funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF). It was launched by Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD-GmbH) and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) and started its work in 2020. Africa-UniNet aims to create a long-term, stable basis for cooperation between Austrian and African universities and research institutions. It intends to promote new contacts, deepen scientific cooperation and provide excellent opportunities for innovative joint research projects.

As of 2022, Africa-UniNet finances 40 international research cooperation projects between Austrian and African member institutions. The projects comprise partnerships with higher education and research institutions across Austria and in 14 different countries in Africa: Burkina Faso, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. More than half of the projects are coordinated by the African partner institutions. The research topics vary and encompass more than 100 different science sectors. All of the projects set out to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Africa-UniNet currently has 66 active member institutions. 24 of them are located in Austria, 42 are located in 17 different countries in Africa: Burkina Faso, Burundi, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, São Tomé and Príncipe, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. All higher education and research institutions in Austria and in all countries of the African continent may become member.

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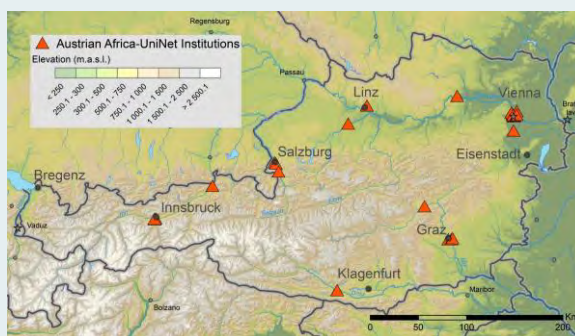
The third Africa-UniNet Call is open from 1 September 2022 – 30 November 2022. All active Africa-UniNet member institutions are eligible to apply for funding.

New members, whose membership documents are complete, will officially be admitted, after formal consideration and on the proposal of the Africa-UniNet Board, by the Africa-UniNet General Assembly. Membership fees amount to 500 euros for African member institutions and 1.500 euros for Austrian member institutions.

Africa-UniNet member institutions (as of 30 Sep 2022)

Austria

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Erasmus+

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It has an estimated budget of 26.2 billion euros, complemented by some 2.2 billion euros for global activities. The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life. It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. Erasmus+ offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in:

- higher education
- vocational education and training
- school education (including early childhood education and care)
- adult education
- youth and sport



A strategic funding focus in the new programme period of Erasmus+ (2021-2027) will be on sub-Saharan Africa. The countries of the sub-Saharan region are becoming increasingly important for European policies and also for Austria. Funding programmes are massively increased to strengthen inter-continental cooperation – a development that should be carefully noted by higher education institutions.

While in the last programme period of Erasmus+ (2014–2020) around 7% of the budget from external funds was reserved for sub-Saharan Africa, up to 23% of international funds will be available for this region in the new phase that runs until 2027. The aim is to increase annual mobility flows between Europe and Africa from around 16,000 to 105,000 by 2027.

This prioritisation will now have an impact on the distribution of funds in the new programme period of Erasmus+. Most of the international measures of Erasmus+ will start in 2022 and the measures will be financed by external funds ('Heading 6'). Around 87% of the 2.2 billion euros planned for this purpose are reserved for higher education. In the area of Erasmus+ International Mobility (KA171) sub-Saharan Africa is the most highly funded region with half a billion euros – around a quarter of all funds.

In addition to Erasmus+ mobility the European Commission will also provide special support for capacity building in higher education. 160 million euros will be reserved for sub-Saharan countries. In the past six years there have already been four projects involving Austrian and sub-Saharan higher education institutions.

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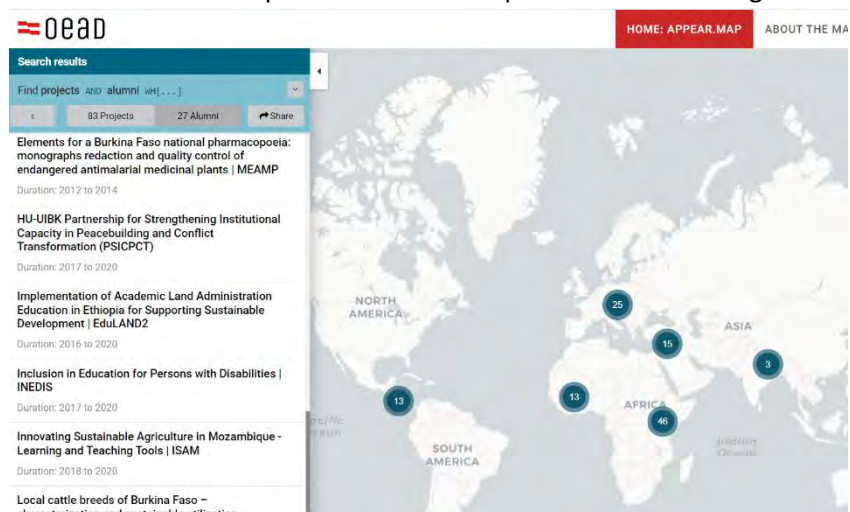
Another funding scheme is Erasmus Mundus. Here, higher education institutions from Africa cannot only participate in the consortium on an equal footing under the new Erasmus+ programme but also assume the coordination of an Erasmus+ master's degree course. Students from the region can apply for a full-time scholarship – just like students from all over the world.

APPEAR

www.appear.at

The Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development (APPEAR) is a programme of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) and is implemented by OeAD. APPEAR contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Its overall objective is to strengthen the scientific foundation and institutional capacities in higher education, research and management in the partner countries through academic partnerships with Austrian higher education institutions and master's and PhD scholarships. Furthermore, APPEAR aims at increasing the commitment to international cooperation and development at Austrian higher education institutions.

APPEAR started in 2010, which marked the beginning of an intensive cooperation in research, teaching and management between Austrian higher education institutions, universities and scientific institutions in the priority countries of the Austrian Development Cooperation. Since the beginning of the programme, 43 Academic Partnerships in a total of 20 countries have been completed and more than 150 students from the partner countries have graduated with a master's or PhD degree from an Austrian university. The current programme phase of APPEAR III (2021-2027) has a total budget of 18 million euros. The next APPEAR call will open from 1 March 2023 – 31 May 2023. Priority countries in Africa are Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Uganda.



Cooperation Development Research

www.oead.at/koef

Cooperation Development Research is financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF). Its aim is to support application-oriented cooperation projects between Austrian higher education institutions / research institutions and institutions in low-income countries in order to contribute to analysing and solving local challenges as well as to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The programme currently finances 25 projects. The third call for funding is open from 1 September – 30 November 2022. Cooperation Development Research is implemented by OeAD.

LWM

<https://www.egerton.ac.ke/university-news/joint-degree-master-programme-in-limnology-and-wetland-management>

LWM – International Joint Master in Limnology & Wetland Management – is a joint degree master programme of BOKU, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands and Egerton University, Kenya. The MSc degree is awarded as joint degree from all three partner universities and the academic credits are awarded according to the ECTS.



The LWM Master programme is designed for scientists, technologists, engineers, conservationists and environmental managers who have professional interest in aquatic ecosystem research and management. Provided are knowledge and skills to address environmental problems and to interact with stakeholders, managers and policy makers for appropriate management solutions. Graduates are qualified to investigate, monitor and manage aquatic ecosystems by integrating ecological, technical and socio-economic knowledge and skills.

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ARC Hotel is located on Egerton University campus and is within walking distance of the conference venue.



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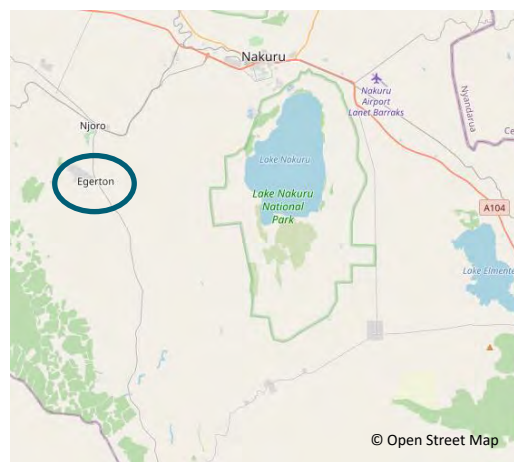
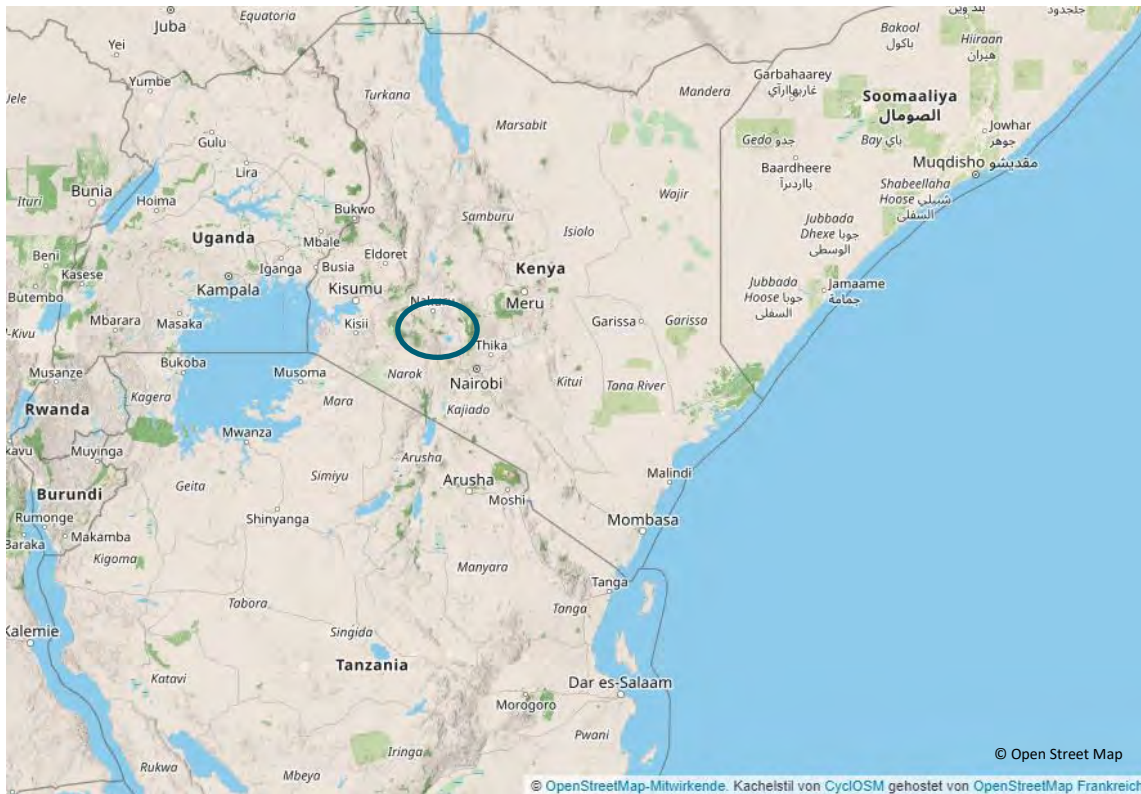
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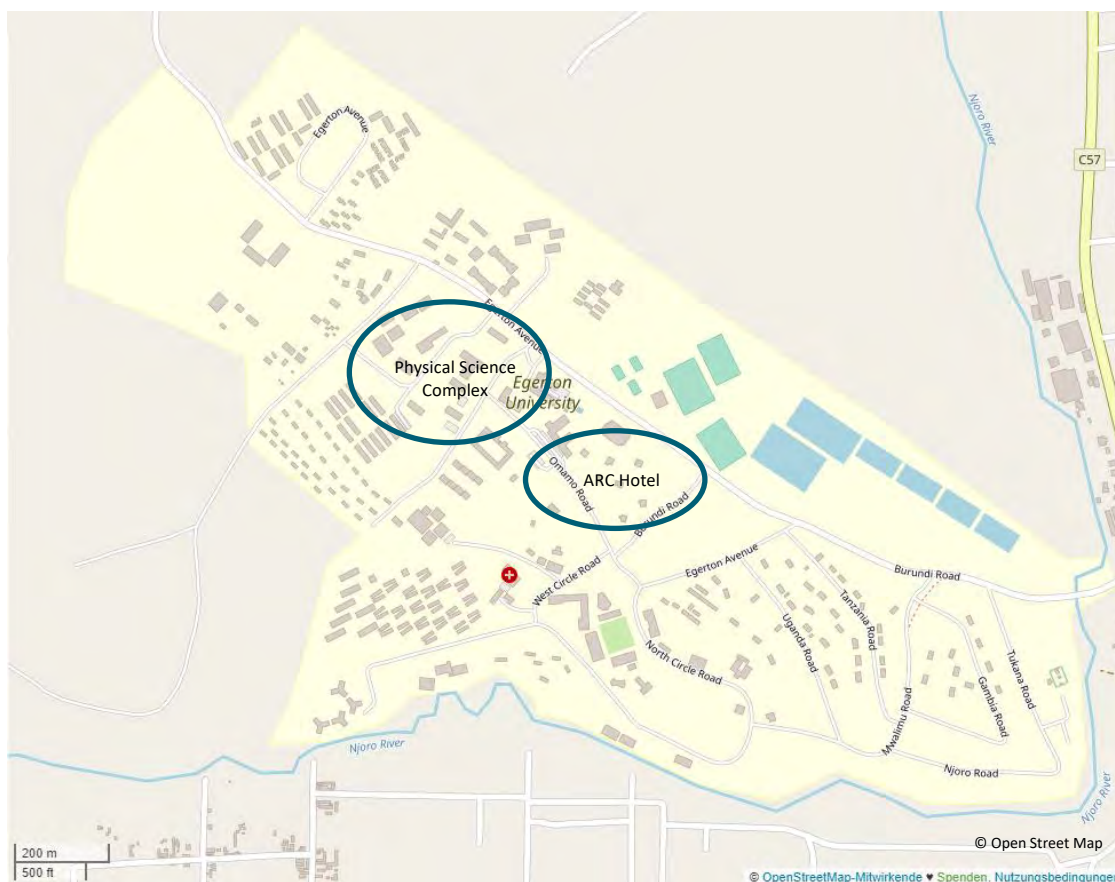
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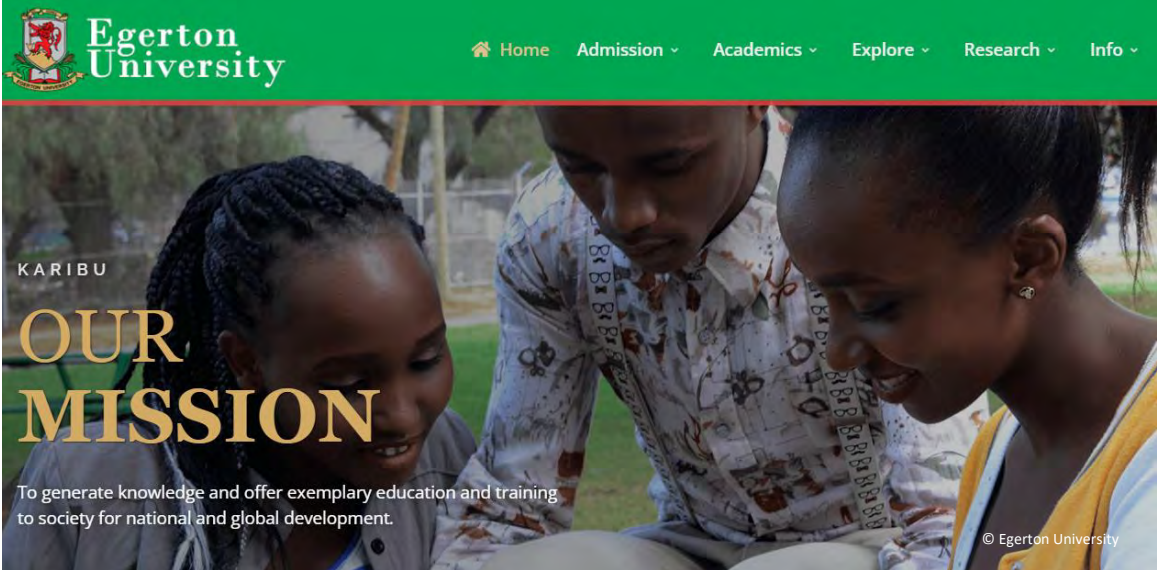
Egerton University can be traced back to the year 1939 when Lord Maurice Egerton of Tatton founded a farm school, which makes Egerton University the oldest of its kind in Kenya. The school was upgraded to an Agricultural College in 1950 and after a brief intermezzo as part of the University of Nairobi in 1986 it became its own public university in 1987.

Today, Egerton University is home to about 18,000 undergraduate and 560 postgraduate students, as well as almost 600 academic and 1,350 non-academic staff members, and continually tops Kenyan rankings of academic excellence.¹

Egerton University includes three campuses, the main campus is located in Njoro, 25 kilometres southwest of Nakuru. The vast campus offers all kind of facilities students, staff, and visitors may need. Restaurants, cafeterias, groceries, and shops are spread all over the campus. An office of the Kenya commercial bank including a cash dispenser is situated on Omamo road opposite to the ARC Hotel. West Circle Road houses a chemist's and Benmac Hospital is in immediate proximity to the university's main gate.²

¹ <https://www.egerton.ac.ke/about-egerton-university/about-us/our-profile>

² <https://www.egerton.ac.ke/location-directions>



About Nakuru

The city of Nakuru is located in Nakuru County, about 160km North-West of Nairobi. The area has been inhabited since prehistoric times, as is evident from archaeological discoveries in vicinity to today’s city centre. British colonialists established Nakuru as a settlement in the “White Highlands”. Now, Nakuru is among the largest urban centres and home to more than 570,000 people. At an elevation of 1860m above sea level, the climate in Nakuru is temperate, with a rainy season usually from March to May.³

Places of interest



You can visit the Hyrax Hill Museum to the North of Nakuru where archaeological excavations from prehistoric Eastern Africa are at display.⁴

Moreover, Lord Egerton Castle, which was built by Lord Maurice Egerton for his own purposes, is managed by the Egerton University up to this day.⁵ Lord Egerton Castle will open its majestic doors and host the reception on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of BOKU.

Directly adjacent to the fast-growing city – in parts even within the city borders – is Lake Nakuru National park. It is renowned for its vast colonies of flamingos, which each year draw birdwatchers from all over the world to the vantage point from Baboon Cliff for the ideal view on the spectacular pink formations covering the lake. The area of 188 square kilometres is for the sake of protection

³ <https://nakuru.go.ke/history-of-nakuru/>

⁴ <https://nakuru.co.ke/listing/hyrax-hill-museum-nakuru/>

⁵ <https://arc.egerton.ac.ke/about/castle>

against poaches enclosed by an electric fence and is also home to a wide variety of endangered wildlife including hippos, black and white rhinos, buffaloes, lions, leopards, and the rare Rothschild giraffe.⁶

Also close to Nakuru is the Menengai Crater, one of the largest calderas in the world and at a height of close to 2,500 metres shows a breath-taking view over the valley. As the place of an ancient battlefield, it is also of great spiritual importance for the region.⁷



South of Nakuru and located in the Great Rift Valley is the impressive Hell's Gate National Park that is known for its rugged and cleft landscapes. In prehistoric times, parts of the national park were a large lake, shaping the landscape to its cleft form. Within Hell's Gate is home to a variety of wildlife, being an important retreat for rare lammergeyer vultures.⁸

Another place of interest in Nakuru county is Lake Naivasha, a freshwater lake at the highest elevation of the Kenyan Rift valley. Lake Naivasha is the natural habitat of a myriad of birds and large populations of hippos can be spotted there. Besides its compelling wildlife activities, the highly complex composition out of volcanic rocks and other sediments makes Lake Naivasha of high interest for geologically interested visitors⁹.



⁶ <http://www.kws.go.ke/lake-nakuru-national-park>

⁷ <https://www.kenyasafari.com/menengai-crater.html>

⁸ <http://www.kws.go.ke/content/hells-gate-national-park>

⁹ <https://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/1345/>

Participants

More than 130 participants from more than 75 different higher education and research institutions in 20 different countries registered for this event:

Austria	Ghana	Rwanda
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Burundi	Lesotho	South Africa
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