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## INSTITUTIONALIZING EXTENSIONAFRICA

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1. Task to be performed by Extension Africa cannot be accomplished by sitting in an ivory tower; you must be in the field

## FIELD ACTIVITIES EXTEN

- 1. Get people excited: Government & NGO officials, etc.
- 2. Recruit a national counterpart
- 3. From office visits to a planning workshop
- 4. Let people take ownership
- 5. Demand accountability/transparency
- 6. Show that you are different. If you don't give bribe people won't demand it.

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- 4. Help prepare a concept note for funding
- 5. Assist government secure funding
- The extension department can lead the fight.
- 7. Get universities excited about the postgraduate C4D curriculum.
- 8. Establish and run the C4D centers.

# EXTENSIONAFRICA – PROJECT STRATEGY

- 1. Develop concept note.
- 2. Project formulation.
- 3. Solicit funding: Government or donor
- 4. Recruit project team from national staff.
- 5. Media staff are your friends.
- 6. Help leaders do their work.
- 7. You can't be perfect all the time just be good most of the time.

#### **MAJOR PROJECT COST ITEMS**

- International adviser for 2-3 years
- Recruit and train national counterpart(s)
- Multimedia and print equipment
- Multimedia/print supplies
- Establishing post-graduate program
- Year round field training
- Transportation and facilities
- Income generation strategies/start up cost.
- Finding committed partners.

# THANK YOU