

Overview

Centres of Excellence (CoEs) are physical or virtual centres of research which concentrate existing capacity and resources to enable researchers to collaborate across disciplines on long-term projects that are locally relevant and internationally competitive in order to enhance the pursuit of research excellence and high-level capacity development



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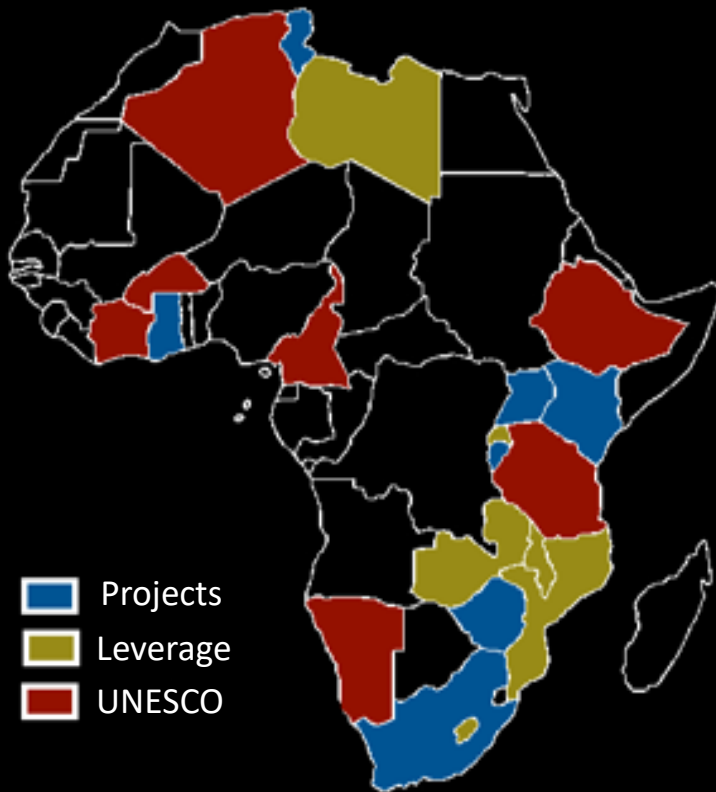
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African challenges



- Multi-level governance, development planning, public administration & political economy for local food systems
- Innovation for the production and utilisation of climate smart and regenerative indigenous African and other locally available foods
- Diets and food environments that provide quantity, quality, diversity and safety to reduce all forms of malnutrition
- Social protection for food and nutrition security and social justice
- Data science for precision public policy for food and nutrition security

Governance, Power & Public Engagement in Food Systems

- Strengthen a local governance approach for food and nutrition security while taking account of strategies being implemented at higher levels;
 - Improving the precision with which local government can intervene in the food system, both spatially and in terms of target groups and sectors;
 - Develop strategies for selecting successful local governance food security approaches for adoption for transference to provincial, national and regional implementation through knowledge brokerage;
 - Engage with national and regional policymakers through the implementation process of the integrated National Food and Nutrition Security Plan 2017-2022, the National Development Plan, and the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
 - Use a 'food systems' and 'place-based' approach to contribute to the dialogue on what form of food system best meets the triple burden of malnutrition for poor people in Southern African cities and towns in such a way that it benefits all stakeholders in the food system.
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- Project 1.1: Strengthening Local Food Governance (co-funder: W. Cape Gov; CIRAD)
 - Project 1.2: National Food Governance: National Knowledge Brokerage (co-funder CIRAD)
 - Project 1.3: Balanced, Safe, and Healthy Diets for the Urban Poor (co-funder LEAP-AGRI)
 - Project 1.4: A place-based approach in selected municipalities (co-funder LEAP-AGRI)
 - Project 1.5: Social protection for food security (co-funder FAO; Newton Fund)