

ACE PROJECTS

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1.0 OBJECTIVES

This presentation is to sensitize LMU researchers on the ACE Projects. It highlights the ACE I and II Projects and the yet-to-be-made-public announcement on ACE III Project. Finally, it implores LMU researchers to earnestly commence preparations for the submission of proposals for ACE III Project.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Definition

- ACE = Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence Project

ACE Projects are World Bank-funded projects for training and applied research in African universities.

- an optimal and cost-effective way to build and sustain excellence in higher education in Africa,
- they foster regional specialization, concentrate limited top-level faculty, and generate knowledge spillovers.

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2.2 Objectives of ACE Projects

- i. to support selected higher education institutions to promote regional specialization in areas that address regional challenges, and
- ii. to strengthen the capacities of these institutions to deliver quality training and applied research (in the selected areas).

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2.3 Thematic Areas

□ Agriculture

Need for highly-skilled agricultural scientists and researchers to drive economic growth and tackle food security challenges.

□ Health

Need for highly-skilled medical and health workers who will provide the healthcare that is critical to fuel development.

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2.3 Thematic Areas (continued)

□ **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Holds the potential to be absolutely transformative for Africa, because it can equip young people with critical knowledge and skills that are in short supply on the continent.

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2.4 ACE I

- The **ACE I Project** was competitively and transparently awarded to 22 Institutions in West and Central Africa in 2014.
- 10 out of the current 22 ACE I Institutions are located in Nigeria.
- Average value of an ACE I Award was \$7.0m (~~₦~~2.45bn @ \$1.00 = ~~₦~~350.00).

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2.4 ACE I (continued)

ACE I Universities in Nigeria

S/N	Host University	Acronym	Thematic Area
1	Redeemer's University, Ede	ACEGID	Health
2	Federal Univ. of Agric., Abeokuta	CEADESE	Agric.
3	Univ. of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	CEFOR	STEM
4	Bayero University, Kano	CDA	Agric.
5	University of Jos, Jos	ACEPRD	Health

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2.4 ACE I (continued)

ACE I Universities in Nigeria

S/N	Host University	Acronym	Thematic Area
6	Obafemi Awolowo Univ., Ile-Ife	OAK-Park	STEM
7	Pan African Univ. of Science & Tech., Abuja	PAMI	STEM
8	University of Benin, Benin-City	CERHI	Health
9	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	ACENTDFB	Health
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	CEFTEP	Agric.

Agric=30% Health=40% STEM=30%

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2.4 ACE I (continued)

Other countries hosting ACEs in West and Central Africa:

- Republique du Benin
- Burkina Fasso
- Cameroun
- Cote d'Ivoire (3)
- Ghana (3)
- Senegal (2)
- Togo

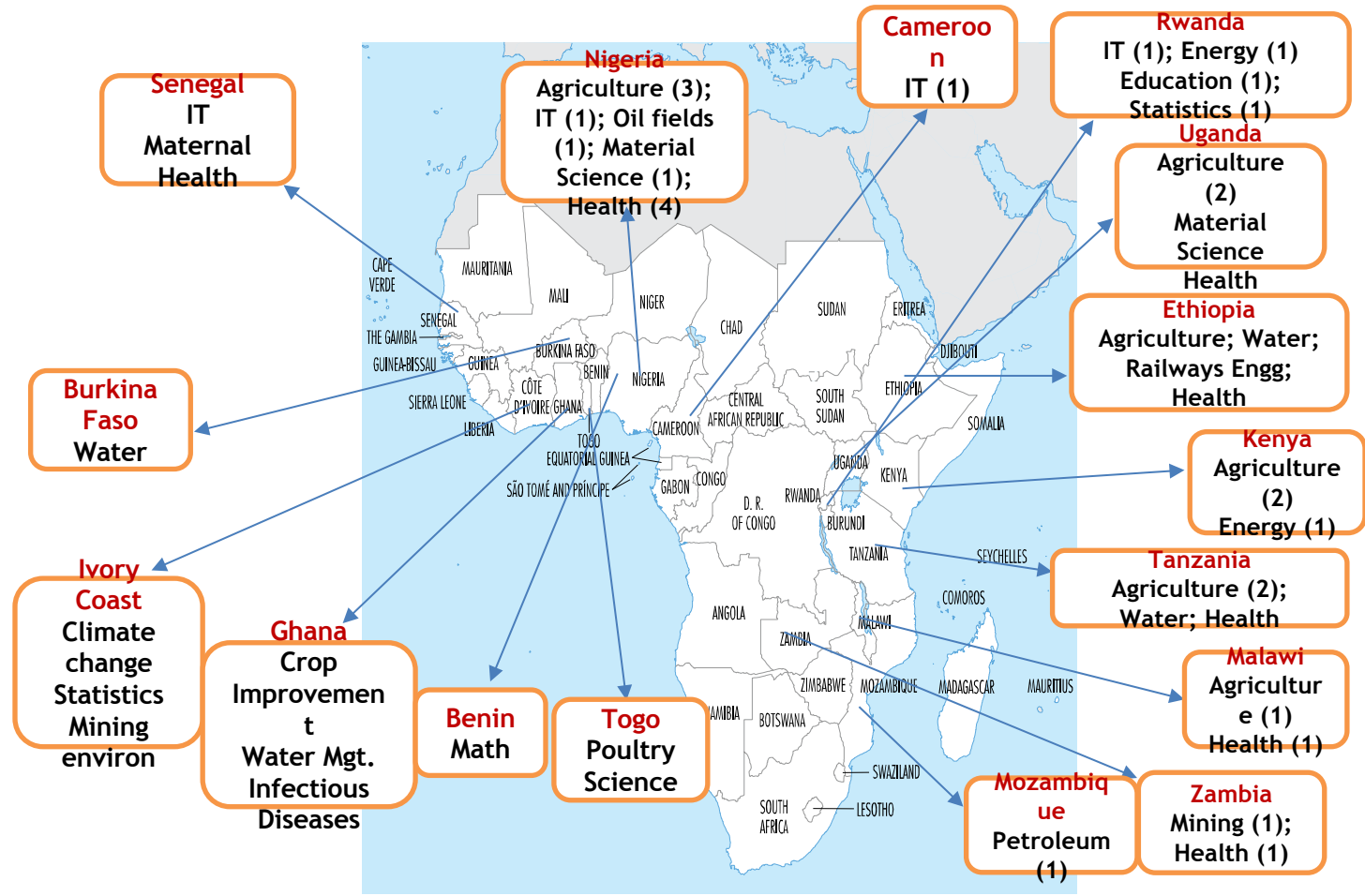
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2.5 ACE II

Based on the success of ACE I, the World Bank embarked on **ACE II Project for Eastern and South African countries in 2016**. Number of awards = 24.

Current Africa Centres of Excellence

Distribution by Country: 46 Centers in 16 Countries



3.0 ACE III

3.1 Preamble

- Based on the success of ACE II, the World Bank has decided to invite proposals for ACE III in April 2018.
- Decision was only made available to participants of the Joint 8th ACE I and 3rd ACE II Workshops in Accra, Ghana (6th-10th Nov., 2017) during the Closing Ceremony on 10th November, 2017.

3.0 ACE III

3.1 Preamble (continued)

- However, existing ACE Universities have already started making arrangements for proposal submissions. For example at OAU, we have decided to bid for the two available options.
- It is expected that there will be a deluge of applications for ACE III, so competition will be very keen.

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3.2 Scope

Two types of projects will be funded under ACE III, namely:

- i. Upgrade (of successful ACE I Projects)
- ii. New Proposals

3.3 Beneficiary Zone

West and Central African countries

3.0 ACE III

3.4 Timetable

- April 2018: Call for Proposals
- June 2018: Submission of Proposals
- August 2018: Selection of ACE III Institutions
- September 2018: Negotiations
- December 2018: Approval

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3.5 What Next?

RUN vs. LMU

S/N	Parameter	Redeemer's 2013/2014 Session	Landmark 2017/2018 Session
1	Establishment	2005 (8-year old)	2011 (7-year-old)
2	Type	Private	Private
3	Affiliation	RCCG	LFCW
4	Colleges	3	3
5	Undergraduate	26	23
6	Postgraduate	2013/2014 (8th yr.)	2017/2018 (7th yr.)

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3.6 The Way Forward

- LMU should **submit proposals for ACE III.**
- **Preparations for the submission of ACE III Proposals should start in earnest.**
- **Teams of Researchers should be formed now and commissioned to start writing proposals for review and shortlisting by the University Research Committee.**

4.0 WRAP-UP

- The ACE Projects I & II are World Bank-funded projects that were competitively and transparently awarded to African Universities in West and Central, and East and Southern Africa in 2014 and 2016 respectively, to promote regional specialization in areas that address regional challenges.

4.0 WRAP-UP

- ❑ Based on the success of ACE Projects I & II, the World Bank has decided to invite proposals for ACE III in April 2018.
- ❑ Even though the above information is not yet made public, existing ACE Universities are privy to it.
- ❑ Consequently, they have started to prepare!

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ LMU should **submit proposals for ACE III** in order to raise the bar of excellence in driving its agrarian revolution.
- ❑ **Preparations for the writing and submission should start in earnest.**
- ❑ Teams of Researchers should be formed now and commissioned to start writing proposals for **review and shortlisting by the University Research Committee.**

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

□ For further information please visit:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2014/04/15/world-bank-centers-excellence-science-technology-education-africa>

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