



THE AMAS PROJECT

How the AMAS Project Contributes to Innovation in Africa

Background

- **Project Span:** 60 Months: 01-11-2016 to 31-10-2021
- **Mobility:** Cohort-1 Feb2018; Cohort-2 Sep2018; Cohort-3 Sep2019
- **5 Partner Universities:** Moi, Kenya; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Abomey Calavi, Benin; Mohamed V Rabat, Morocco; Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique
- **1 Technical Partner University:** University of Bayreuth

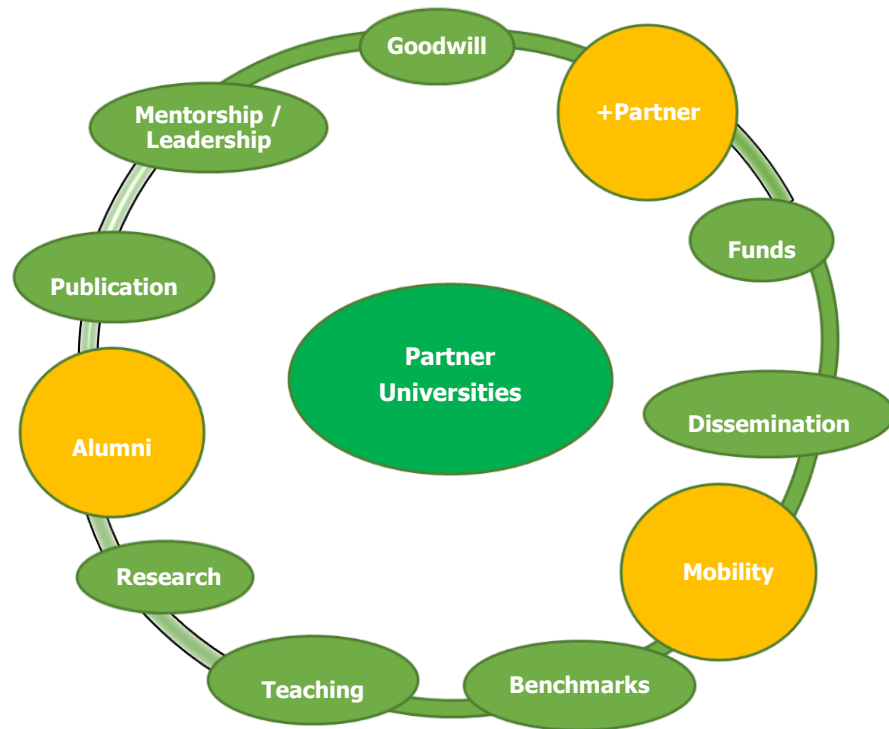
Our Theme: Social Sciences and Governance

- **Student's Mobility Programmes:**
 - ❖ **20 Master:** 10 Common Fields of Study (CFS) and 10 Special Benefits Programmes (SBP)
 - ❖ **18 Doctorate:** 9 Common Fields of Study and 9 Special Benefits Programmes

Mobility Flows and Targets:

- Cohort-1 mobility planned to start last week of February 2018
- Selection process is on going for award and reserve lists
- Applicants received for both Target-1 and 2, for ALL Partners
- Call for Cohort-2 plan for June 2018 and mobility in September 2018
- Call for 1st Staff mobility in April 2018 and mobility for June-Sep
- 47 Target-1; 18 Target-2; 15 Staff = 80 Mobilities overall

The AMAS Innovation Wheel



Projects' Potential to Contribute to Innovation in Africa

Core messages	Individual level	University level	Country level	Continental level
Innovative character	>AMAS Alumni networks of Cohorts >CFS (Common Fields of Study) and SBP (Special Benefits Programmes) in Social Sciences and Governance	>Constant emailing and WhatsApp exchanges >Intra-university committees and feedback meetings	>Building on existing partnerships e.g., BIGSAS >Networks to encapsule target-2 PUs >Planning meetings 2 already +1	>Disseminate the AMAS methodology and strategy >Share AMAS best practices >Learn from other projects
Novelties	>Robust research ideas & motivation essays >Student evaluations of programs and AMAS	>AMAS visibility strategy >Selection procedure: Committee, reviewers & score card >M&E of students and staff on mobility	Adopt from PUs	>Forge inter-projects networks
Innovative outputs (tools & methodologies)	>Design applied postgraduate research	>Committees and meetings strategy >Accustom QA tools to each PU	>AMAS communication strategy >Tracer studies for Alumni >MoUs to bind cooperation >Tool to assess the impact of AMAS	>Disseminate & share mobility processes and results for adoption by stakeholders (AU oriented)
Pioneering effects	>Exposure to vast opportunities >Show case for others >Leadership and Mentorship to upcoming mobility fellows	>Lead role for Faculties hosting social sciences and governance	Adopt from PUs	-----
More cooperation to widen the impact of the innovation	>Induction into existing partnerships >Alumni networks and activities	>Multi-transdisciplinary research and projects venture	>Joint publication of experiences and mobility outcomes >Joint research grants proposals >Joint ventures including supervision	-----

Project's Contribution to Innovation in Africa

How mobility will bring innovation to Africa?

- Set benchmarks for best academic mobility practices
- Dissemination and adoption of the AMAS model for future Intra-Africa collaboration
- Woo Target-2 Universities into Intra-Africa cooperation and networks



Innovation beyond the project

- Enhance academic and research collaboration within present networks
- Joint grants writing
- Joint publication
- Create a critical AMAS Alumni mass for;
 - applied sustainable development
 - governance research
 - teaching
 - leadership and mentorship

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