



Africa Regional Higher Education Summit

Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative



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What is Higher Education for Development (HED)?

- HED engages colleges and universities in global development.
- HED operates as a non-profit through the American Council on Education.
- HED is founded by the major U.S. higher education associations.



10 Years of HED Experience: 300+ partnerships in 60+ countries

- HED manages a major program of **international partnerships** between U.S. and overseas higher education institutions.
- Partnerships are funded primarily by the U.S. Agency for International Development (**USAID**).
- The strongest applications for competitive awards are determined by an external peer review process.



HED Africa Partnerships

- 109 partnerships with African institutions
- 93 in Sub-Saharan; 16 in North Africa
Spanning 26 countries

Focus areas

- Education
- Agriculture
- Economic Development
- Health



What is institutional capacity building?

- Curriculum Development
- Dual or Joint Degrees
- Faculty Exchanges
- Joint Research
- Scholarships
- Community Outreach
- National and International Conferences
- Sustainable Partnerships



Partnerships Meet Unique Needs in Africa

Social Work Education in Ethiopia Partnership (SWEEP)
University of Illinois/Addis Ababa University

Established a doctorate degree in social work in a country where previously there were no professionally trained social workers.





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Leadership Initiative for Public Health in East Africa

U.S.-East African university consortia

- Increasing public health leadership in response to needs identified by host country institutions and public health practitioners.
- Sharing resources regionally to improve health leadership through distance learning and a digital library.
- Establishment of two public health associations working across the region.



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Higher Education Partnerships for African Development

U.S.-East African university consortia & RUFORUM



- Long term training to strengthen regional agricultural development
- Prepares faculty and students to prevent crop failure and provide viable livelihoods for farmers



Planning Grants Overview

20 awards \$50,000

Partnerships with Sub-Saharan Africa

Six program areas



Planning Grant Timeline

Mid-Nov. 2008: RFA released

Early Feb. 2009: Application deadline

Early March 2009: Awards announced

Early June 2009: Grants launch

July-August 2009: Partners meeting in Africa

Early Sept. 2009: Abstracts due

Nov. 2009: Final reports due



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