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Austrian Partnership Programme  
in Higher Education and Research  
for Development

# Appear - From A New Idea To Successful Partnerships

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# Outline

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- Results of the calls
- Public relations activities
- Successful partnerships
- Outlook

# General Information

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- **Appear** is financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation, ADC (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Austrian Development Agency, ADA);  
Based on the „Strategy on Higher Education and Scientific Cooperation“
- **Implementing organisations - appear Team**  
LAI - Austrian Latin America Institute  
OeAD - Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research
- **Decision making bodies**  
Selection Board and Steering Committee

# Programme Components

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## Component 1

- Academic partnerships in higher education, research and management to strengthen the institutional capacities of academic partner institutions in the South
- Preparatory funding to support researchers and institutions who do not yet have well established links and to plan and jointly write a project proposal

## Component 2

- Master's and PhD grants in Austria for students and professionals from eligible countries

**Budget:** around 9 Million Euro (2010-2014)

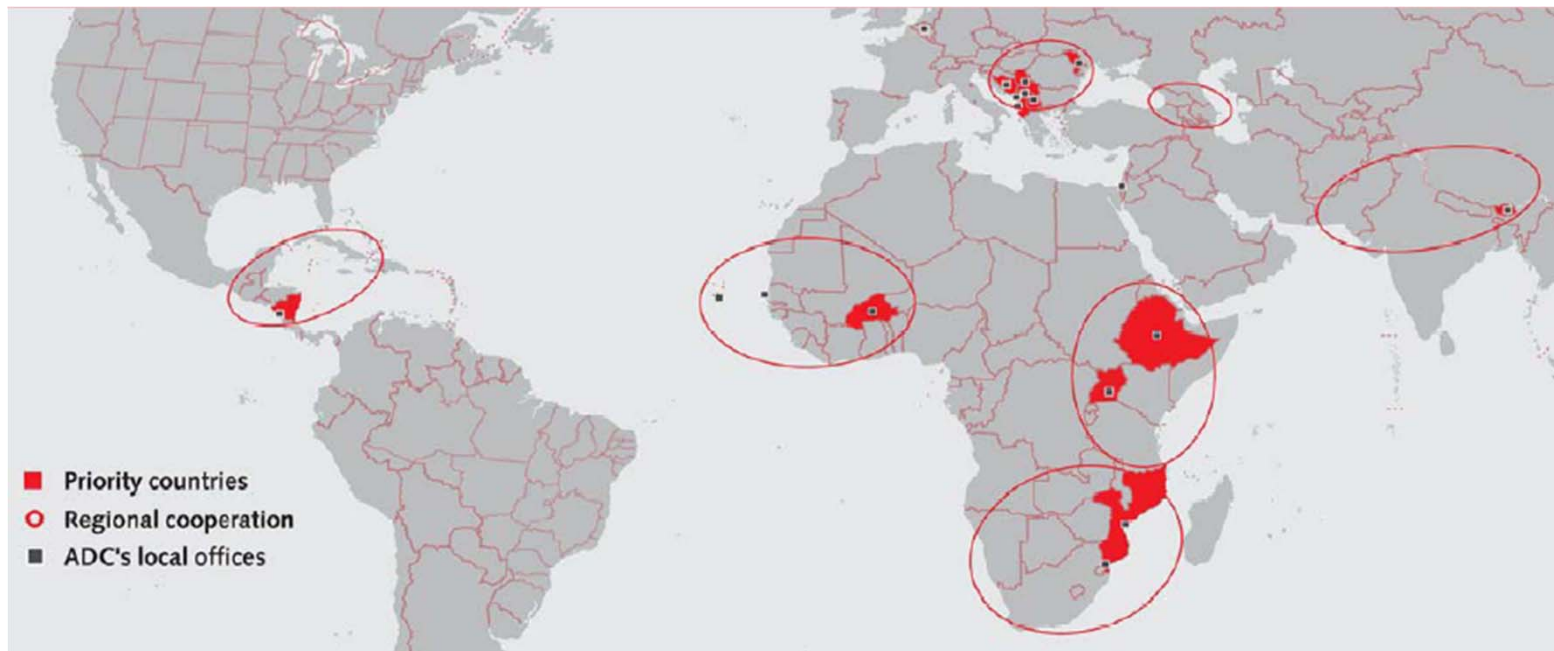
# Objectives

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- Institutional capacity building in higher education, research for development and management
- Sharing scientific, educational and institutional knowledge and experiences
- Improving the livelihood of marginalized social groups and/or peoples livelihood in general

# Eligible Countries

- Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya
- Mozambique
- Cap Verde, Burkina Faso, Senegal
- Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala
- Bhutan, Nepal
- Palestinian Territories



## Thematic Focus

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- higher education and research for development
- water supply and sanitation, rural development, energy, private sector development, governance and human rights
- poverty reduction, environment and natural resources, peace building and conflict prevention, gender equality
- strengthening of skills in social sciences as an instrument to systematically analyze the reasons of poverty and to empower capacities in social science research

## Results of the Calls

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- 17 **academic partnerships** with a total funding amount of ~4.9 million euros
- 24 **preparatory funding** grants for the joint elaboration of academic partnership proposals with a total funding amount of ~308,000 euros
- ~ 45 new **Master's and PhD scholarships**, 67 students taken over from the North-South-Dialogue Scholarship Programme
- ~ 20 new grants specifically for scholarships within academic partnership projects



# Partner Countries

(accepted projects)

Partner Countries	Number of
Burkina Faso	2
Ethiopia	3
Mozambique	1
Uganda	2
Uganda, Kenya	1
Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda	1
El Salvador	1
Nicaragua	2
Nicaragua & Peru	1
Nepal	1
Palestinian Territories	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

# Austrian Institutions

(accepted projects)

Austrian Partner Institutions*	Accepted projects
Carinthia University of Applied Science	1
Graz University of Technology	1
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg	1
Medical University Vienna	1
University of Applied Sciences Vienna (FH Campus Wien)	1
University of Graz	1
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna	4
University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna	1
University of Vienna	4
Vienna University of Economics and Business	1
Vienna University of Technology	3

\* Either as coordinating institution or as partner institution

## Project portfolio

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Academic partnerships
DEPARTIR   Project08
WATERCAP   Project22
TRANSACT   Project23
GENDER   Project25_Prep12
PROSOWO   Project26_Prep13
RESPOND-HER   Project40
ENERGY   Project42
BIOREM   Project43
CPDP   Project47_Prep29
APLHRE   Project49_Prep32
SUSFISH   Project56_Prep18
RURAL DEV   Project65_Prep52
TECS   Project67_Prep56
UM   Project69_Prep57
ICT4D.MZ   Project72
MEAMP   Project75
MA-MEDANIH   Project81_Prep45
Preparatory funding

## Sustainable Management of Water and Fish Resources in Burkina Faso | SUSFISH

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 International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis Laxenburg (Dr. Jan SENDZIMIR); University of Vienna, Department of African Studies (Dr. Gabriele SLEZAK); Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Burkina Faso (Dr. Raymond OUEDRAOGO); University of Ouagadougou (Prof. B. Gustave KABRE); Polytechnic University of Bobo-Dioulasso, Department of Rural Sociology and Economy - IDR (Prof. Patrice TOE); International Union for Conservation of Nature - IUCN, West and Central Africa, Burkina Faso (Dr. Moumini SAVADOGO); Polytechnic University of Bobo-Dioulasso, Institute for Health Sciences (Leon G. Blaise SAVADOGO)

**Partner Country:** Burkina Faso

**Project Duration:** 15 November 2011 - 14 November 2014

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**Abstract:**

In response to threats of chronic water scarcity and episodes of severe drought, since



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### Interview with Raymond Ouedraogo

Raymond Ouedraogo was interviewed for [Weltnachrichten](#) 2013/01. More about his opinion on the role of science in development to be found [here](#).



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# Fact sheets



## *TRANSACT: Strengthening Rural Transformation Competences of Higher Education and Research Institutions in the Amhara Region, Ethiopia*

The TRANSACT project is a joint initiative of two Ethiopian universities, one agricultural research organization, one Austrian funded rural development programme and one Austrian university. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the transformation competences of the Ethiopian consortium partners in research and training. Such transformation competences demand institutional capacities that translate into new partnerships and learning alliances allowing higher education and research to become more effective development partners and community service providers in North Gondar.

This is important, because in North Gondar there is untapped potential for social, economic and technical transformation that would gradually improve lives and livelihoods of farmers. These include technical improvements in agricultural and natural resource management, the realisation of new income opportunities, and thus the transformation from rural worlds with farmers living in poverty and social injustice to a rural society experiencing equality and prosperity. The realisation of this potential requires public and private actors to join forces with rural communities.

The TRANSACT project helps universities to respond more effectively to transformation opportunities among farmers in complex and risk-prone rural areas. A particular emphasis of this project is placed on learning and human behaviour as well as communication and collective action, especially in connection with society interactions that mediate change. This puts capabilities to coach farmers during transformation processes into the foreground. Hence, through this project much more effective linkages between research, higher education and extension will be realized.



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**Associate Partners:**

Sustainable Natural Resource Development Programme in North Gondar

**Project Duration:**

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# Events

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- **KEF Filmdays**  
Filmdays 2012 - focusing around the topic of water  
Susfish presentation by Raymond Ouedraogo
- **>appear in practice<**  
Invites project partners to reflect and discuss  
their experiences referring to a specific topic in the  
project implementation process of their partnerships
- **Other events**  
Please see the documentation on our website

# Successful Partnerships

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- **Correct implementation of the project**  
According to the proposal, timetable, activities and budget
- **Sustainability**
- **Realization of the “basic principles” of appear**

# Basic Principles

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- Demand-driven approach
- Participatory approach and well-balanced ownership between the partners
- Systematic integration of gender perspectives
- Concept of culturally open minded knowledge
- Result orientation
- Dissemination of the results



# Outlook

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- **Programme will be continued**

In 2012 ADA commissioned a company to conduct a mid-term evaluation of the appear programme

Tendering process by ADA in 2014

- **Final call of the first appear phase**

In autumn 2013, only for preparatory funding for elaborating full proposals, which will be submitted for project funding in the second appear programme phase.

Focus of preparatory funding is the cooperation with new partners





**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**

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