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VLIR-UOS programme: Sharing Minds, Changing Lives

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VLIR-UOS: What's in a name

- Flemish Interuniversity Council (VLIR) –
University Cooperation for Development (UOS / UCfD)
- VLIR-UOS created in 1998 under the umbrella of the
Flemish Interuniversity Council
- 100 % funded by the
federal Belgian minister for Development Cooperation
- Average annual budget of € 31 million
- 20 partner countries in Latin-America, Africa and Asia





**VLIR-UOS supports
partnerships**

**between universities and
university colleges**

in Flanders and the South

looking for

innovative responses

to global and local challenges



SHARING MINDS



Projects &
programmes



Scholarships
& Education

CHANGING LIVES



social
impact



1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY




6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



21 country programmes



Partner countries as of 2017

Africa

Burundi
DR Congo
Ethiopia
Kenya
Morocco
Mozambique
Rwanda
Tanzania
Uganda
South Africa

Asia

Cambodia
Philippines
Indonesia
Vietnam

Lat.-Am.

Bolivia
Cuba
Ecuador
Nicaragua
Peru
Suriname

+ scholarship countries

Africa

Benin
Burkina Faso
Guinee
Cameroun
Madagaskar
Mali
Niger
Senegal
Zimbabwe

Asia

Palestine

Lat.-Am.

Guatemala
Haïti



The role of universities in development – VLIR-UOS model

VLIR-UOS as **broker** and **platform**:

- Facilitate win-win **partnerships** between Higher Education Institutions
- Enable peer-to-peer cooperation between **academics**
- Strengthen international **networks** growing from projects
- Manage **competitive** “open” calls



The role of universities in development – VLIR-UOS model

Higher Education Institutions contribute to sustainable development



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Higher Education Institutions empowered in their role as drivers of change

Individuals empowered as change agents



Projects & programmes

Improved Research

Improved Education

New knowledge, applications or services created + UPTAKE

New knowledge & skills

Training & Master programmes



Education & scholarships

Capacity development of Flemish HEI to create the conditions for university cooperation for development



VLIR-UOS portfolio – South

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| Departmental level projects | SI | South initiatives, focused short-term projects of maximum 2 years, max. 70,000 EUR |
| | TEAM | Departmental projects of maximum 4 years, max. 280,000 EUR |
| | JOINT | Joint International Academic Networking : synergy between VLIR-UOS partner, maximum 3 years, max. 135,000 EUR |
| Institutional level Programmes | IUC | Institutional University Cooperation (10 years), max. 570,000 EUR/year |
| National level programmes | NETWORK | National Network, starting from a former IUC partner university, theme based (10 years), max. 250,000 EUR/year |



VLIR-UOS portfolio - Belgium

- Education and training :
 - **ICP** : international master programmes
 - **ITP** : international training programmes
- **Scholarships** programme : scholarships for the selected ICP and ITP programmes (12 per programme)
- Capacity strengthening in university cooperation for development : **Global Minds** (per university)

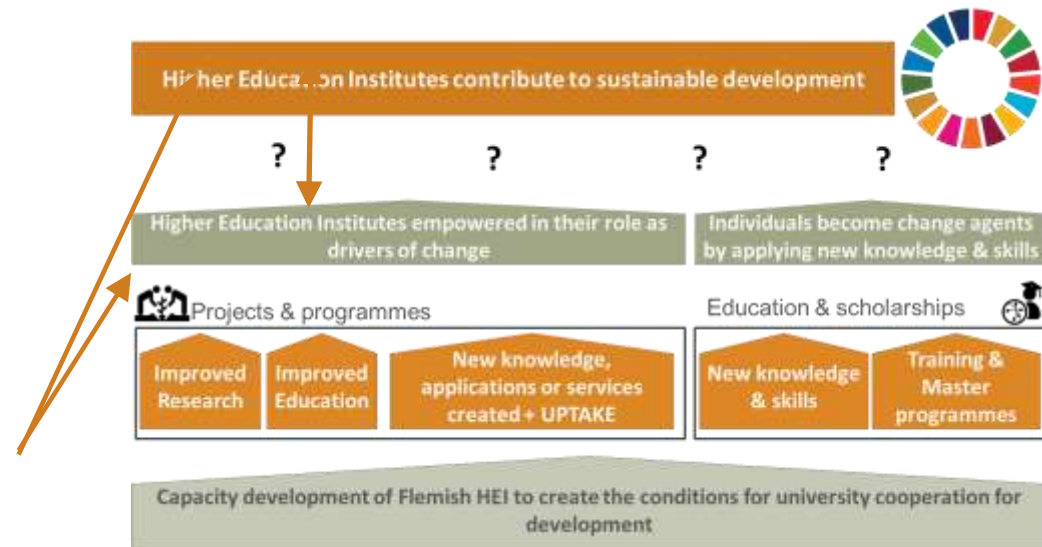


Creating the conditions for impact: Trends & challenges

Unpacking the black box of development impact

- Impact oriented planning and monitoring (**Theory of Change** approach) ...
- Impact evaluation ...

... allowing **double-loop learning** about what works, what doesn't, why, for who, and in what circumstances



Creating the conditions for impact: Trends & challenges

Creating conditions for development results ... right from the start

- Selection of projects: going beyond “scientific quality” ...
- Matchmaking & **joint** project proposals by **academics**
- Planning for impact



Creating the conditions for impact: Trends & challenges

- Regional calls for proposals
- Competitive selection
- 6 OECD/DAC criteria: Scientific quality, development relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, (potential) impact
- Selection by **independent, regional** selection committees (mix academic & development experts)



VLIR-UOS projects in “Oceans” theme

- Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management (‘Oceans & Lakes’)
 - 2-year Msc programme (supported since 2001)
 - Organised by Vrije Universiteit Brussel (lead), University of Antwerp and Ghent University
 - Includes a “South component” for which it receives funding
 - 12 scholarships per year



VLIR-UOS projects in “Oceans” theme

- GREEN DYKE: The use of natural barriers for coastal protection in Sri Lanka (*Sri Lanka, 5y project, VUB*)
- Development of bachelor level education at the Cambodia Maritime Institute (*Cambodia, 2y project, UA*)
- Impacts of open access to mangrove forests on benthic biodiversity (Kenya, 3y project, UGent)



VLIR-UOS projects in “Oceans” theme

- International inTEnsive Southern training proGRAMme and network Development for marine and lacustrine scientists (InteGRADE; Tanzania, 2y project, VUB)
- Zoobenthic biodiversity of Can Gio mangrove ecosystems and the dissemination of its status and importance to the local communities (*Vietnam, 2y project, UGent*)
- Functional characterization of antimicrobial peptides from marine invertebrates with potential use as therapeutics (*Cuba, 2y project, KU Leuven*)



What's in it for you & your partners?

- Scholarships
- Calls for proposals:
 - Annual for departmental projects
 - Bi-annual for International Training Programmes (+ scholarships)
 - 5-annual for large institutional programmes or international Master programmes every 5 years
- Support through Global Minds (e.g. staff mobility for partnership development)





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YEARS
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