

Centre for Local Governance in Africa (CEGLA)



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Improving local governance through international cooperation: CEGLA delivers high-quality training for municipal authorities and promotes applied research on decentralisation and local development in West Africa.



GOALS

Good governance and the **effective delivery of public services** are essential foundations for sustainable development in West Africa. **Higher education plays a key role** in achieving this: Only well-trained professionals can empower local governments to tackle the complex social, political, and economic challenges they face. This is where CEGLA comes in. The Centre **strengthens efficient and citizen-focused public administration** by **training highly qualified professionals and future leaders for the public sector**. Its aim is to establish demand-driven **academic programmes** at partner universities while also expanding urgently needed **research capacities**.

KEY ACTIONS

At the core of the project is the development and sustainable **implementation of practice-oriented master's programmes in Local Governance and Public Management** at three partner universities in Mali, Niger, and Senegal. In addition, a joint **blended-learning master's programme** and continuing education courses for public sector employees are being introduced. A practice-oriented **research and doctoral programme** focusing on decentralisation, local governance, and sustainable development strengthens academic capacity among early-career researchers.



Focus

Good Governance
and efficient
administration



Current funding phase

2022–2026



Partner countries

Mali
Niger
Senegal

Partner institutions

in Germany:

- Kehl University of Applied Sciences
- Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute

in Sub-Saharan Africa:

- African Centre for Higher Studies in Management, Senegal
- Abdou Moumouni University Niamey, Niger
- University of Law and Political Sciences of Bamako, Mali
- Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherche sur les Dynamiques Sociales et le Développement Local, Niger



299 individuals participated in **professional development and training events** of the Centre in 2024



“Colloque” conference series stimulates **sustainable networks and knowledge exchange**


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