

Centre for Educational Research Methodologies and Management (CERM-ESA)



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Five universities from Germany and Africa are jointly shaping the CERM-ESA Centre of African Excellence. Together, they are driving a future-oriented educational culture while learning from one another along the way.

GOALS

Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education is a **core goal of the 2030 Agenda**. To achieve this, **effective and evidence-based teaching practices** are essential. CERM-ESA strengthens educational research in Sub-Saharan Africa with innovative approaches that address the challenges in **(teacher) education and educational management** – in line with the specific contexts of the participating countries. The Centre supports future teachers and leaders in schools and universities through **targeted capacity development and knowledge sharing**. Additionally, it positions itself as a competent partner in educational policy debates.

KEY ACTIONS

CERM-ESA combines international **research on education and education systems** with **practice-oriented support** at multiple levels: The Centre offers a **master's programme in Education Research**, annual **summer schools**, facilitated **online teaching modules**, and **international exchange** opportunities for faculty, doctoral candidates, and students. Further initiatives focus on **staff development**: In collaboration with schools in the region, CERM-ESA organises **training programmes for education practitioners**. Researchers, lecturers, and university managers from partner institutions also benefit from capacity-development courses, which are accessible to all Centres of African Excellence via the DIGI-FACE platform. This fosters **regional networking and impact**.



Focus

Educational research
and educational
management



Current funding phase

2024–2028



Partner countries

Kenya
Tanzania
South Africa
Uganda

Partner institutions

in Germany:

→ University of Oldenburg

in Sub Saharan Africa:

→ Moi University, Kenya
→ University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
→ Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
→ Uganda Management Institute, Uganda



Since the start of the project, **80 master's degrees** and **21 doctorates** have been successfully completed



Around **100 African education experts** take part in professional development programmes of the Centre each year



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