

Digital Initiative for the African Centres of Excellence and its Network (DIGI-FACE)



DIGI-FACE strengthens digital teaching and learning in Africa: Through interactive e-learning modules, practice-based training, and global networking, the project promotes innovative higher education and international collaboration.

GOALS

The digital transformation is opening up **new opportunities for teaching and learning**. At the same time, **barriers to access** remain, particularly for disadvantaged groups with diverse educational backgrounds. DIGI-FACE aims to **enhance digital competencies** at the partner universities of the “Centres of African Excellence” programme, as well as among their alumni. It empowers students, lecturers, and researchers to make effective use of **innovative teaching and learning methods**. A further objective is to **promote digital exchange** around teaching and learning practices and to foster networking among the “Centres of African Excellence” and with other international projects and partner institutions.

KEY ACTIONS

DIGI-FACE has developed and runs a **multifunctional online platform** to enhance **digital teaching and learning, communication, academic cooperation and networking**. The platform is accessible to students, researchers, and alumni of the “Centres of African Excellence”, the “Global Centres for Climate and Environment as well as for Health and Pandemic Prevention”, and other DAAD-funded initiatives. It is continuously adapted to meet user needs and provides a wide range of **digital tools and services in the areas of teaching, research, international cooperation, and knowledge transfer**. Capacity-building activities support academic staff in designing, implementing, and developing digital formats. The initiative enables **professionals from different regions of the world** to connect as a community of practice, **engage in interactive digital learning processes**, and receive support and guidance in their research.



Focus

Promoting digital skills



Current funding phase

2022–2025



Partner country

South Africa

Partner institutions

in Germany:

- Kehl University of Applied Sciences
- University of Oldenburg

in Sub-Saharan Africa:

- Nelson Mandela University, South Africa



70 universities in more than **25 countries** across Africa, South America, and Asia are **actively working with the platform**



3,900 registered **users**



Since the start of the project, **14 inter-disciplinary teaching modules** have been developed and regularly offered in English and French



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