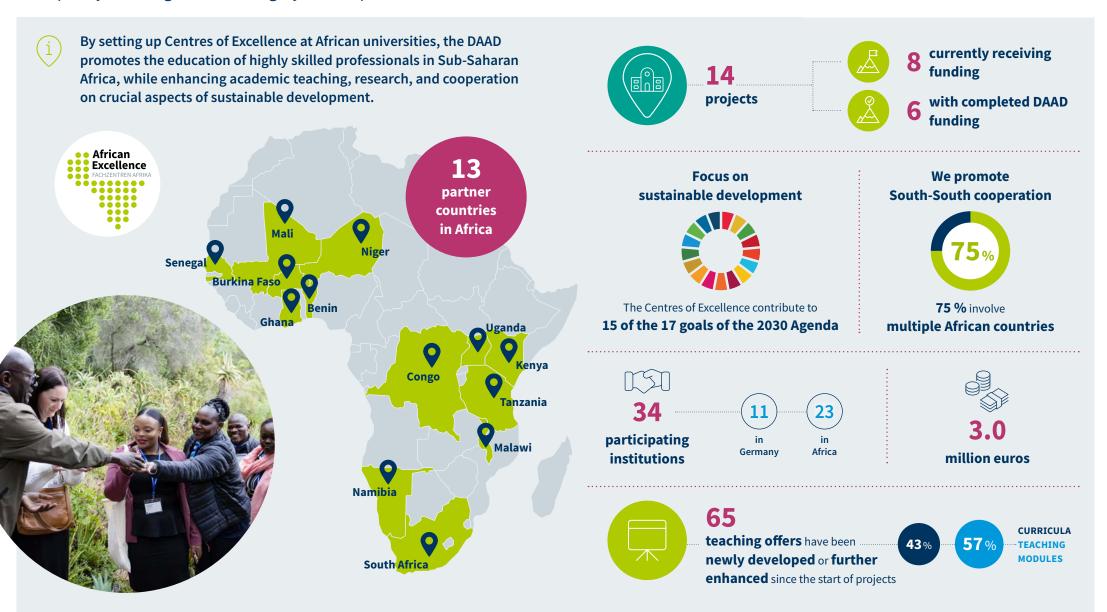
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RELEVANCE

Strong higher education institutions are key to training skilled professionals and building excellent research capacities. They also play a pivotal role in developing local solutions to global challenges. The "Centres of African Excellence" programme, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, supports African universities in enhancing the quality and relevance of higher education, strengthening research, and expanding North-South(-South) cooperation. This approach helps position African academic institutions as strong partners for German universities and enables them to take on a more active role in global knowledge production. Close collaboration with stakeholders from politics, business, and civil society ensures relevance, long-term sustainability, and regional impact.

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1,232 individuals participated in professional development and training events of the

and training events of the Centres in 2024

GOALS AND ACTIONS

The programme enables **outstanding talents** from Sub-Saharan Africa to access **high-quality, practice-oriented higher education** and facilitates their adequate integration into the labour market. At the same time, **teaching and supervisory services** are (further) developed jointly with German university partners, **research capacities** are strengthened, and **networks** with relevant stakeholders are expanded.

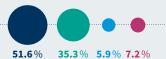
The German-African cooperations contribute to ensuring that

- → highly qualified graduates have been trained and hold **key positions**
- → the Centres of Excellence operate sustainably and competitively, and teaching and research capacities at the participating universities are enhanced
- → successful transfer of current research findings to politics, business, and civil society is encouraged
- → the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the German Federal Government's Africa Policy Guidelines is supported

Funding measures include **scholarships** for master's and doctoral programmes, the **development of (digital) teaching and training programmes**, the organisation of events and initiatives to strengthen **research infrastructure**, as well as international **study, research, and teaching stays**.

1,019 including individuals received funding in 2024

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