SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REGIONAL STRATEGY GROUP REPORT
YEAR 3

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Related Local Organizations
African Institute for Urban Studies
African Foundation USA
African Professionals Network
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
SOTENI
Village Life Outreach Project

Activities of Focus for Next Few Years
- Identify opportunities for service learning activities
- Bring ambassadors to campus
- Develop UC-hosted roundtable discussion re: current issues in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Develop more faculty-led study abroad student opportunities
- Establish Sub-Saharan Africa scholarship funds
- Bring 5-10 students from identified countries annually
- Encourage faculty research collaboration

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2014-15 Sub-Saharan Africa Strategy Group Summary

Botswana

This year a UC delegation returned a visit to Botswana meeting with members of the Botswana Education Hub, visiting the University of Botswana, Botswana International University for Science & Technology, and Botho University. Our relationship with the Education Hub continues to be strong and we will continue to receive several fully funded students through the Hub.

Following the visit, the delegation debriefed and identified both BIUST and Botho as the best prospects for collaboration. The one negative for BIUST is that it is some distance from Gaborone. And Botho, while in Gaborone, is just not broad enough.

In early February we were visited by the BIUST director for international partnerships. This is a new institution that has impressive buildings and lab facilities. They are still constructing housing, but the group felt being an early partner offered a lot of opportunity for UC scholars and researchers to collaborate from the ground up.

We continue to stay in contact with alumna Tebelelo Mazile Seretse, former Ambassador to the U.S. She remains a vital connection and loyal resource for us in Botswana, both now and in the future.

Tanzania

For 11 years, UC faculty and students have partnered with Village Life Outreach Project to improve the health, education and well-being of people northeastern Tanzania. Having a Tanzanian partner would strengthen that effort. An effort was made to engage with the Director for International Relations at Dar-es-Salaam, but nothing has come of that effort to date.

The group will re-evaluate Tanzania in the coming years.

Ethiopia

Dire Dawa University (DDU)

Immediately following the end of Spring 2014 term, Drs. Greg Beaucage and Nnamdi Elleh travelled to Ethiopia to meet with faculty and students from partner institutions on topics related to energy and preservation of historic architectural sites. Their visit was then followed by a two-week visit to UC from Dr. Getnet Sewnet Kassahun, Scientific Director, Dire Dawa University.

We have drafted both a faculty exchange and student mobility agreement with Dire Dawa University which is currently in their hands for review. We are looking forward to beginning an ongoing relationship with them.

South Africa

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMMU)

We did not work on this potential connection this year, choosing instead to try to wrap up a relationship with Dire Dawa and to learn more about the situation in Botswana.

We expect Nelson Mandela to remain our first institution of interest in South Africa and to work on making these connections next year.

Sub-Saharan Africa Student Enrollment – Fall 2014

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