



Research and Health: A beneficent Alliance

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Introduction

- Health research and innovation are crucial for development and economic growth in all countries facing health challenges
- Nations through their national health systems need to use health research to optimise effect on equity, health and development – however lack of resources can limit options to address national priorities
- The African Union has established that a target 1% of GDP should be assigned to research and innovation...*but this needs to be honoured by all countries*
- Evidence is vital for policy formulation – resources alone are not enough.



Africa's challenges

- Heaviest burden of the 3 main poverty-related diseases
- Weak health systems – poor access and poorly resourced health units that limit people to reach the needed treatment
- Inadequate social protection – lack of health insurance
- Increasing prevalence of non communicable diseases; increasing burden on the already fragile health systems
- Shortage of human resources for health
- Gaps in science and technology – lack of information, illiteracy and technological investment limiting utilisation of available resources
- Multiple and uncoordinated initiatives



Opportunities for Health Research in Africa

A number of initiatives are now offering interesting opportunities for research in Africa in response to calls by the Global Forum for Health research and the Commission on Health Research for Development to invest in research and research capacity strengthening

However...

- All stakeholders (including governments) need to recognise research for health as an investment both for health and for human development
- Research should be linked to policy and action
- It is important to note who sets the research agenda.



Research in DCs Must be Supported

- Researchers in DCs are contributing to development of effective tools
- More is needed to strengthen institutions and translate research outcomes into action and shorten the implementation time
- Research agencies should directly fund DCs research institutions



EDCTP Partnership

16 European Countries

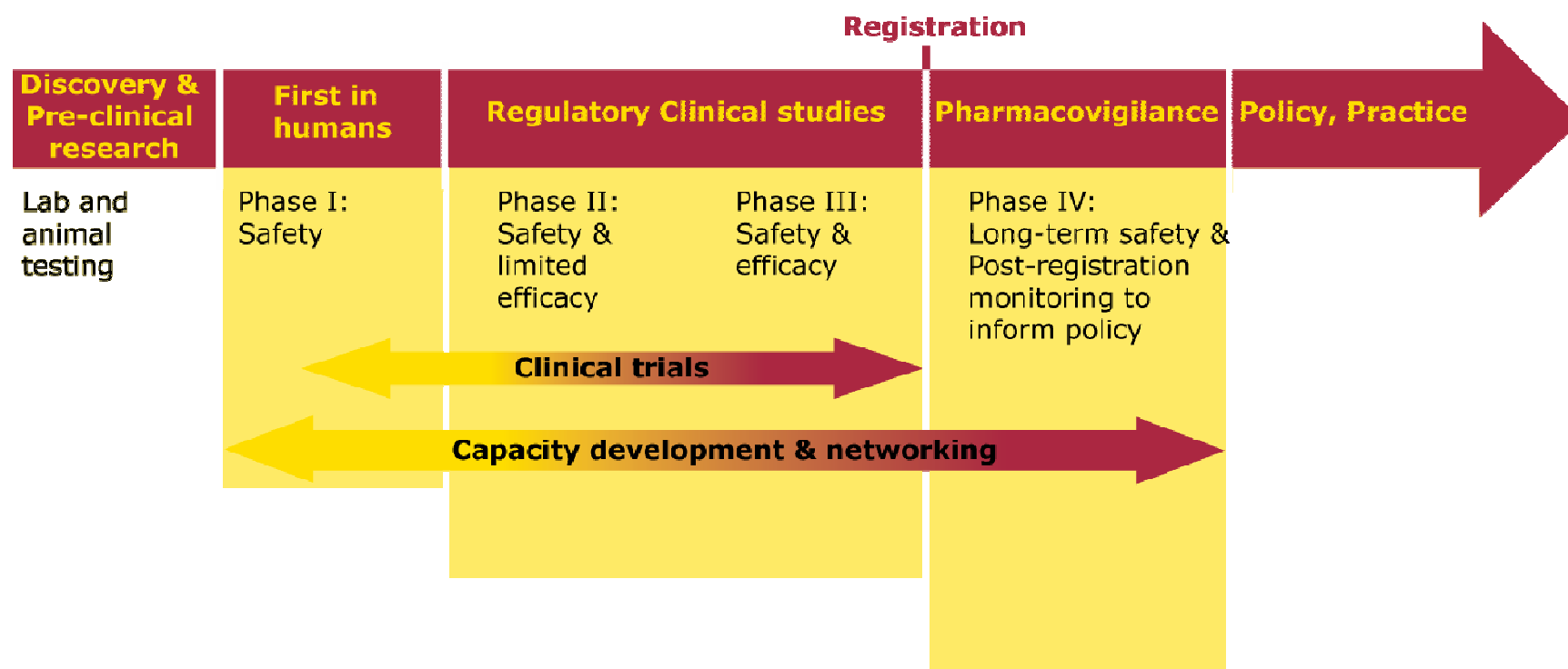
14 EU countries + Norway+ Switzerland

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany,
Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands,
Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

46 sub-Saharan Africa Countries



EDCTP Scope





EDCTP Strategy 2007-2010: Integrated Calls

EDCTP will fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in a sustainable way through integrated calls containing:

- **Clinical trials** - core of all EDCTP-funded projects
- **Networking** - mentorship and capacity proliferation
- **Capacity development** - retain developed capacity to conduct clinical trials



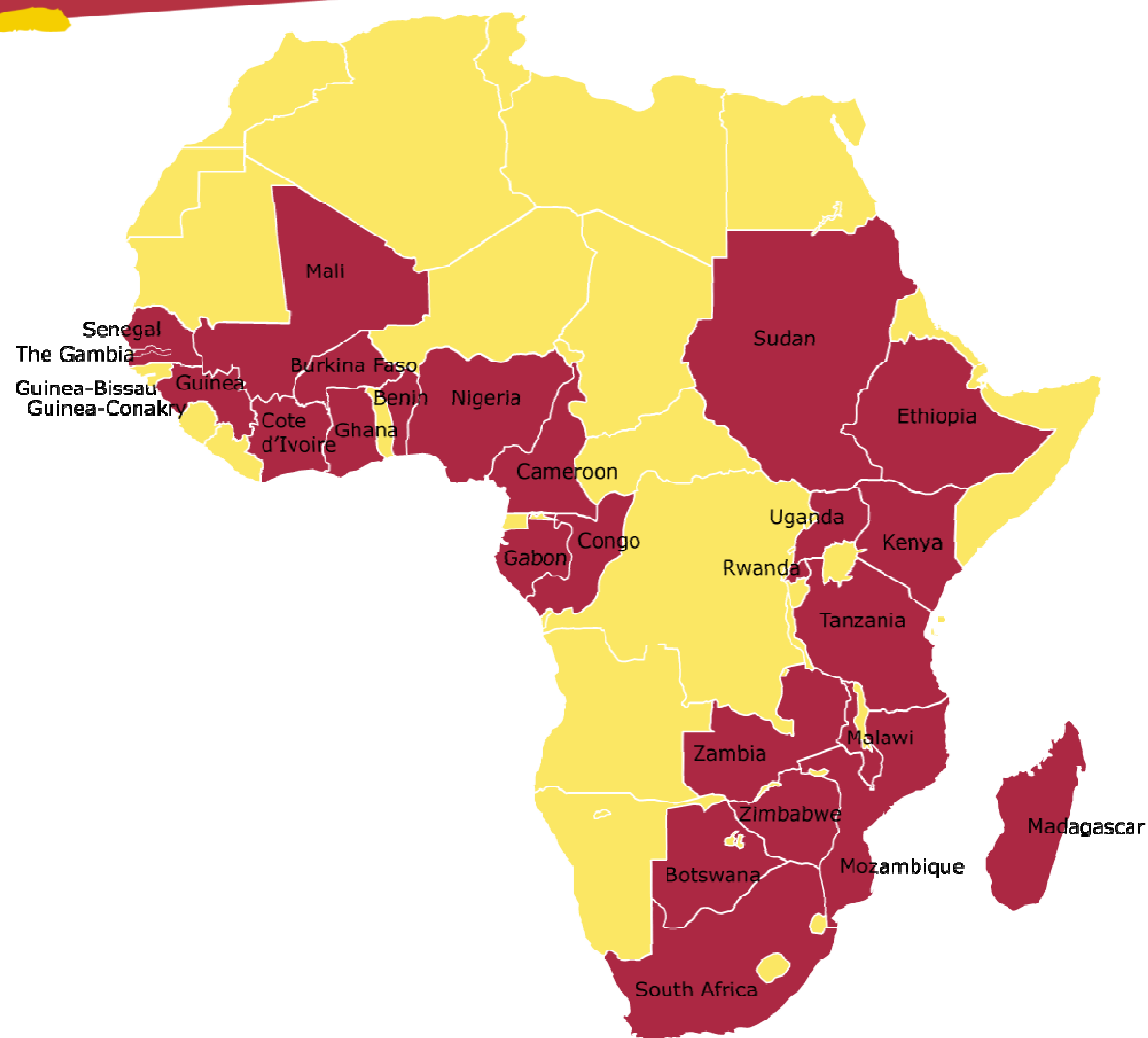
Current EDCTP Activities in Africa

- Launched over 30 Calls for proposals
- 145 projects funded (clinical trials, capacity development and support of networks)
- 26 countries in sub-Saharan Africa involving 122 institutions
- 65% of EDCTP expenditure from 2003 to date used to fund activities in Africa.
- 42 multicentre clinical trial projects,
- 99 African scientists receiving training support (Masters, PhDs and post doctoral training)
- Other activities include: Networking activity, capacity building in ethics and regulatory capacity, senior fellowships and support for establishment and maintenance of a clinical trial registry on HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.



EDCTP Activities

- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Congo
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guinea-Conakry
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
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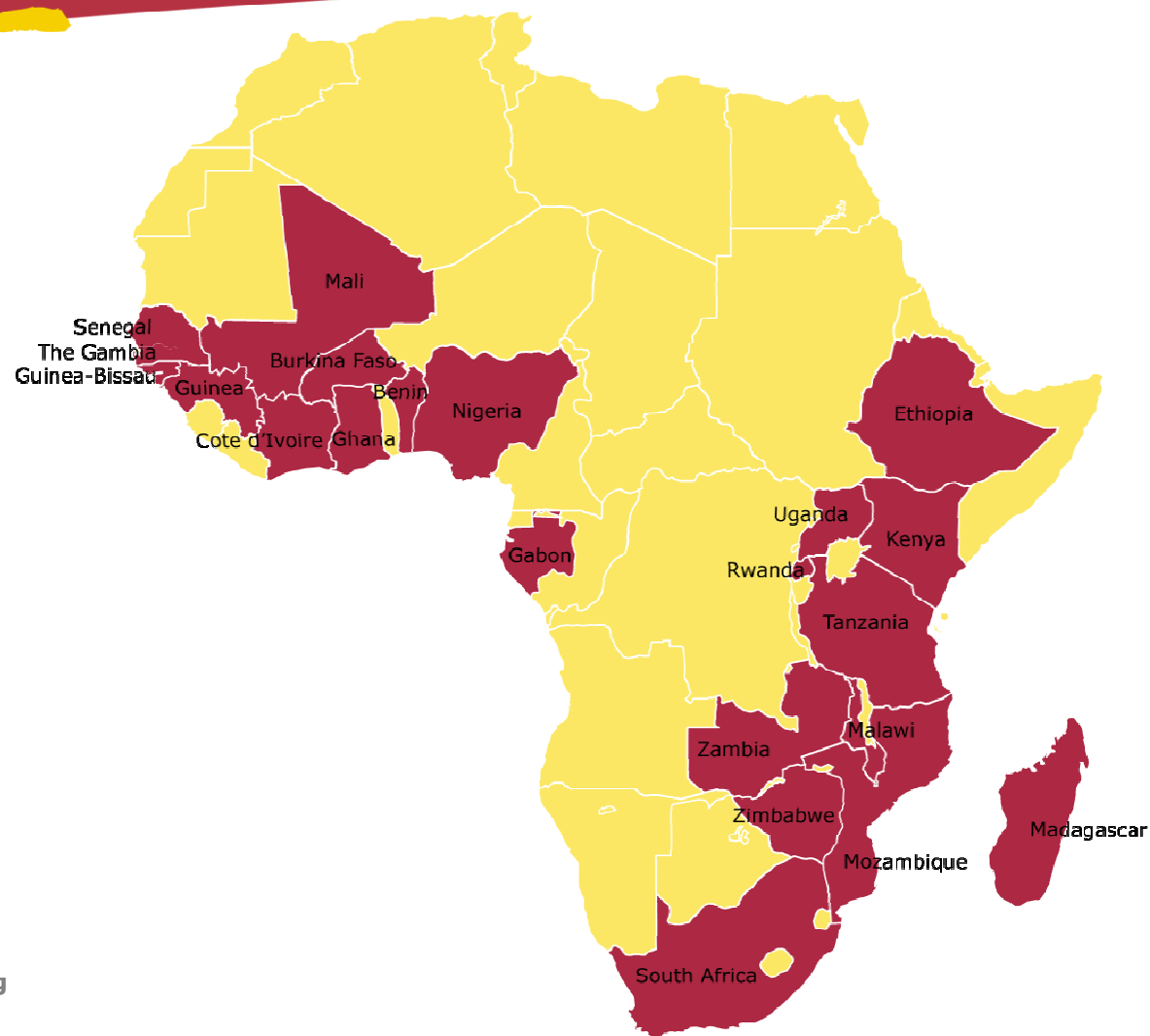




EDCTP Clinical Trials

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- Clinical Trials - HIV
- Clinical Trials - Malaria
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- Training Awards
- Ethics Capacity Strengthening
- Regulatory Capacity Strengthening
- Networks of Excellence

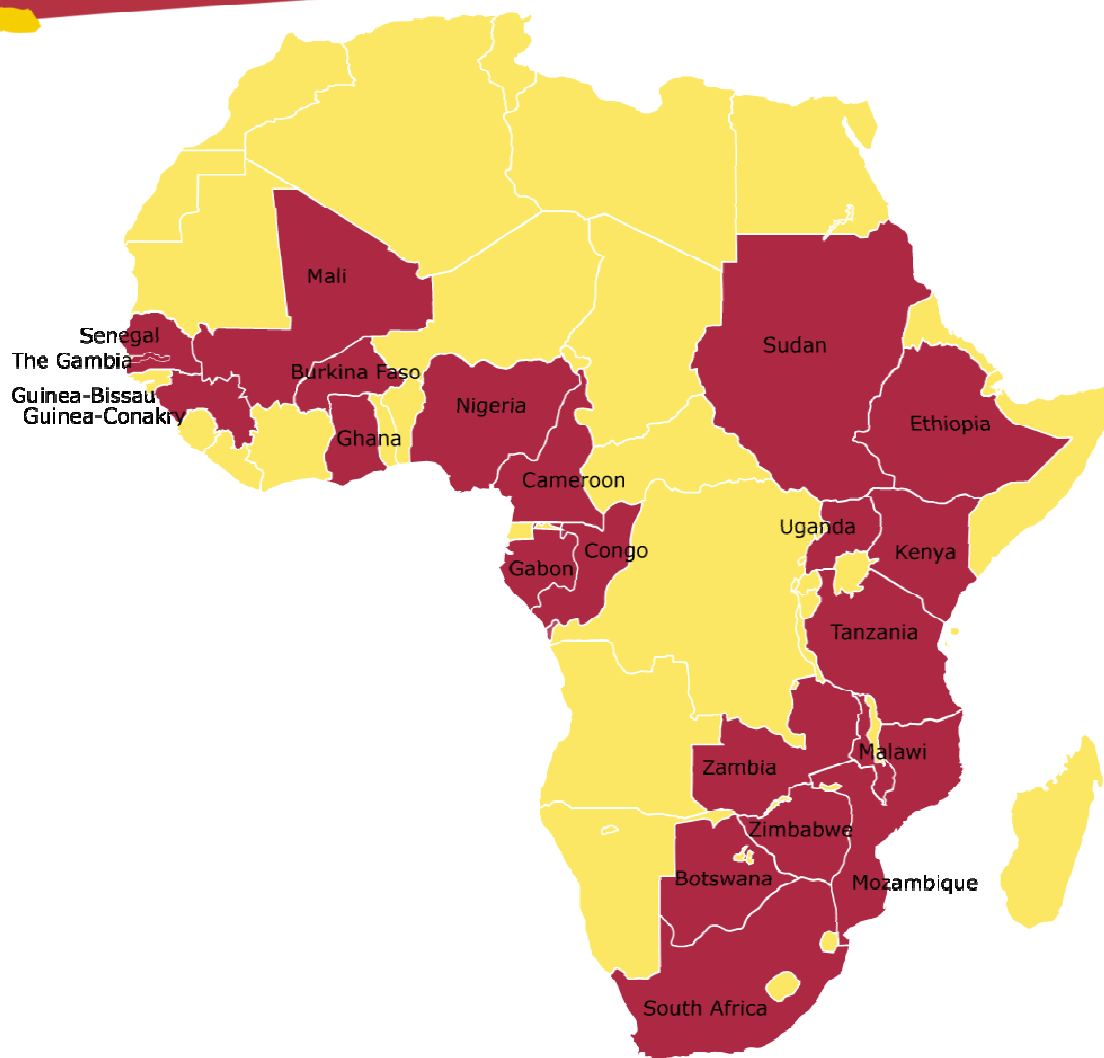




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- ☐ Ethics Capacity Strengthening
- ☐ Regulatory Capacity Strengthening
- ☒ Networking projects





Conclusion

I welcome the establishment of CISA – a health research centre in Angola at a time when EDCTP has launched the regional networks of excellence in collaboration for clinical research and more in sub-Saharan Africa.

I trust the spirit that led the promoters of this health research event will prevail to ensure the sustainability of CISA as a leading health research institution in East Central and Southern Africa.



Thank you!