



**Central Africa Network on Tuberculosis,  
HIV/AIDS and Malaria (CANTAM)**

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-7 institutions dans 3 pays  
Africains

- Partenaire européen
- Partenaire international : Initiative Multilatérale sur le Paludisme (MIM)





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Muhimbili (NIMR) TB lab



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- KCMC NEW BIOTECHNOLOGY LAB





# Map of EDCTP Networks of Excellence (43 institutions)

- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guinea-Conakry
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

- Clinical Trials - all PRD's
- Clinical Trials - HIV
- Clinical Trials – Malaria
- Clinical Trials – TB
- Training Awards
- Ethics Capacity Strengthening
- Regulatory Capacity Strengthening
- Networking projects





# The challenges met

- Breaking the culture of individual excellence and resistance to partner
- Establishing new links beyond traditional practice
- Accept to be coordinated
- Sharing facilities and data
- Maintaining communication and dialogue as a continuous process for building trust



# Future challenges

- Maintaining the established networks
- Achieving high recognition at national and international level
- Attracting funding beyond EDCTP
- Attracting other clinical research work beyond the three diseases



# DISCUSSIONS

- Encoring capacity building and networking on national institutions and improving ability to attract complementary research funding assures sustainability.
- Research enabling environment is being created and career development of African scientists enhanced
- This creates a win-win situation to both south-south and north-south partnerships.



# Discussions

- Networks of Excellence should remain to be the future strategy for accelerating capacity building for research in Africa
- to support conduct of multi-centre and international clinical trials under best practices
- WHO/AFRO Centres of Excellence will complement EDCTP efforts
- Other research supporting institutions should be encouraged to use this strategic approach



# Conclusion

- NOE stand as a unique INTEGRATED RESEARCH MODEL having successfully combined three diseases within a single network
- African scientists can enjoy fellowship awards assured of facilities to go back and work in.



# The way forward

- European partners should be encouraged to use it as means of strengthening European partnership in clinical research
- EDCTP funding continues and encourages other research funding organisations to provide complementary funding to support the networks to grow and mature
- Fellowship awards should continue as a way of strengthening individual scientific capacities in the networks



# The way forward

- Strengthen links with WHO/TDR, WHO/AFRO and other Organizations to complement skills development efforts for clinical trials (GCLP, GCP, ethics etc)
- Enhance greater involvement of younger researchers and nurturing talents
- Priming excellence as a continuous process within the NOE



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