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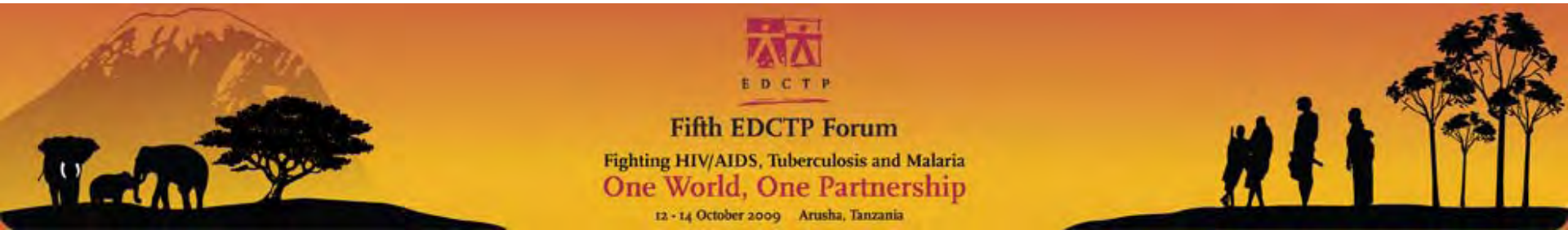
(Central Africa Network
for
Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria)

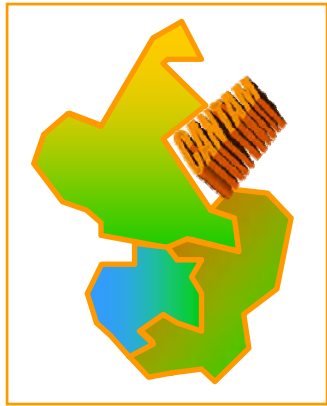
Building Roots for Clinical Research in Central Africa



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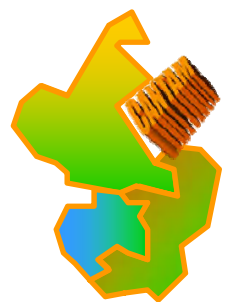


CANTAM Little Story

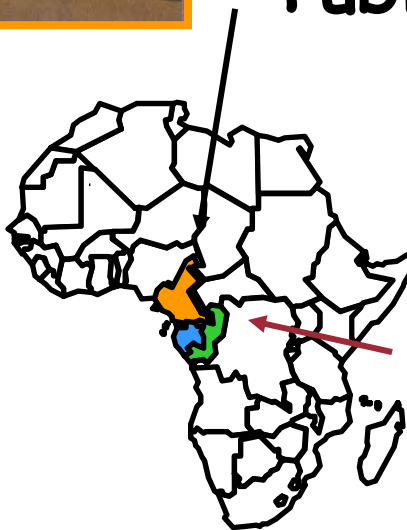
EDCTP call to support the
establishment of
regional **N**etworks **o**f **E**xcellence
for the conduct of clinical trials
and provide mentorship programmes
in sub-Saharan Africa
(Dec 2007- Award 2008)

Institutions

Cameroon



Tübingen



MIM



Gabon

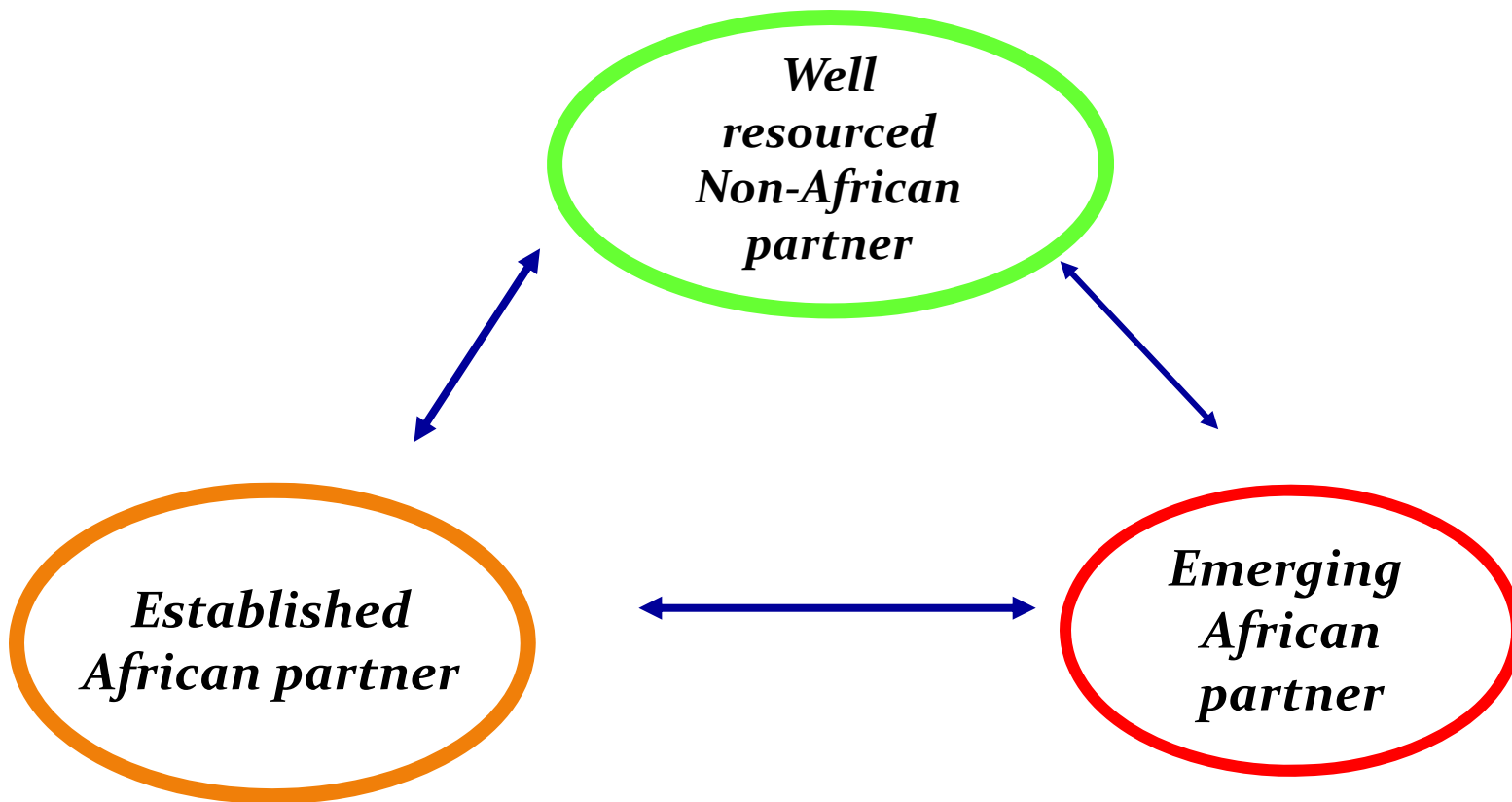


Rep. of Congo

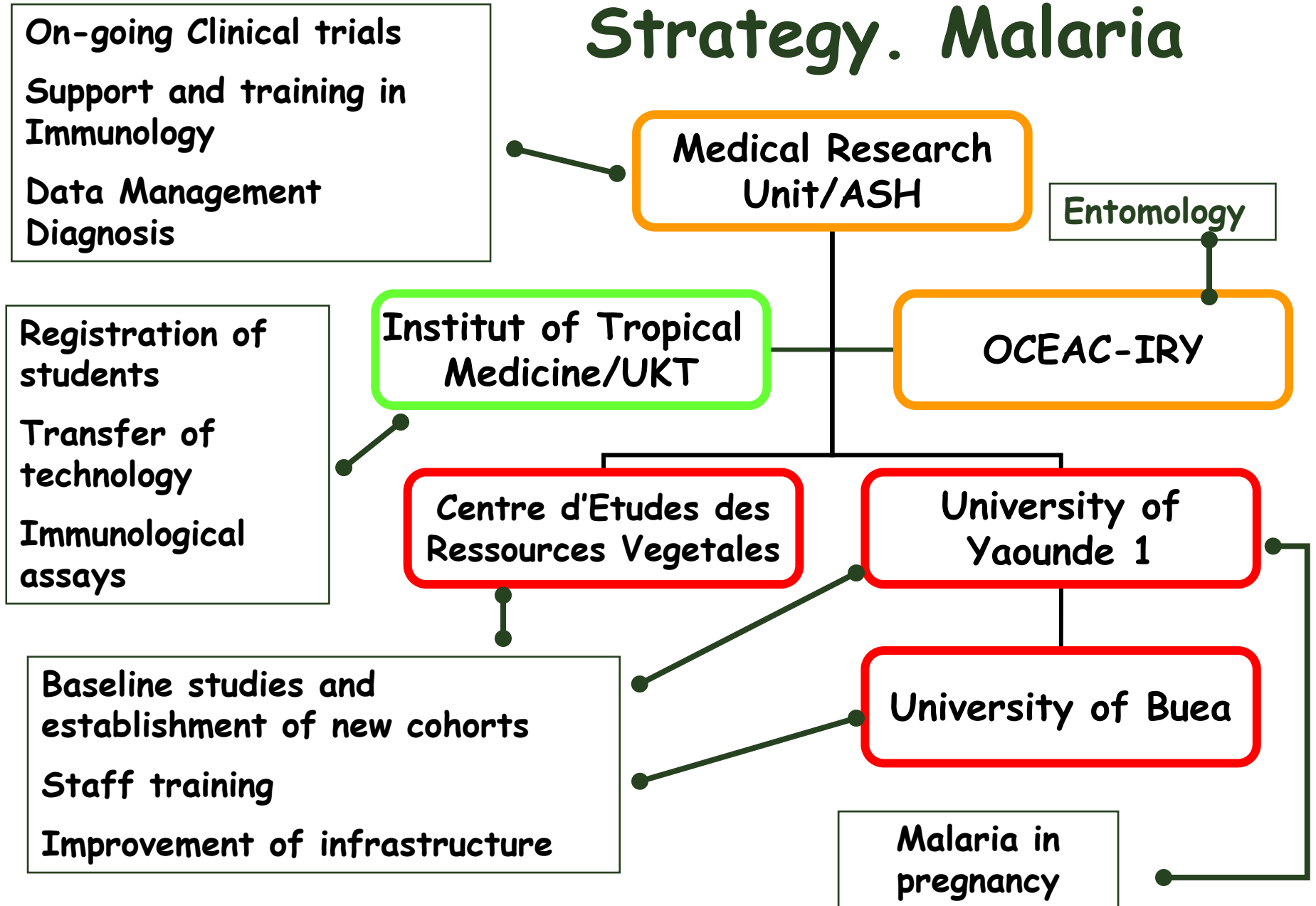
Principal Objective of CANTAM

To strengthen capacities of institutions to support safety and efficacy studies in Phase II and III trials on HIV/AIDS and malaria (drugs and/or vaccines) and to initiate/develop clinical research activities on Tuberculosis.

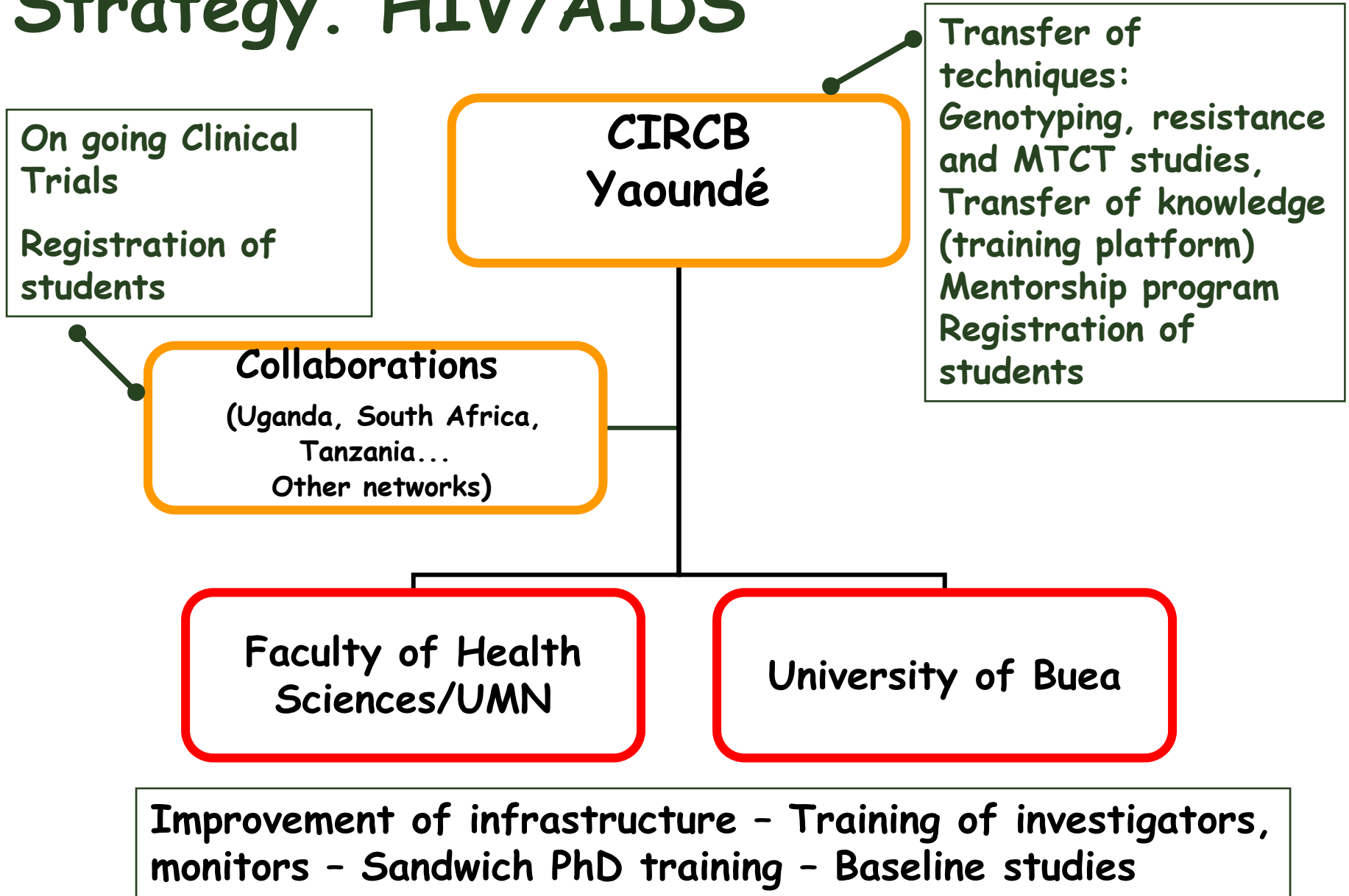
Concept based on MIM strategy



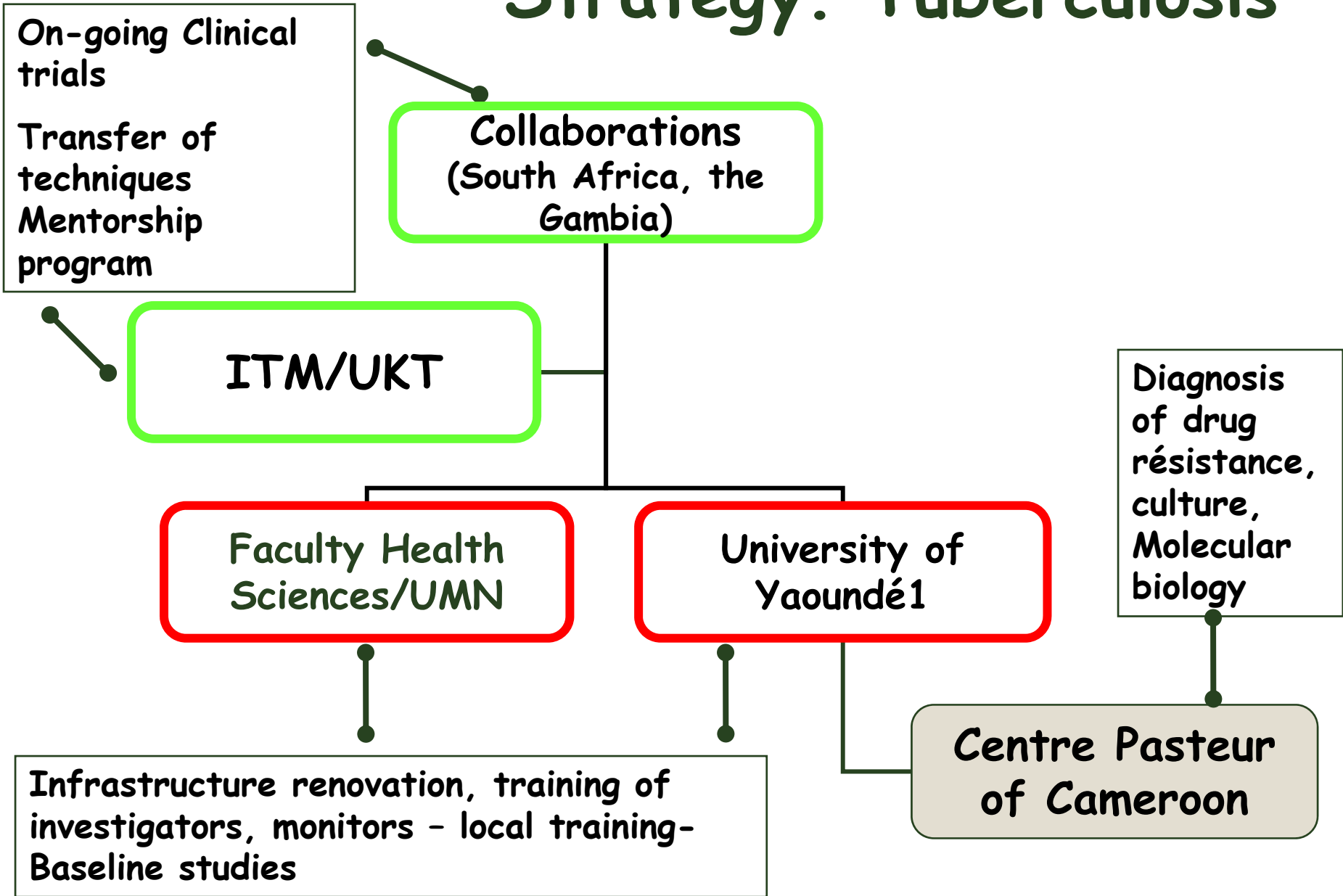
Strategy. Malaria



Strategy. HIV/AIDS



Strategy. Tuberculosis



Management of CANTAM



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Finances



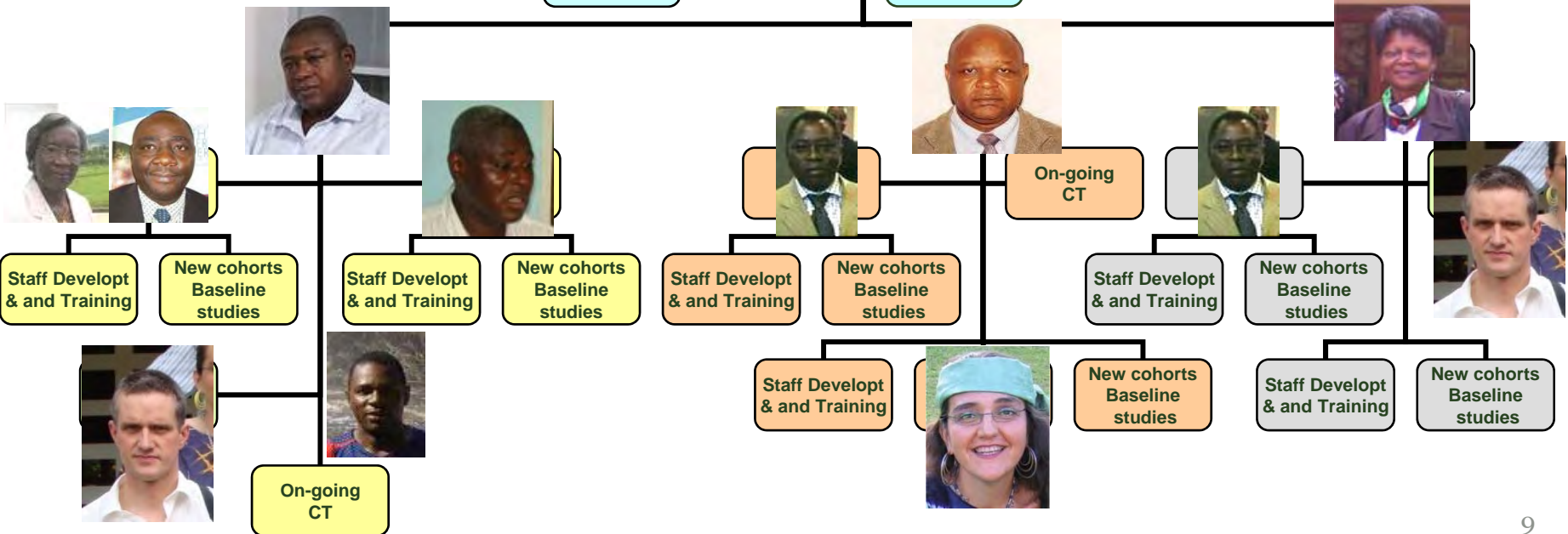
Infrastructure develop

Training Workshops



MIM Sec Support

OCEAC Support



Achievements after 10 months



**Establishment of
the Network.**

**1st Steering
Committee,
Lambarene,
March 2009**

Achievements (cont'd 2)

Meetings

- Regional meeting on the development of clinical research on TB, March 2009
- Malaria Workshop on field procedures, June 2009
- Development of HIV/AIDS protocols for CANTAM baseline studies, Aug 2009

Training/Staff Development

- Recruitment of personnel and students
- Molecular Virology seminar , Cameroon, June 2009
- Tropical Epidemiology Course Sweden, Aug-Sep 2009
- Bibliography through HINARI & EndNote®, Journal Club, Aug and Sep 2009)
- Writing of proposals Aug and Sep 2009
- Training in basic malaria molecular biology,, Burkina Faso, Sep 2009



Achievements (cont'd 3)



Site Audit

- Site Audit for Tuberculosis institutions: FHS, UY1
- Site Audit for Malaria institutions: CERVE
- Ethics Committee Audit for Congo : CERSSA

BTC before



Now



CERVE before



FHS Now



Renovations



Achievements (cont'd 4)



Fund Raising

- FACTS support
- RCS/TDR project (accepted)
- Development of proposals for the network (submitted and on-going)
- 6 Senior fellowships EDCTP (pending)
- Support to CANTAM Ethics Committees (EDCTP calls, pending)

Baseline studies / New cohorts

Research Protocols

Malaria and TB
(CERVE, FHS, UY1)
Approval of IRB and NRA

HIV
(Buea) pending
(FHS) in preparation

Collaborations

Goals: having common workshops, sharing information and experience, avoiding duplication

- Local collaborations strengthened
- Réseau International des Instituts Pasteur
- Poverty-Related-Diseases (PRD) College
- Malaria (MCTA, INDEPTH, WARN, MIM/TDR, etc.)
- HIV/AIDS (AAVP, SAAVI, SARETI, IAVI, etc.)
- Tuberculose (MRC, World Lung Foundation, ...)
- ARCEAU
- Other EDCTP NoE (soon..)



CANTAM Information & Communication package



- CANTAM information on the website of all partners (< December 2009)
- Preparation of CANTAM website (< December 2009)
- Promotion of CANTAM
 - Summaries to national authorities (done)
 - Communication with local media (on going)
 - Brochure CANTAM (being done)
 - Presentation in scientific meetings (on going)
 - Acknowledgement in publications
 - Feedback to the community

Future Objectives

- Participation in clinical trials
- Signature of agreements with local collaborators
- Cross-cutting workshops (GCP/GLP, data management, clinical protocol writing, Ethics)
- Renovation of infrastructure, equipment
- Start field studies
- Increase political support
- Fund raising



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University of Yaounde1, **Cameroon**



Fifth MIM Pan -African Malaria Conference

2-6 November 2009

Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

SEE YOU SOON IN NAIROBI !