Central Africa Network of Excellence for Clinical Trials

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Stakeholders meeting, 3rd July 2014
Institutions

Cameroon

Germany

Gabon

Rep. of Congo

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Main Objective of CANTAM1

To prepare new sites for conducting Clinical Trials on HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis

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Specific Objectives (So)

SO1. To develop Human resources
SO2. To develop infrastructure
SO3. To collect baseline data necessary for future interventions
SO4. Networking & Fund raising

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African partners

resourced Non-African partner

African partners

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Technicians, nurses, health staff, financial, management

>40 training workshops/courses

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Achievements. Institutional level

Cameroon

Congo
Achievements. Institutional level

New expertise/knowledge available

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Achievements. Institutional level 3

- Sites developed
- Local networking refreshed
- South-south collaboration strengthened
- New Northern partners
- Publications
1. Complementarity of research teams with multidisciplinary competencies at country and regional levels.

2. Focus on one area in which some CANTAM institutions have core competencies: malaria.

3. Emerging TB and HIV research groups.

4. Establishment of ethics Review Committees in all CANTAM countries.
1. Pyramid and gender balance within the network.
2. Excellent network of international collaborations, both academic and private
3. Strong advocacy for Health research in CANTAM countries
4. Strong political support.
1. No impact/benefit at societal level
2. Limited network strategy of fund raising.
3. The critical mass of scientists and health research managers remains a major limitation at all institutions in Central Africa.
4. Only one Northern partner.
5. Limited networking with regional HIV and TB networks
6. Visa restriction for scientists within CANTAM to work in each other’s countries
Opportunities

• Cameroon and Republic of Congo are members of EDCTP-Association
• DRC and France are now partners in CANTAM2
• New institutions in Congo and Gabon are also new members in CANTAM2
• Switzerland is highly interested in being CANTAM partner.
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