Africa Global Partnership Series (GPS)

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at ASU presents

About the Africa GPS

In coordination with the annual Faculty Development Seminar of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Strengthening Institutional Linkages initiative, the Africa GPS aims to bring together partners and leads of ASU projects within Africa to:

• Increase awareness of our activities in the region
• Discuss current issues and sensitivities impacting work in the region
• Identify synergies and strategies to advance our collective efforts in the region

This booklet provides summaries of selected ASU initiatives and research activities across Africa. Please reach out to listed contacts for more info.

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Selected ASU initiatives and research in Africa

**Kenya Collaborations with Kenyatta University**
School of International Letters and Culture
Expanding academic and non-academic collaboration with Kenyan partners, academic, and administrative. Pursuing research in the area of disability studies and humanitarism
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**Sierra Leone**
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**South Africa**
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African Studies Experts
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**Tanzania**

ASU in Tanzania / HEAL International
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**East Africa (Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia)**

**Education for Humanity**
School for the Future of Innovation in Society
Knowledge Enterprise Development
Education for Humanity works in partnership with humanitarian organizations to provide ASUs online educational offerings and other tech-enabled education solutions to support refugees and communities affected by displacement
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**Ghana and Kenya**

**GlobalResolve**
Barrett, The Honors College
GlobalResolve was established in 2006 as a social entrepreneurship program designed to enhance the educational experience for ASU students by involving them in real-world projects that directly improve the lives of underprivileged people locally and in underdeveloped nations throughout the world.
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**ShipShape**

W.P. Carey School of Business / Luminosity Lab (Knowledge Enterprise Development)
A USAID-funded project to develop a mobile game to teach the basic skills of supply chain to healthcare workers in emerging markets. Built for Android mobile phones and will need minimal storage and Wi-Fi to play and learn.
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**Morocco**

**Higher Education Partnership—Morocco**
Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Higher Education Partnership—Morocco partners will support Moroccan faculty in designing and piloting a comprehensive systems approach to primary teacher preparation that bestows a three-year undergraduate degree (license) in primary teaching and associated year-long preparation in pedagogy and one-year apprentice teaching (qualifications). The degree will reference international standards in inclusive education and will pay particular attention to issues of gender equity.
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**Kenya and Tanzania**

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**Continent-wide**

**2020 Space Governance Innovation Contest**
Interdisciplinary teams of innovators compete to address policy gaps in international space law. Prizes include cash prizes, international and virtual internships, publication opportunities and other rewards.
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**Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders**
Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
Flagship program of the U.S. government’s Young African Leaders Initiative. Since 2014, nearly 4,400 leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa have participated in the Fellowship. The Fellowships, between the ages of 16 and 35, are accomplished innovators and leaders in their communities and countries. Each Mandela Washington Fellow takes part in a six-week Leadership Institute at a U.S. college or university in one of three tracks: business, civic engagement or public management.
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**STEM Capacity Building and Mentoring**
School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
Build and enhance capacity in research and training in the mathematical sciences (and STEM) across Africa
Project Lead: Abba Gumel, AGumel@asu.edu

**Multiple locations in Kenya and East Africa**

**Regional Centers of Excellence**
Thunderbird School of Global Management
Learning centers provide students with multiple educational offerings, mobilizing thought leadership, and nurturing local, regional, and global partnerships.
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**East Africa (Comoros, South Sudan)**

**SolarSPELL**
School for the Future of Innovation in Society
SolarSPELL is a Solar-Powered Educational Learning Library; an easy to use, solar-powered, offline digital library that was developed to overcome barriers to accessing educational information in even the hardest-to-reach settings around the world.
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**Ghana**

**Global Classroom**
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Global Classroom allows our students—including those without the time or means to participate in our excellent travel programs—to collaborate with and learn alongside peers from institutions abroad. The program utilizes Zoom video-conferencing to link Barrett students and an Honors Faculty Fellow with their counterparts at an international partner university. Courses are delivered in a co-teach format with a focus on collaborative projects and presentations and focus on a variety of topics, including climate change, cross-cultural communication and engineering in global society.
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**Malawi**

**Strengthening Higher Education Access in Malawi Activity**
Center of Excellence Studies in Global Education, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
The Strengthening Higher Education Access in Malawi Activity (SHEAMA) is a USAID project to improve access to higher education opportunities through Open and Distance Learning. SHEAMA’s primary goal is to increase Malawi’s skilled and employable workforce. The activity targets rural adolescent girls and young women especially, and also vulnerable young men and people with disabilities. The program aims to build the capacity and foster collaboration between five Malawian universities and enable 14,940 students to attend tertiary education.
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