

# African organizations in education and research related to Africa



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## Key African organizations in the field of education and research related to Africa

- 1. University of Capetown - School for African & Gender Studies, Anthropology & Linguistics (AXL), South-Africa
- 2. University of Pretoria, The Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA), South-Africa
- 3. Lagos African Cluster Centre/University of Lagos, Nigeria
- 4. University of Khartoum - The Institute of African and Asian Studies (IAAS), Sudan
- 5. Inter - University Council for Africa (IUCEA), East-Africa
- 6. Addis Ababa University – The Academy of Ethiopian Languages and Cultures, Ethiopia
- 7. The African School of Economics/The Institute for African Studies (IAS), Benin
- 8. University of Nairobi, Department of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies (IAGAS), Kenya
- 9. The Africa Policy Institute (API), Kenya
- 10. University of Ghana – Institute of Africa Studies, Ghana

# 1. University of Capetown - School for African & Gender Studies, Anthropology & Linguistics (AXL), South-Africa

## General:

- founded in 1976
- focuses on multidisciplinary research in Africa and globally
- one of the oldest organizations in Africa related research
- focus on research and education
- teaching and counseling is seminar-focused
- the research focuses on critical issues in the African context
- is part of the "Centre for African Studies"

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## 2. University of Pretoria, The Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA), Etelä-Afrikka

### General

- founded in 1960
- a key factor in development and promotion of research and education related to Africa
- research is focused widely to entire African region
- lots of field research
- emphasizes sharing information and enabling local development in the context of Africa

member of The Economic Policy Forum (EPF)

- provides a platform for sharing information
- economic research (growth and development)
- in support of decision-making

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### 3. Lagos African Cluster Centre/University of Lagos, Nigeria

#### General

- one of the four cooperation universities in " Africa Multiple – Cluster of Excellence "
- cooperation, building networks and increasing education
- the main focus of the activity is on research, but it also provides teaching and other activities (workshops, etc.)
  - focus mainly in postgraduate-studies
  - interdisciplinary and collaborative research and education
- the research is divided into six thematic areas: alliances, art & aesthetics, knowledge, learning, mobilities and ethics.

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[UNILAG – Lagos African Cluster Centre – Providing opportunities everyday](#)

# 4. University of Khartoum - The Institute of African and Asian Studies (IAAS), Sudan

## General

- The Sudanese research unit was converted into IAAS
  - prior to this, research focused only on the Sudanese region (Humanistic sciences, such as Linguistics)
- Sudan continues to be the prior focus of research, but action has expanded to other parts of Africa as well
- objective:
  - sharing information through increased training, research and collaboration
  - networking and increasing cooperation with academic institutions and others
  - multidisciplinary collaboration in research implementation
- organizes activities related to Africa, such as seminars and workshops

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# 5. Inter - University Council for Africa (IUCEA), East-Africa

## General:

- an association of universities in East Africa that focuses mainly on the promotion and harmonization of education
- main objectives:
  - promote and expand cooperation with East African universities and other African universities and actors
  - provide a discussion platform for sharing information, especially on issues related to higher education
  - improve the competitiveness of East Africa in higher education
- organize events, such as conferences and webinars

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## 6. Addis Ababa University – The Academy of Ethiopian Languages and Cultures, Ethiopia

### General

- founded in 2010
- centers:
  - Language Research Center
  - Lexicography, Terminology and Translation Center
  - Philology Center
  - Center for Social Sciences and Cultural Sciences
- main principles:
  - academic freedom
  - excellence
  - integrity
  - scientificity and the pursuit of knowledge
  - justice
  - diversity
  - intolerance of corruption
  - transparency and accountability
  - entrepreneurship

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## 7. The African School of Economics/The Institute for African Studies (IAS), Benin

### General:

- emphasis on qualitative research focusing on African history, sociology, and anthropology
- teaching related to African culture
- linguistics, literature and art
- organizes seminars focusing on the history, present and future possibilities of the African continent
- The African School of Economics also offers a broader perspective on Africa, with a particular focus on the history of the region

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8. University of  
Nairobi, Department of  
Anthropology, Gender  
and African Studies  
(IAGAS), Kenya

General:

- founded in 1970
- research, training and networking
- promote research on African history and culture
- focuses on East Africa
- local and international partners
- located in connection of the National Museum of Kenya
- recently, there has been a focus on increasing and diversifying teaching

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# 9. The Africa Policy Institute (API), Kenya

## General:

- provides decision-making research information related to governance, security, and strategic issues
- aiming to create a safer, more peaceful and prosperous Africa
- cooperation between different actors plays an important role
- The Institute has four research centers focusing on different topics (research and cooperation)

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## General:

- founded 1961
- founded by former Ghanaian president Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah
- an interdisciplinary institute focusing on African art and social sciences
- purpose:
  - Production, application and dissemination of information
  - To become a global leader in the field of Africa scholarship
- disciplines:
  - history and politics
  - language, literature and drama
  - media and visual arts
  - music and dance
  - religion and philosophy
  - society and culture
- units:
  - Ghana Dance Ensemble
  - Manhyia Archives
  - Publications Unit
  - J.H Kwabena Nketia Archives
  - Teaching Museum
- research program 2018-2023 “African Lives, Institutions and Futures”.
  - focuses on exploring the survival and well-being of Africans in the midst of globalization
  - the aim is to demonstrate the credibility of the science done by the institute



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