

WORKSHOP 3: STRATEGIC RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

SESSION 1 Introductions

- Presentations
 - Transitional justice for women (ADRA)
 - Managing mines in Mozambique (ADRA)
 - West African maritime security (ADRA)
 - Natural resources, mining environment (ADRA)
 - Reviewing outcomes of AusAID scholarships
 - Noted 9 out of 14 African ADRAS included AAUN members

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- Discussion – scholarships and grants
 - Evaluation and outcomes
 - Briefing grant holders
 - Opportunities for grant holders to share experiences
 - Strengthening future applications
 - Strong partnerships
 - Relevance
 - Align with AusAID priority areas

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•Funding

- ADRAS for Africa highly successful, should be maintained; AAUN should raise this with AusAID
- AAUN should seek an allocation to support network development as AusAID prefers dealing with single organisations not fragmented structures
- Endowments
- Regional organisations can be a source of funds (limited)
- EC, foundations, World Bank, etc
- Mining companies; social responsibility obligations, environmental issues and training
- Collaboration with NGOs working in Africa (ACFID is umbrella organisation)
- Need for a lobby group to market AAUN - cohesion, expertise and track record; draw up capability statement; all projects include capacity building
- Need research leadership, grant writing skills – champions

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- Partnerships
 - Takes time and effort to build relationships
 - Mobility academics and students
 - African hubs to support mobility and increase visibility
 - Linking young researchers; alumni network (GRM)
 - Paired doctoral students with joint supervision on African topics; cotutelles have started
 - AAUN to develop clusters of ADRAS and other grant holders; explore concept of shared learning (also GRM)
 - AAUN limited membership based on balance and commitment; others can come in on project basis

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- Projects
 - Leadership, governance
 - Human rights
 - Democracy
 - Peace and reconciliation
 - Gender issues
 - Disability
 - Databases (infrastructure to support research)