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)