

# 2017 AAUN Conference

## Cooperation between University Networks on the Continent

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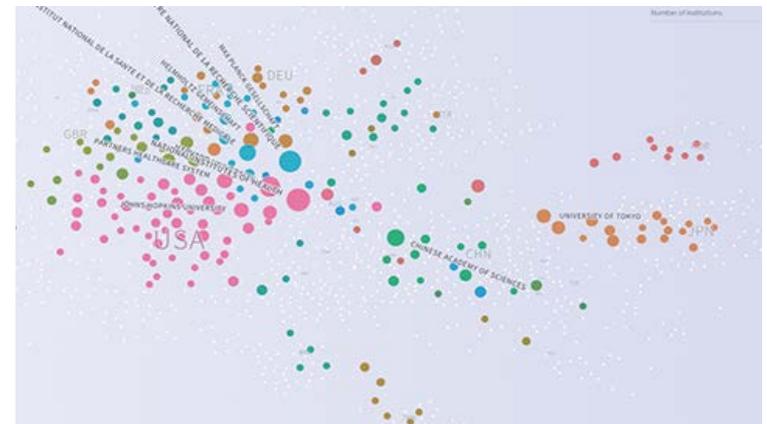
**Expert Panel:**

Prof John Hearn

Dr Aldo Stroebel

Dr Moses Osiru

Prof Cheryl de la Rey



# Why are Networks Important?

- ✚ Identify common strategic interests (research, teaching, community development, industry engagement and training etc. )
- ✚ Exert influence (reputational / increase profile and standing)
- ✚ Can be exclusive or inclusive (represent a cause or current issue or institutional need)
- ✚ Leverage numbers and have a stronger voice: political, financial, attract, social, educational, environmental etc.
- ✚ Represent the aggregation and diversity of extensive knowledge, expertise and skills (practice)
- ✚ If well managed, they 'foster collaboration, innovation and impact'!  
(WUN Africa Strategy Group)

# Some examples!

US: Ivy League

China: G9

Global: WUN

AAUN

RUFORUM

AU and CESA (Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016-2025)

UK: Russel Group

Australia: Go8

PLuS Alliance

WUN Global Africa Group

ARUA



# Delivery of SDGs

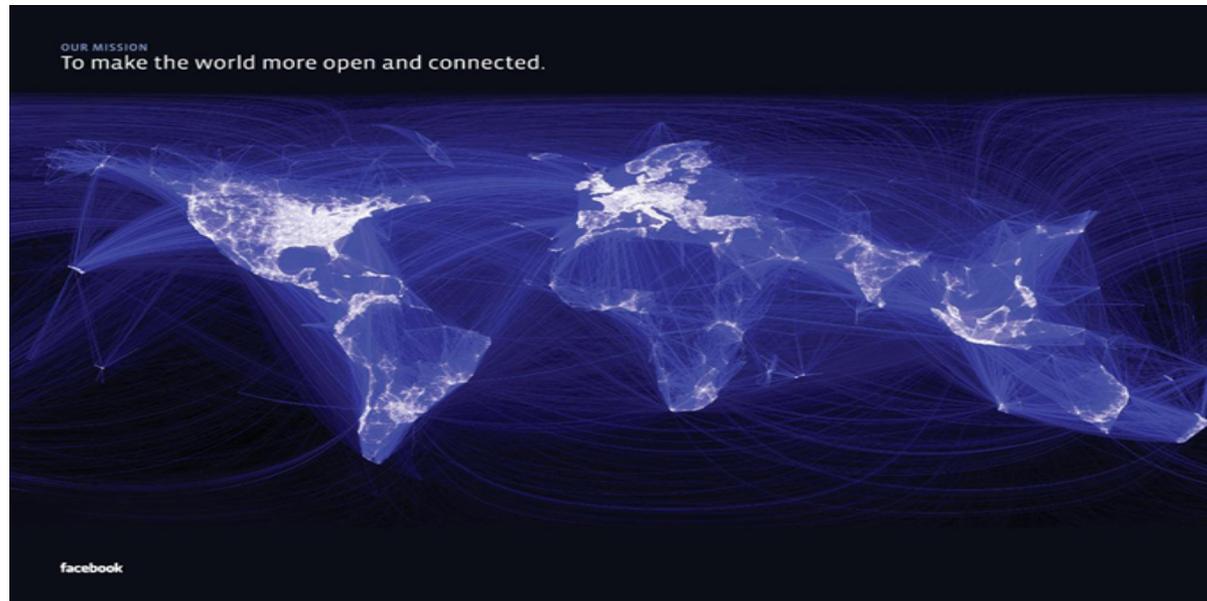
## **Sustainable development goals are in reach if African universities work together (Sept, 2015)**

There are many opportunities for universities to collaborate on teaching, research and information exchange and dissemination. This should be done through well supported, coordinated academic networks that incorporate public and private partners throughout the continent - and beyond.

(Professor Wim de Villiers)

3.00-3.30pm

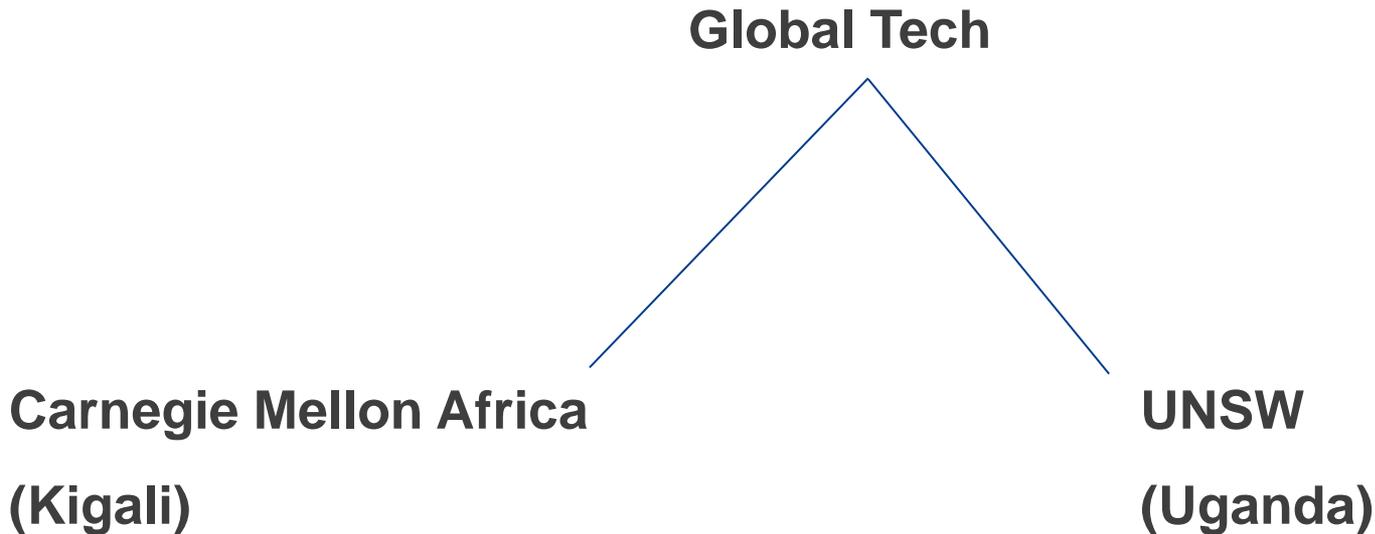
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## Global Alliance of Technological Universities

A network of the world's top technological universities. The Alliance aims to address global societal issues to which science and technology could be their solution. These issues include biomedicine and health care, sustainability and global environmental change, security of energy, water and food supplies, security, and changing demographics / population.



(Carnegie Mellon, Georgia Tech, Imperial College, Nanyang Tech University, IIT Bombay, UNSW, Shanghai Jiao Tong, Technical University of Munich, Germany)

# Networks, Innovation and Future Directions

1. Can networks remain static?
2. How and why do they need to morph and change? (e.g. Global Tech and UNSW)
3. How do you set agendas for equal partnerships, productive outcomes and evaluation of the outcomes?
4. What are some on the new issues that are on the horizon that would need to be addressed in the next 5-10 years?
5. Who would be the stakeholders and key agents and drivers of change?
6. What role should the business sector and business leaders play and to what extent should they be involved?
7. What is your vision for the future in terms of networks for Africa that would have a sustainable impact...on the continent and beyond?

Q & A and Discussion

Thank you!