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About ACIAR

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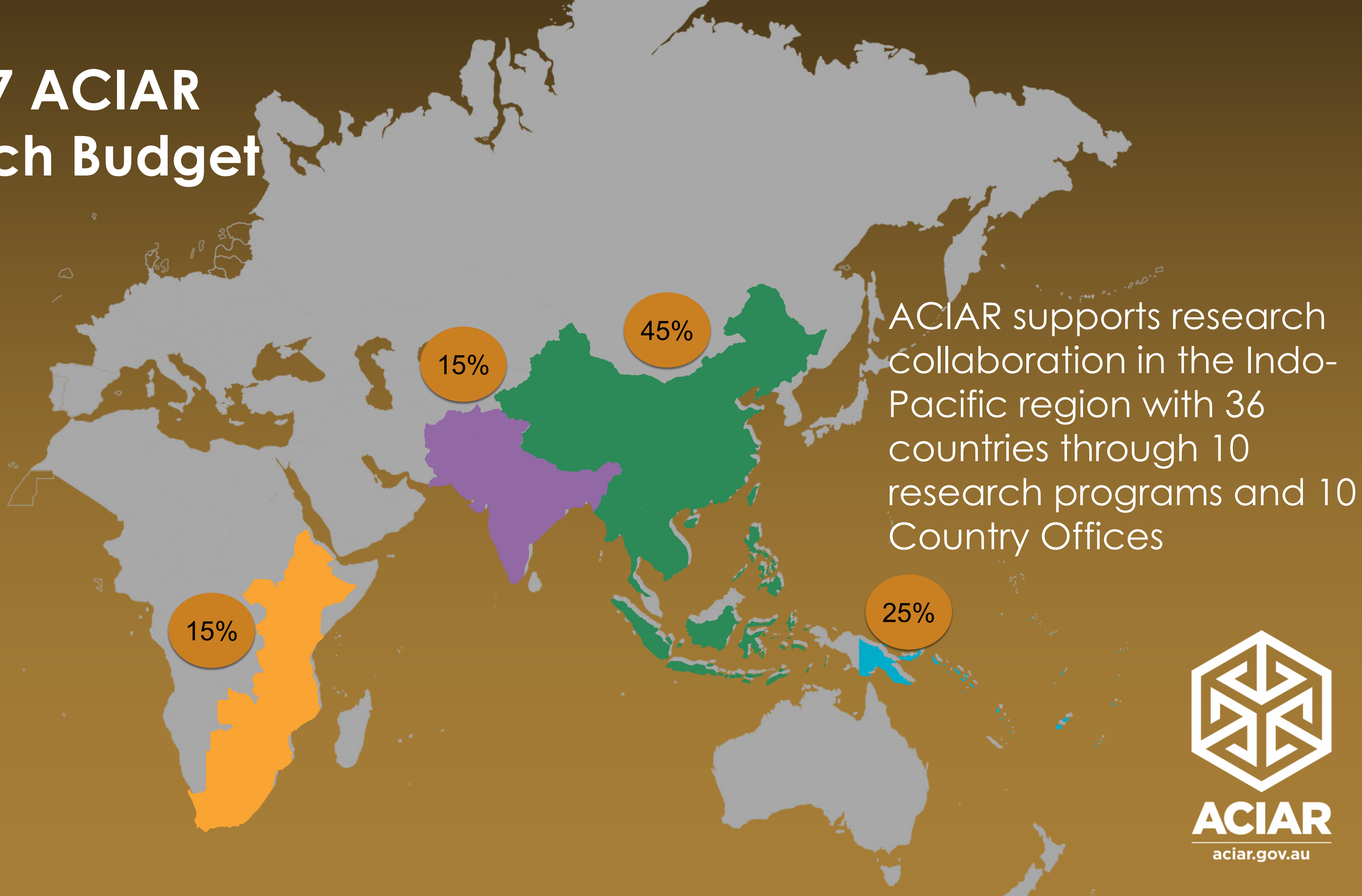
ACIAR

“a unique asset at the intersection of Australia’s diplomatic outreach and its innovation system”

- ACIAR is an independent statutory authority in Australia’s Foreign Affairs portfolio, established in 1982
- We fund, broker and manage research partnerships
- We aim to boost agricultural productivity, sustainability and food system resilience in our partner countries



2016-17 ACIAR Research Budget



How we work

- Multilateral research collaborations
- Bilateral research partnerships
- Co-investment with other partners
- Building capacity in our region
- Evaluating impact



Strategic Focus

Under our 10-year Vision we will focus on:

1. Improving food security and reducing poverty
2. Managing natural resources
3. Enhancing human nutrition
4. Gender equity and empowerment of women and girls
5. More inclusive agrifood and forestry market chains
6. Scientific and policy capability within our partner countries



A new capacity building program

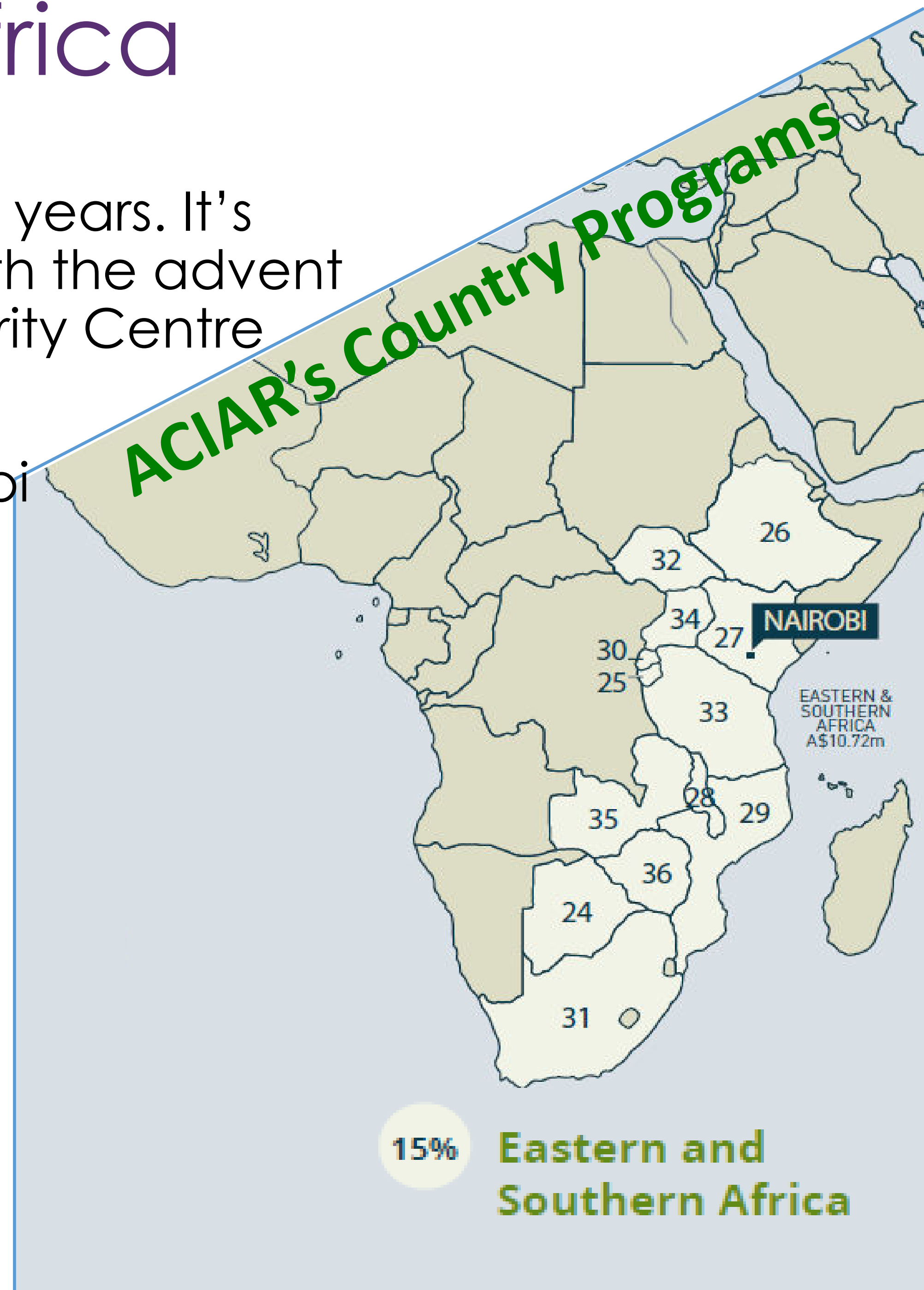
Capacity building program reviewed early 2017. Key recommendation was to reduce emphasis on PhD scholarships to offer a wider spread of support

- Introduce a new fellowship targeting women in research leadership – initial partnership with AWARD
- Run two rounds of John Dillon Fellows annually, & support them better
- Provide more training in leadership & management for PhD scholars
- A much more comprehensive and dynamic Alumni Program



ACIAR in Africa

- ACIAR has been working in Africa for >30 years. It's presence was increased dramatically with the advent of the Australian International Food Security Centre (AIFSC) 2011
- AIFSC established ACIAR's 1st off in Nairobi. ACIAR's presence and investment has remained relatively constant since 2012
- Characterised by strong alignment with regional and sub-regional priorities, which feature highly in ACIAR's strategy consultation & development processes
- Increasingly responding to rapidly changing regional and country priorities / relationships



Current Research Focus in Africa

ACIAR works in 11 ESA countries through a total of 13 research for development projects focusing on:

- Sustainable intensification approach, esp of maize-legume-livestock farming systems
- Improved livestock production and value chains
- Capacity of integrated agroforestry & crop farming systems
- Small scale mechanization
- Village poultry farming
- Peri-urban vegetable production
- Improved approaches to plant breeding
- Biosecurity capacity building

Country	Current No. of Projects
Burundi	1
Ethiopia	5
Kenya	3
Malawi	3
Mozambique	2
Rwanda	2
South Africa	2
Tanzania	5
Uganda	3
Zambia	3
Zimbabwe	3

Next steps



Plans are underway to develop a new 10-year Strategic Plan for Africa in 2018 to deliver new ACIAR Strategy in the region and consultation process being worked out

ACIAR-IDRC co-investment: CultuAF



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