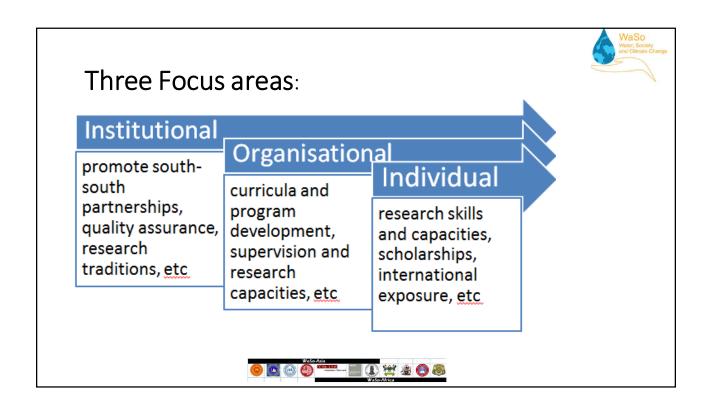
WATER AND SOCIETY (WaSo - Africa): INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN THE NILE BASIN



2014 - 2020







4 Objectives

- To enhance and improve the quality of Water and Society related university programs.
- To enhance the institutional Capacities for Water, Society and Climate Change impact / adaptation management.
- To increase the cooperation on WaSo research and education between the universities
- To increase the access to project results and resources



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Structure

- 110 Master/PhD/PostDoctor level fellowships
- 10 project meetings , including 6 joint Asia+Africa
- 10+ Local workshops;
- 11 Courses: materials, equipment;
- Inter-university supervisions;
- International network for sustainability
- Twinning with WaSo-Asia



Outputs



- Increased capacity to deliver high quality education in priority disciplines in NORHED supported institute/department/faculty
 - · Guidebook on supervision
 - Supervision workshops
 - 2 MSc programs developed, 11 modules revised/created,
 - Participation in PG courses: external participants.
- Regional/international collaboration in education strengthened
 - MSc students involved in mobility programs





- Regional/international collaboration in PhD and research increased and improved
 - Graduate students with external/ partner-univ. supervisors:
 - Staff exchanges/university
 - WaSo Handbook published and distributed
 - >5 subjects at each university strengthened by the project
 - PhD/PD stud/staff involved in mobility programs





Achievements

- Increased South (Africa) South (Asia) collaboration.
- 2-tier project management system for project efficiency (many mobilities, short term fellowships)
- Inter and intra continental network promoting dialogue across disciplines.
- Establishment of online platforms for continuation even during pandemic.
- Revision and strengthening of institutional administrative and financial procedures.



Notable Achievements

WaSo Africa – Inception partner and regular contributor to Uganda Water and Environment Week.



Notable Achievements

- Thematic Tool (Box) for Institutional Analysis for Local Government Preparedness and Response to (Integrating Gender in) Climatic Change/Variability Impacts Mitigation Planning and Implementation
- Baringo County (**Kenya**); Nakasongola district (**Uganda**).





Lessons learnt

- Enhanced abilities of Partners in south to manage multi-partner, multi-year projects
- Collaboration lends to risk management for instance, if one partner unable to proceed due to civil strife, continuity can still be achieved.
- Great potential for South South (Africa Asia Africa) tha needs to be tapped into.
- Short term fellowships cost effective way of supporting students in home country, effective in helping staff strengthen credentials Many junior staff on project were promoted or recruited.



