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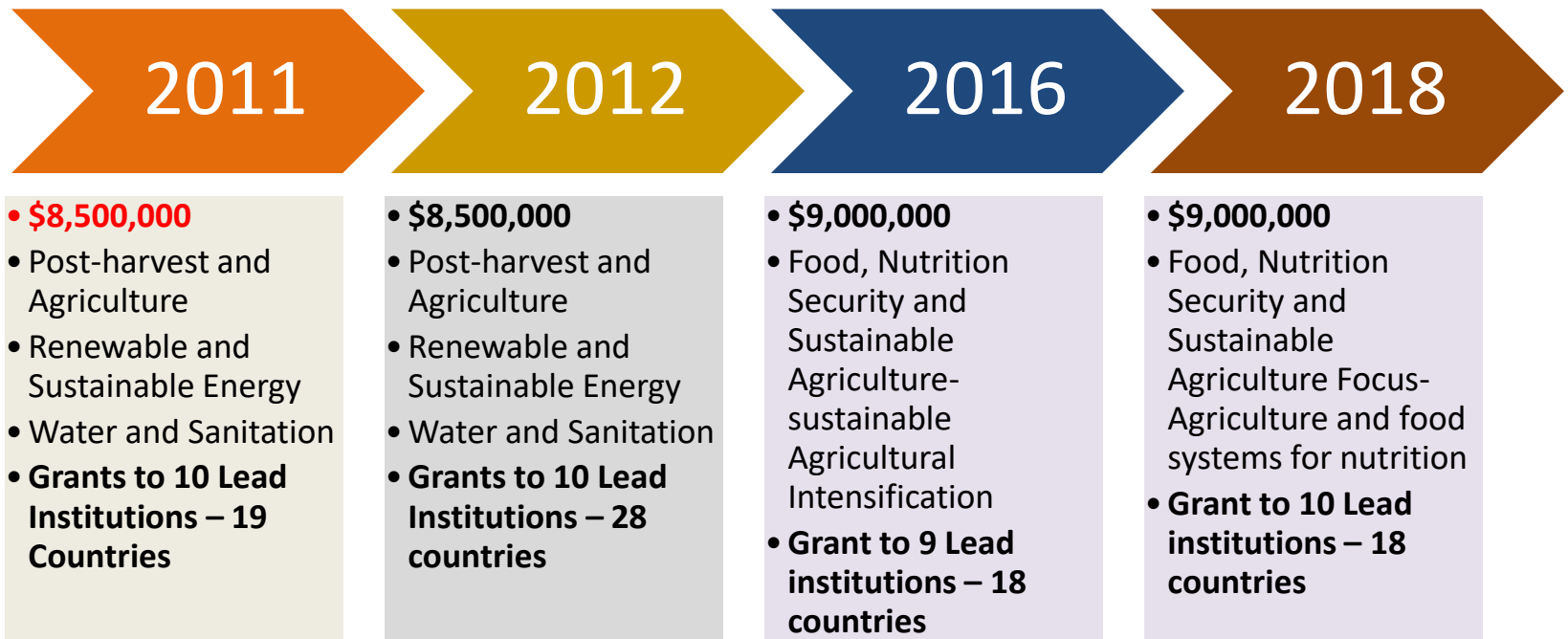
African Union Research Grant



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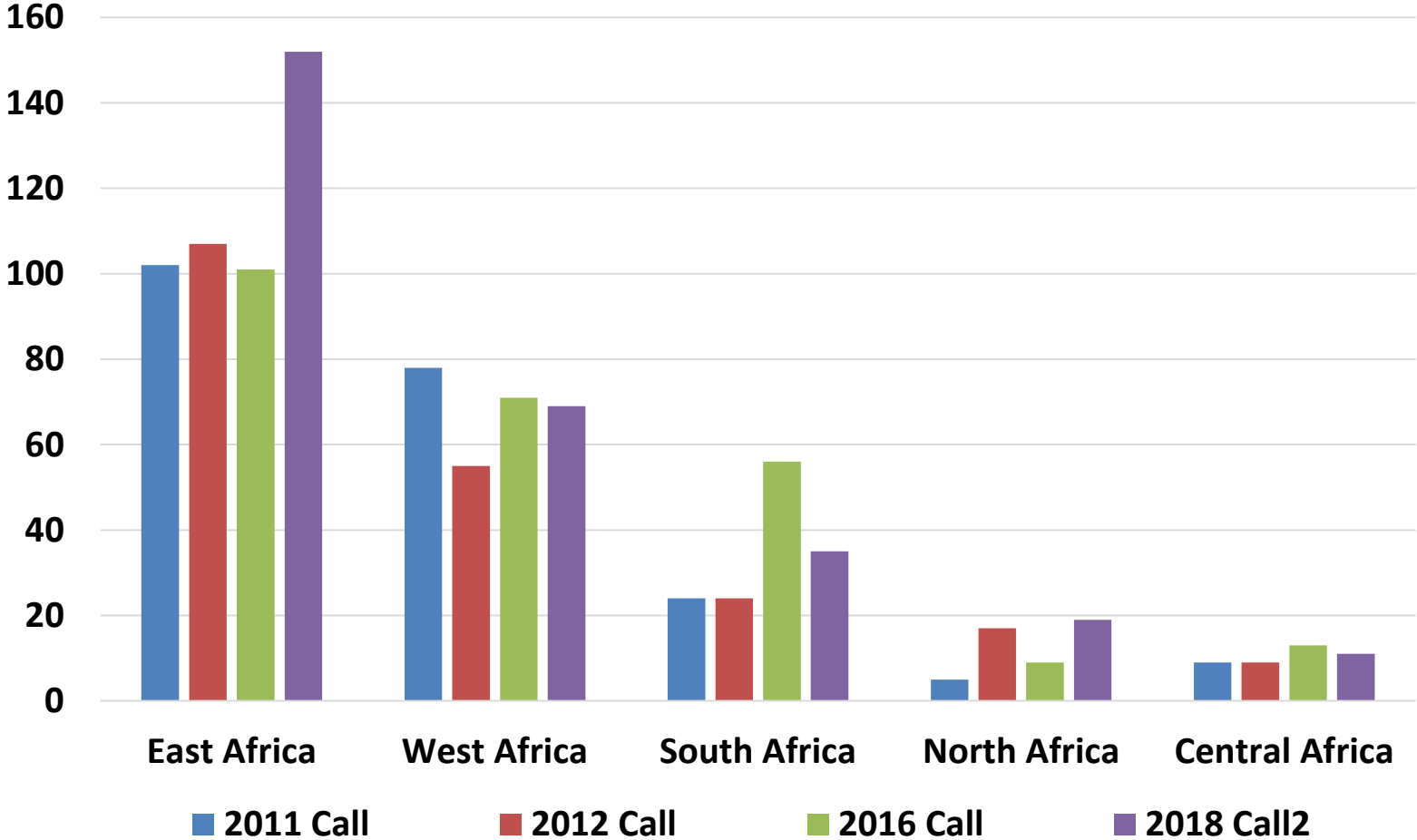
Call for Research Proposals

AURG: Open Call for Proposal



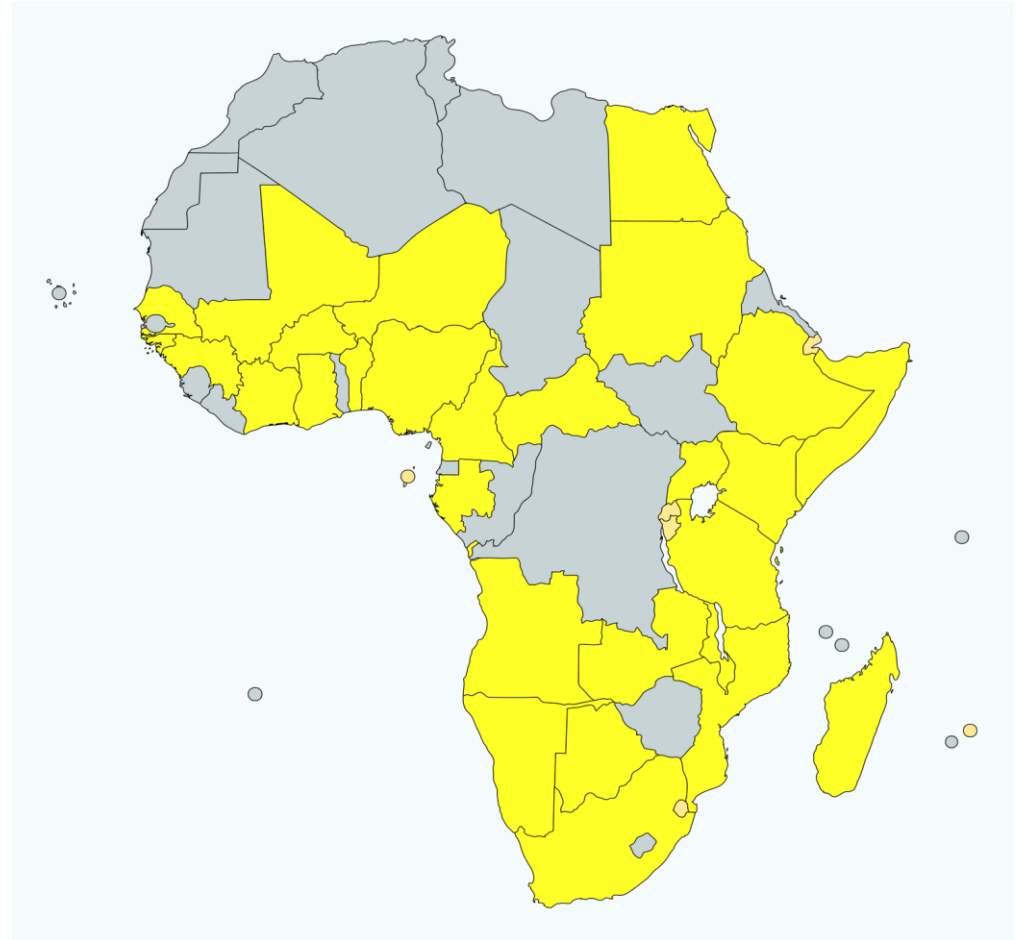
35 Million USD given out for research

Distribution of Applications by Region



Action Locations from all Calls: 36 African Countries

Angola	Mali
Benin	Mauritania
Botswana	Mauritius
Burkina Faso	Mozambique
Burundi	Namibia
Cameroon	Niger
Central Africa Republic	Nigeria
Côte d'Ivoire	Rwanda
Djibouti	Sao Tome and Principe
Egypt	Senegal
Ethiopia	Somalia
Gabon	South Africa
Gambia	Sudan
Ghana	Swaziland
Guinea	Tanzania
Guinea-Bissau	Uganda
Kenya	Zambia
Madagascar	
Malawi	



Networking for Collaborating



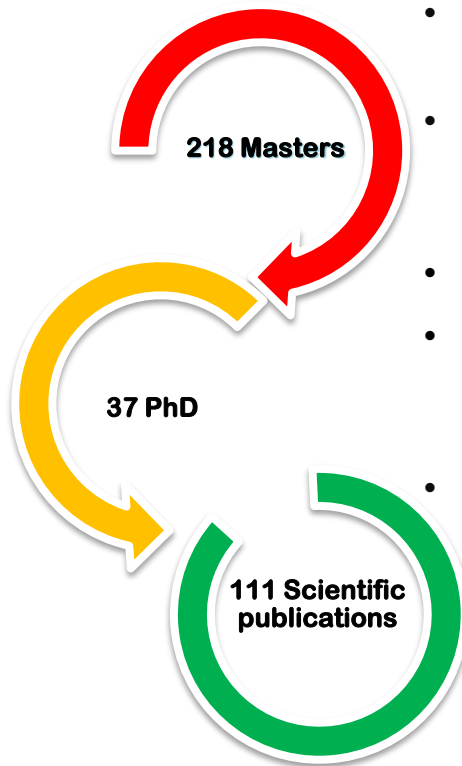
185 Partnership Networks
established from the 4 calls
for proposals

Involving 36 African
Countries and 9 European
Countries

Served as platform for
experience sharing,
learning, diffusion of
research and technology
transfer

Enabled Intra-Africa and
North-South, Collaboration

Successes



- Fund of 750 - 1million USD each to 39 Lead institutions
- Established a credible and competitive system of grants management at continental level
- Science that impacts society
- Exploration of Emerging technologies- Microgrids in BF and Ghana to provide energy to local communities
- Asset bases for Research Infrastructure development in Africa - Research facilities Acquired, laboratories equipped, platform for diffusion of research and technology transfer



Integrating the AURG to ASRIC

Justification

1- As of the ASRIC Statute Article 8. 4.e on the ASRIC Secretariat function

4. The Secretariat shall perform the following functions:
 - a) Provide administrative and secretarial services to ASRIC;
 - b) Manage the overall activities related to the implementation of the interdisciplinary programs in coordination with the scientific sub-committees;
 - c) Prepare and implement the budget of ASRIC and carry out financial programming and resource mobilization in accordance with the AU rules, policies and practice ;
 - d) Establish Pan African platforms connecting institutions, networks, and other actors to strengthen synergies and scientific knowledge exchange;
 - e) Administer calls and grants that address the priority areas identified by the Congress;
 - f) Promote the establishment of strategic partnerships, and advance Africa's positions in international negotiations on research matters such as research ethics, integrity and open-access to publications; and
 - g) Perform any other functions to ensure the smooth running of ASRIC.

Justifications

2- As of STISA 2024 Governance and implementation arrangement (STISA-2024 Chapter 4 P.g. 35 and P.g. 36) the AUC is not an implementer of programme and project while ASRIC is

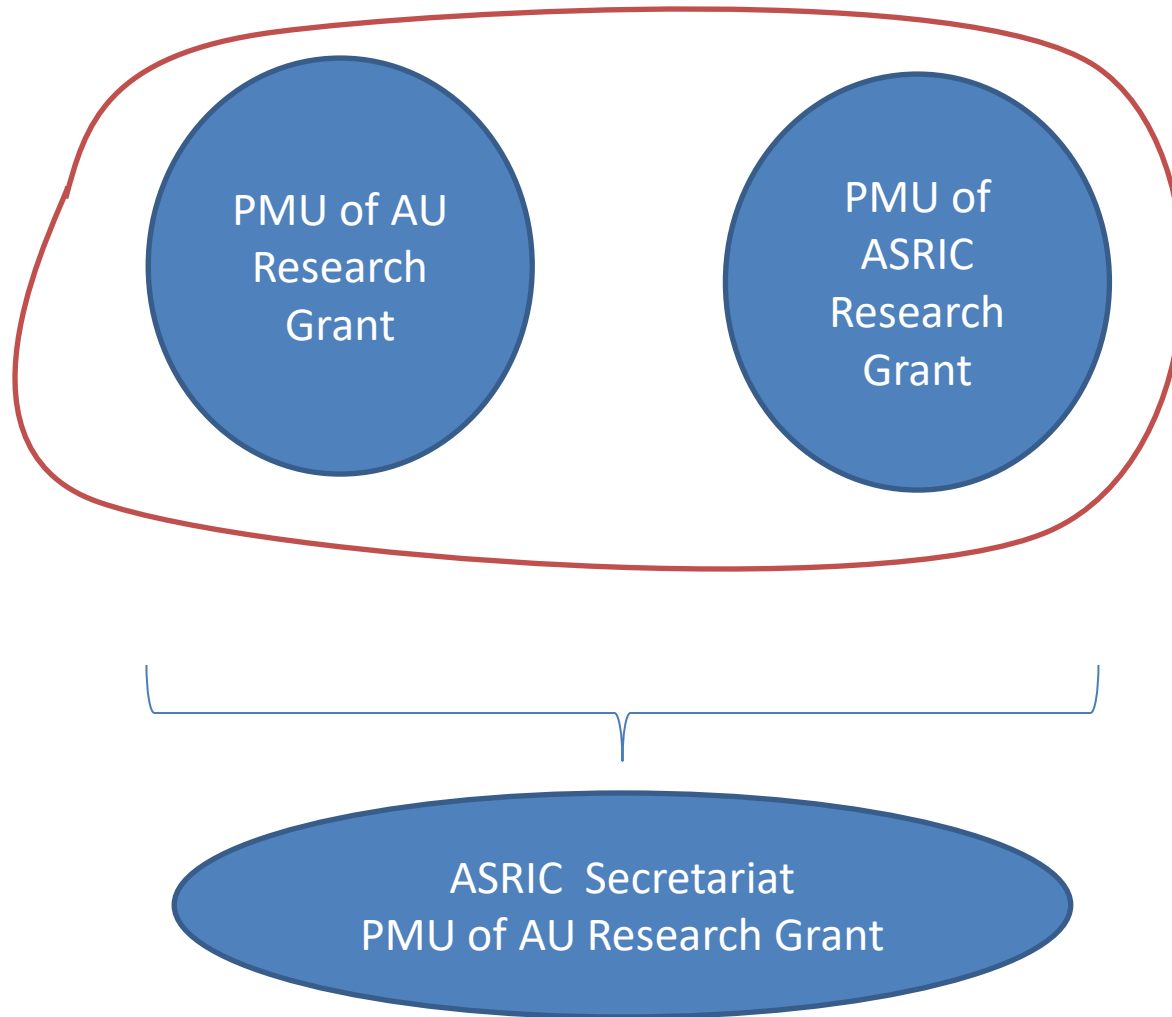
African Union Commission: The African Union Commission as the AU secretariat shall be responsible for providing political and policy leadership for implementation of this Strategy. Its specific roles will include: (a) convening meetings of the STC and ensuring that resolutions of such meetings are transmitted to the AU summits (b) initiating policy processes aimed at addressing specific Science, Technology and Innovation issues (c) leading delegations to international processes and negotiations on Science, Technology and Innovation issues (d) providing a focal point for liaising with United Nations agencies, it's conventions and related scientific bodies on matters pertaining to policy, (e) convening annual partnership platforms and (f) creating various advocacy schemes for promoting Science, Technology, Innovation and ICT.

African Scientific Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC): The African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council is a platform for the development of bankable programmes that address the key socio-economic development challenges in the continent. It acts as an operational unit of the Ministerial Conference for Coordination of Flagship Programs and supports RECs and Member States with its expertise.

ASRIC will not be a permanent organ and will meet bi-annually or annually depending on its regulations. The STRC, which is an existing specialized technical Office, will serve as the secretariat of ASRIC. On request from the African Union Commission (HRST Department), ASRIC-STRC can establish experts' commissions to deliberate on the flagship program.

Justifications

3- To avoid duplication and wastage of resources



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WAY Forward ?

Recommendations

- Realizing the duplication of roles between the ASRIC and the Programme Management Unit (PMU) of the AU Research Grant and referring to Article 8..., the Bureau is calling upon the Commissioner of HRST to transfer the PMU of the AU Research Grant to the ASRIC Secretariat.
- The Bureau requests the Chair to communicate the recommendation above to H.E. Commissioner of HRST and to follow up and further report to the next Bureau.

Thank You



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