



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

Engaging with Africa

People & Partnerships



Our global engagement plan

Institutional context

- 13th in the THE 2017 ranking of the world's most international universities
- Combined international staff/student population of over 22,000 (170+ countries)
- Focus tends towards North America and China

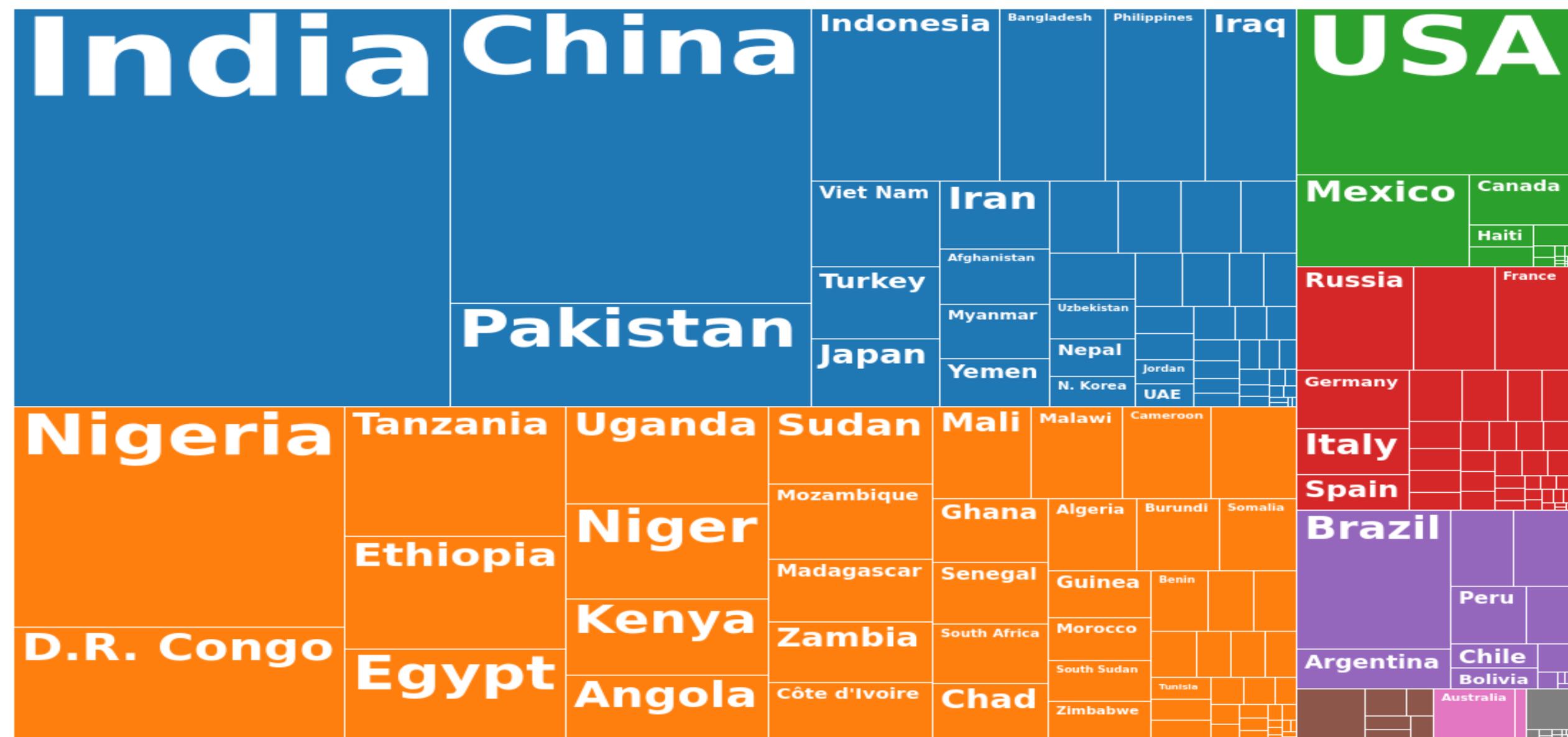
- **Geopolitics** – Brexit, but not only Brexit
- **Centres of gravity** – East & South Asia now, Africa in the future?
- **Transnational partnerships** – new partners, technologies and approaches

*Response: Regional & relational approach to **nurture** activities;*

*Constantly reflect on **nature** of internationalization, implications of **numbers***

List of countries ordered by their population size

Total: 11,109,434,072





REGIONAL BRIEF

AFRICA



OUR COMMUNITY

The University is currently home to over 800 students who are from 37 African countries.



TOP DESTINATION

The University of Edinburgh is the number one UK study destination for undergraduate South African students.



OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY

There are over 2,400 African alumni of the University from 37 different countries.



RESEARCH OUTPUT

Over the past 10 years the University has had over 3,000 research outputs with 84 institutions across 44 countries in Africa.



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A RICH HISTORY

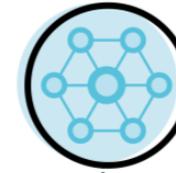
Our first African graduate, James Africanus Beale Horton from Sierra Leone, completed his MD (Medical Doctor) in 1859.



OUR EXPERTISE

Our Centre of African Studies is a world-leading centre for the study of Africa, founded in 1962 as one of the first in the UK on the recommendation of the Hayter Commission.

- Africa
- First Aid Africa
- Arabic Bellydancing
- Friends of Medecins Sans Frontiers
- Save the Children
- Islamic Society
- ADE Tanzania
- Nigerian
- Swahili
- African Dance
- African Caribbean
- MedAID for International Need
- International Development
- Christian Union
- South African Drumming



OUR NETWORKS

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars program links us to a wide network of institutions across Africa and North America.



SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Over 7 years, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program will offer 200 full scholarships to Sub-Saharan African students, worth \$27 million.



ON-CAMPUS CULTURE

There are over 15 student societies which promote African culture, language, health and development at the University.

Africa exchange

Living labs



Global Development Academy

The Circular Solar Challenge 2016

Is it possible to build fairly-sourced, repairable and recyclable solar powered lighting systems for use in East Africa?

[Find out more](#)



Africa exchange

Summer Schools



Africa community

MasterCard Scholars Program

2018-19

45 new scholars

c. 12,000 applications

Learning

Global access/community

Extended orientation

Next

Summer schools

Basis for new partnerships



Africa community

Less British catering



What now?

Building new relationships

- We are currently developing a small number (3 or 4) of deeper African partnerships, based in key countries. Implications for:
 - **Research** – focus; geography; process; impact
 - **Capacity** – complementarity and benefits for both partners



What now?

Building new networks

- We are involved in exciting networks that build capacity, lever complementarity, and extend our impact:



Centre for
Tropical Livestock
Genetics and Health

What next?

Changing the relationship

- *Reflect* on our historical relationship with Africa
 - *Deliver* new pathways to access our degree programmes
 - *Develop* new research collaborations
 - *Shift* the locus of activity from Edinburgh to the African continent
 - *Partnerships*
 - *Networks*
 - *Exchanges*
 - *Infrastructure?*
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