

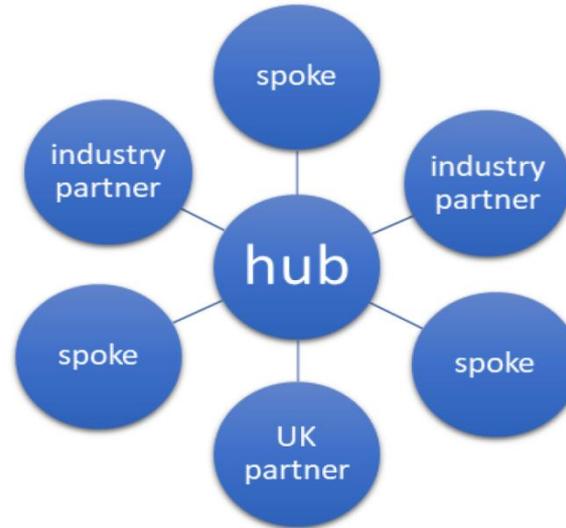
Sustainability beyond the two-year grant-Is this realistic?

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Partnerships: An important point for the HEPSSA programme

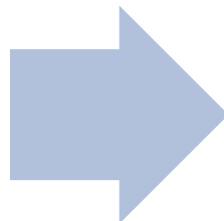
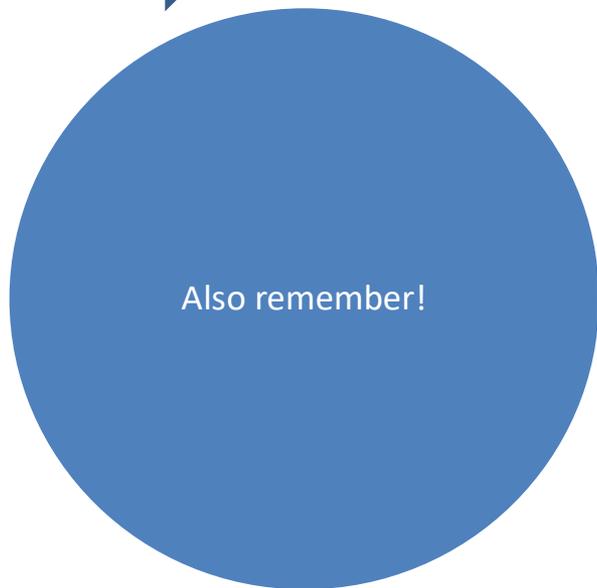


- Strengthened partnership between the HEIs involved;
- Strengthened partnerships between academia and industry.

Why are these partnerships important?

- Most current funders require international partnership, in line with the UN SDG 17.

- HEPSSA → Strengthened partnerships → Increased likelihood of funds for other projects → Sustainability plan



- SAICE-Africa project case (www.saice-africa.org):

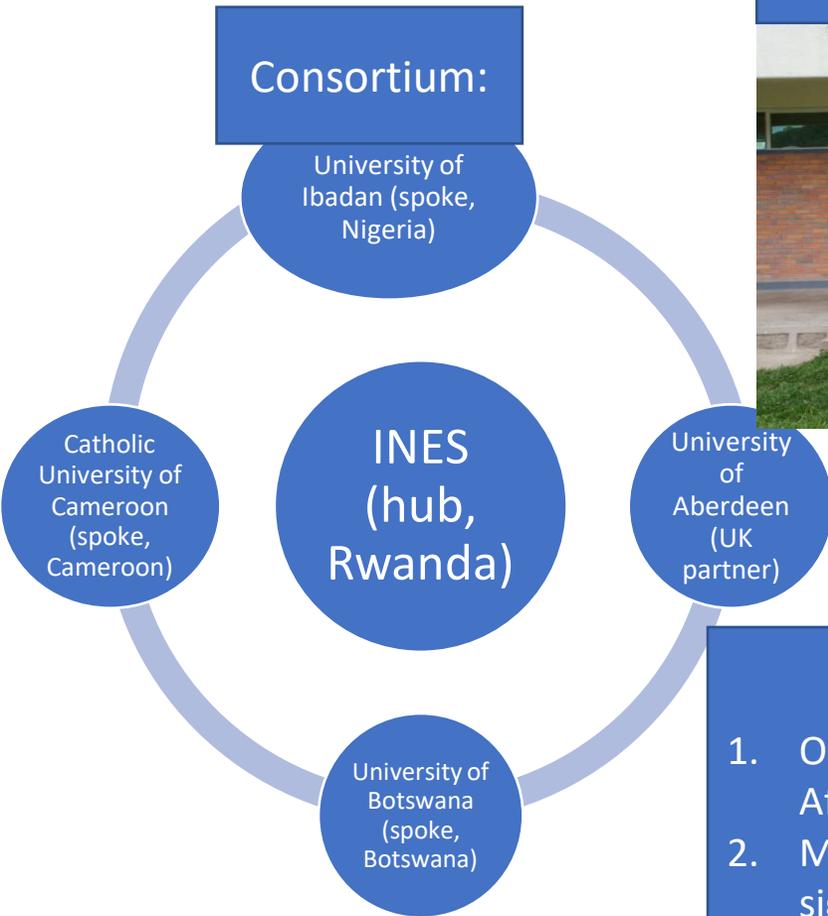
- MoUs between hub and spokes (3) already signed;
- MoU between hub and UK partner already signed;
- 60 new industries are being linked to the hub university through MoUs;
- 150 new industries are being linked to the spoke universities through MoUs;
- Potential for other phases: SAICE-Africa 1, 2, etc (sustainability plan of the project).

Thank you for your attention

Questions?

Contributions from your own experience?

Strengthening academia-industry linkage and research space in the area of civil engineering for food security in sub-Saharan Africa (SAICE-Africa)



GOOD NEWS: Some activities going on despite lockdown

- Key achievements:**
1. Operational project website (www.saice-Africa.org):
 2. MoUs between hub and spokes (3) signed
 3. MoU between hub and UK partner signed
 4. 210 MoUs with industries in preparation
 5. 5 staff industrial secondments going on

Project objectives:

1. To strengthen the linkage between academia and industries in the area of civil engineering within the hub and spoke universities
2. To improve the quality of teaching and learning civil engineering within the hub and spoke universities
3. To create a platform for students' internships, while enhancing the employability of graduates within the hub and spoke universities
4. To organise and host international knowledge-sharing workshops and international research conferences on a rotational basis within the hub and spoke universities
5. To enable research visits to other research-led institutions

Expected inputs from the RAENG (due to COVID-19):

Permission for adjustment of timelines (activities + progress reports)