

COCREATE AFRICA - Project Template

Project Title	COLlaborative Graduate Training to Enhance Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity ConsErVATion in East and Central Africa (COCREATE-Africa) (the “Project”)
Acronym	COCREATE
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Project description or Summary	Climate change is a fundamental factor underlying intergenerational cycle of poverty in Africa. Its impact is more pronounced in countries in Eastern

	and Central Africa than in any other regions of the continent where its effects are felt in shifting weather patterns, higher temperatures, rainfall variability, prolonged cycles of drought and water shortages. As the majority of the populations in these countries are smallholders who operate in low input-output rainfed production systems with limited access to markets and opportunities for building their resilience to future shocks, climate change poses threats to their food security, with the potential to perpetuate existing inequality and poverty. Building knowledge capacity to explore the connection between climate change and food insecurity and the technological know-how on how to integrate climate change-related scientific knowledge and innovations with local experiences to foster household adaptation to climate-induced shocks is vital. COCREATE-Africa will be implemented by a consortium of universities to train students, staff and trainees for improving the quality of graduate training and research in climate-smart agriculture. In so doing, the project aims to contribute to a climate-resilient and sustainable agricultural sector and food system that shall lead to increased agricultural production, enhanced food security and livelihood outcomes by improving the quality and relevance of graduate training in climate-smart agriculture and biodiversity conservation in eastern and central Africa. The project will be implemented through Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme of the EU. The project will support a total of 54 mobility flows (30 Masters, 10 PhDs, 8 staff, and 6 trainees). By the end of the project, the universities shall have their staff capacities improved; curricula in CSA education internationalized; institutional capacity to offer quality graduate training in CSA enhanced; and partnerships improved.
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