

A Values-based and Principles-guided Approach to Internationalization between Global South and Global North Partners

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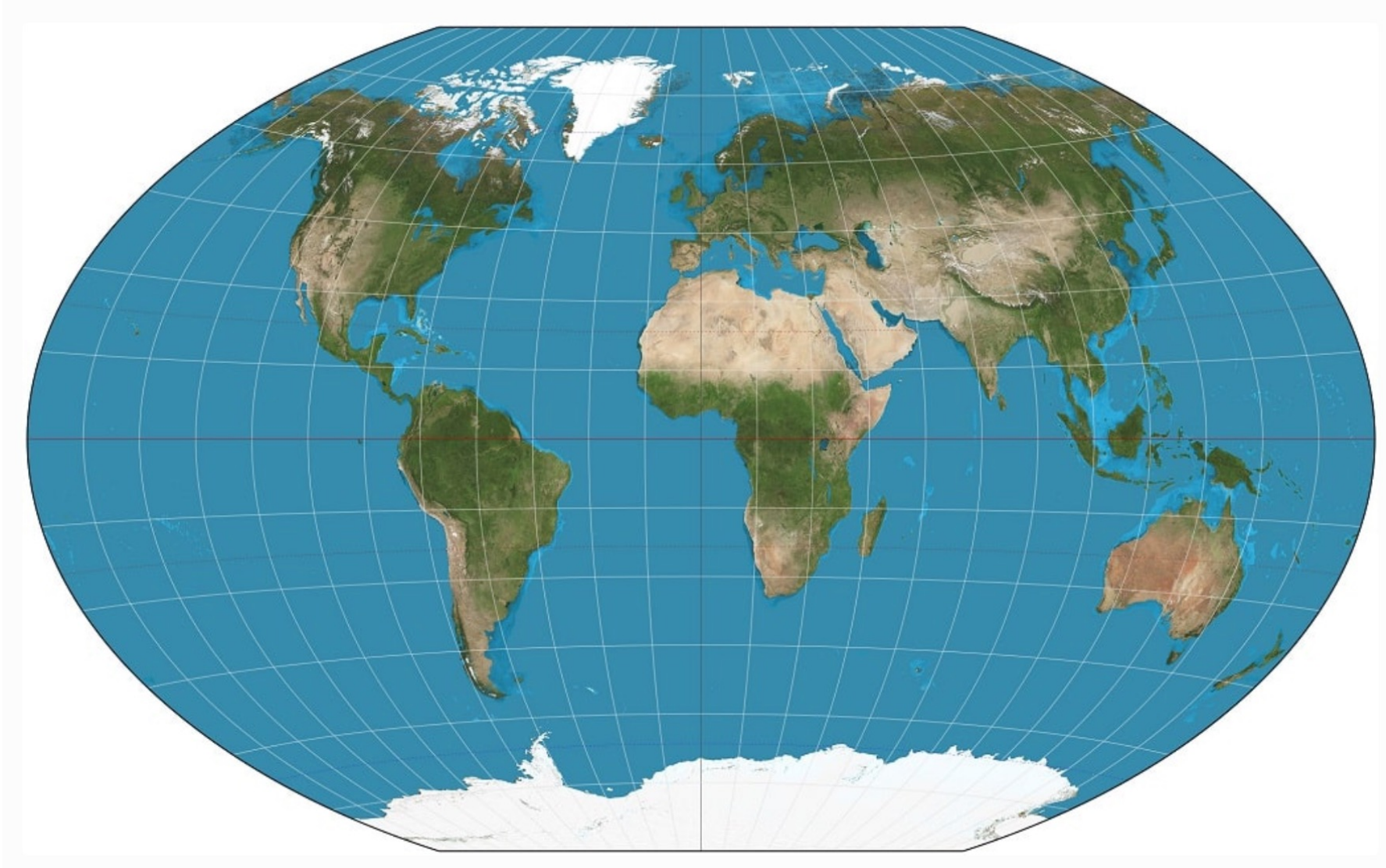
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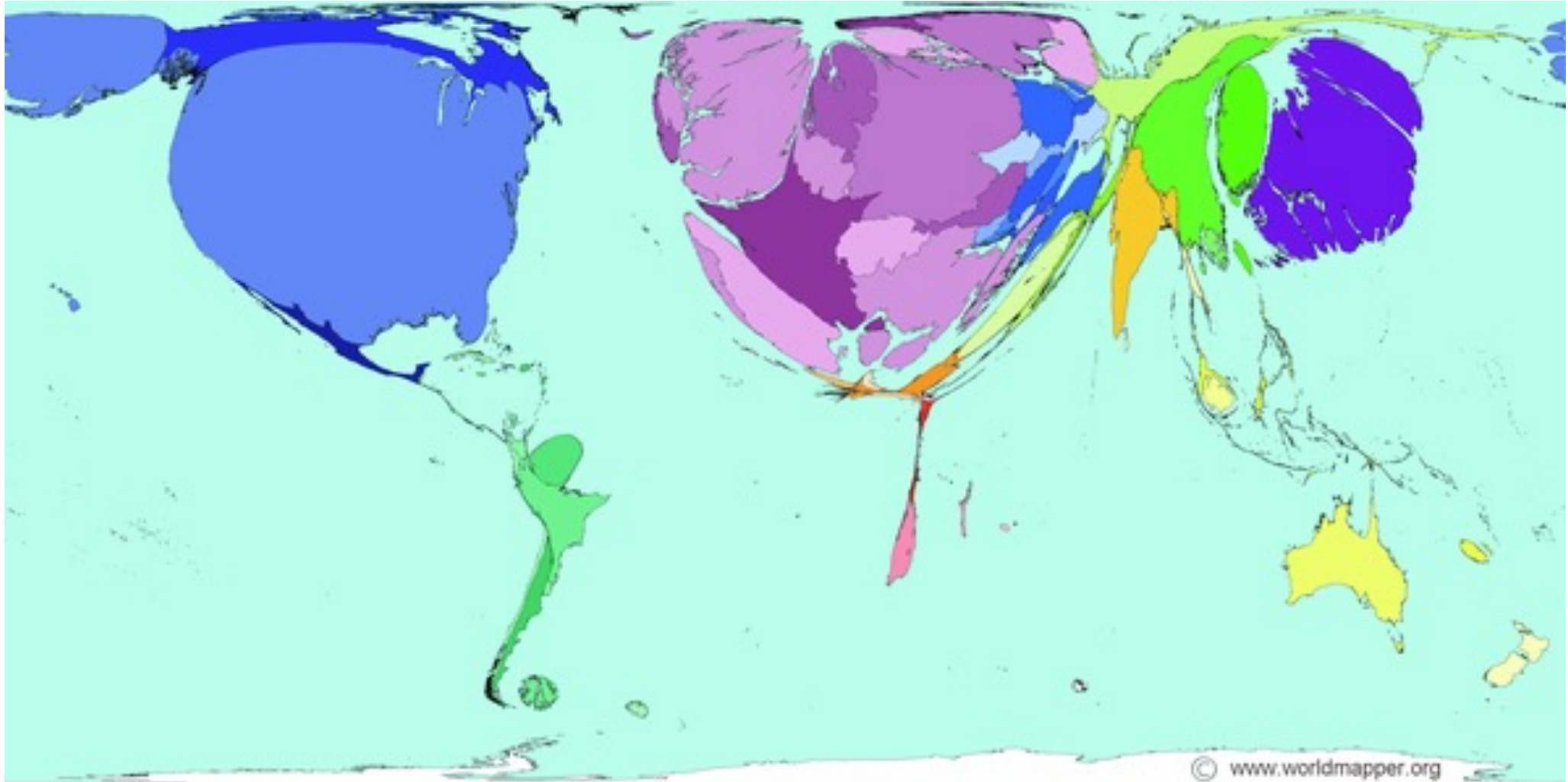
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How accurate is our view of the world?

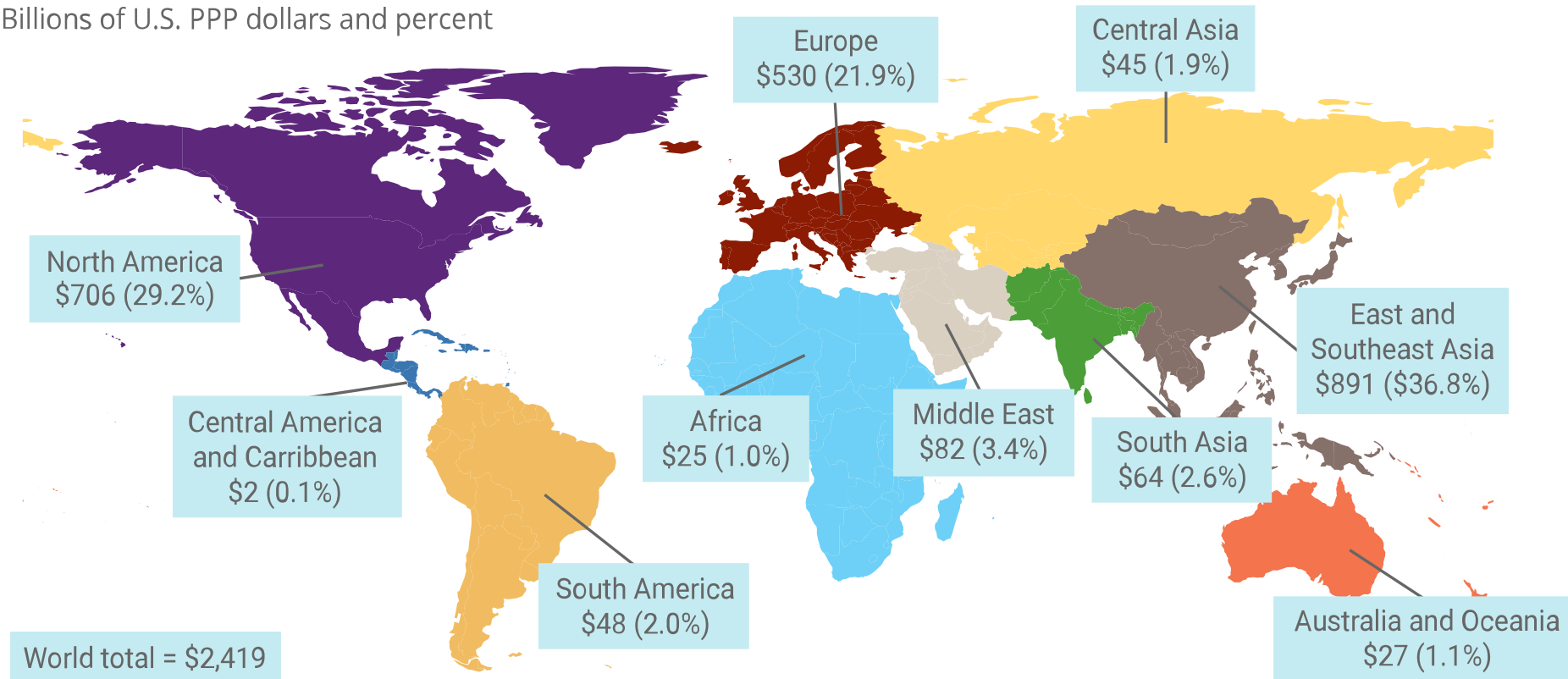


Global Research Production



Global R&D expenditures, by region

Billions of U.S. PPP dollars and percent



PPP = purchasing power parity.

Submarine Cable Map 2013



Courtesy of TeleGeography Maps

It's more than money and tech

Science is not neutral, and neither is academic publishing

Values and principles are just as important

We collectively need to challenge our epistemological standpoints as well – whose perspective, what do we value, whose knowledge

Introduction to Africa Higher Education Health Collaborative

- A network of 10 founding partners
 - University of Cape Town
 - University of Toronto
 - 7 other African higher education institutions
 - Mastercard Foundation
- University of Toronto serves as Secretariat for the Collaborative



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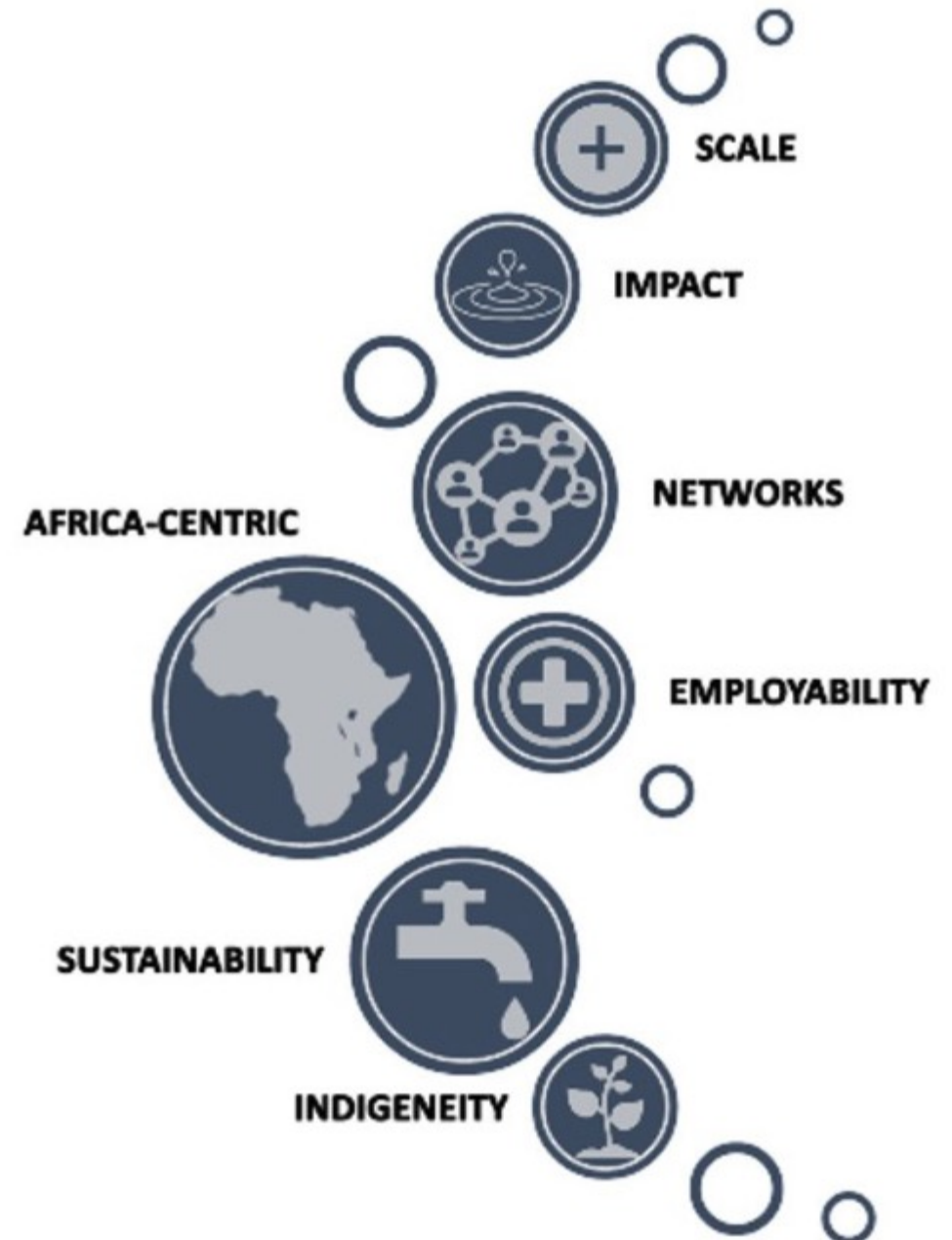
Principles include:

AFRICA-CENTRIC: As a collaborative we will:

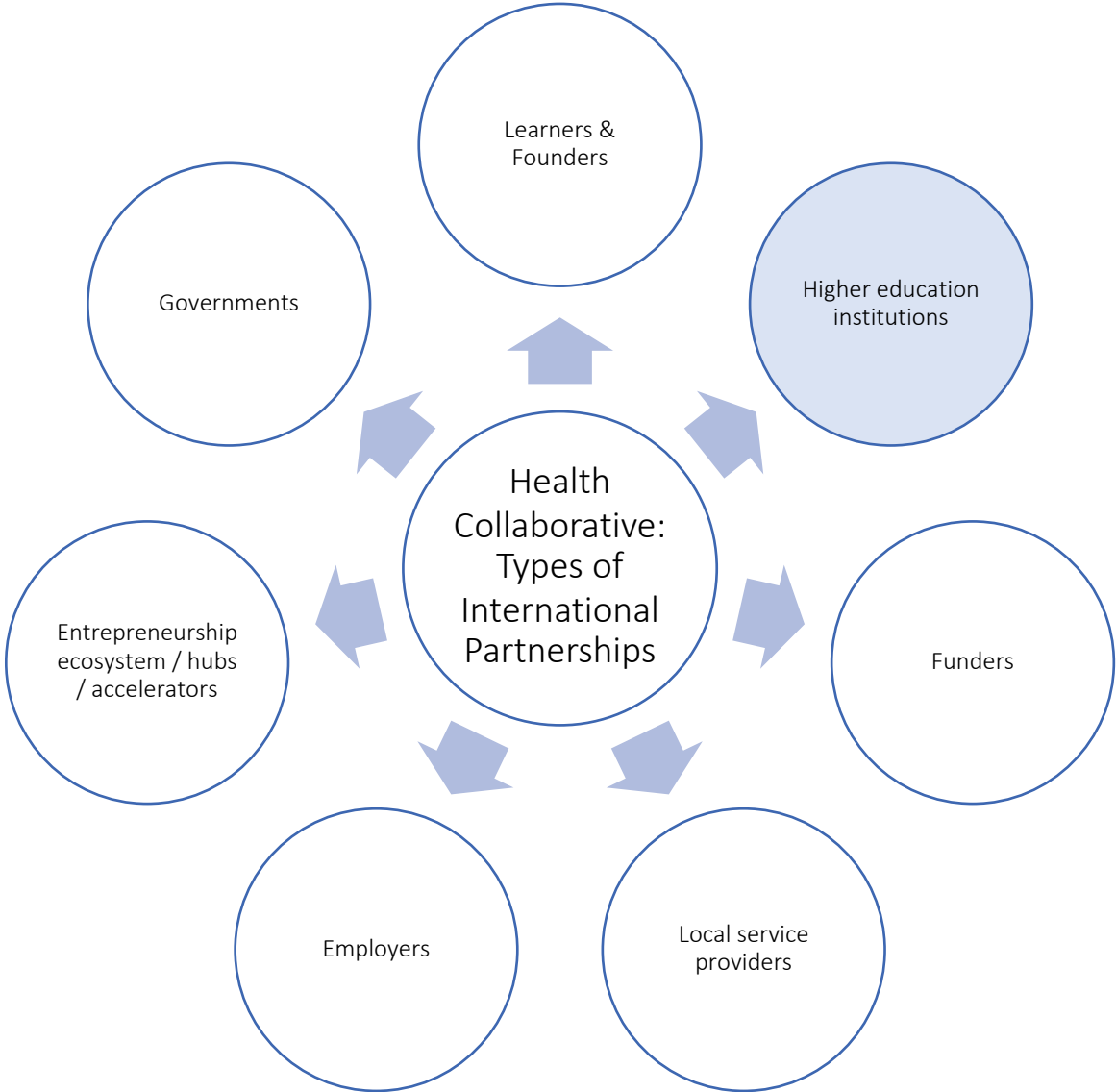
- Build capacity in Africa to benefit Africans, guided by Africans
- Ensure all roads lead back to Africa

INDIGENEITY: As a collaborative we will:

- Integrate African indigenous ways of knowing (knowledge systems), ways of being (identity), and cultural practices into the Collaborative's activities
- Incorporate principles of justice, inclusion, belonging, and equity into curriculum program plans, content design, development, and delivery; research practices; and across all processes



Health Collaborative: 7 Types of Partnerships



Africa Higher Education Health Collaborative



Africa Charter Genealogy



Genealogy of the Charter

- Developed through widespread consultations
- Facilitators: University of Cape Town, University of South Africa, University of Bristol
- Key partners: CODESRIA, AAU, AU, ARUA, IUCEA, AWAU, INHEA

Charter Goals

- A framework for growing Africa-Global North partnerships in knowledge production
- Seeks to create greater equality in these partnerships
- Aims to render Africa's standing in knowledge production more visible
- Seeks to de-center the West in knowledge production and emphasize the plurality of knowledges and epistemologies
- Inspired by long history of Pan-Africanist and Afrocentric critique of global systems of knowledge production and unequal division of labour

Africa Charter: Key concrete steps recommended

- Listen to African voices in the setting of research priorities
- Produce and disseminate knowledge in African languages
- Share resources and decision-making power including on questions and methods driving research in a more equitable manner
- Go beyond the view of the continent as a series of problems to be probed and solved.
- Entertain the possibility of sites in the Global North also being the field for research by Africans: facilitating a reverse gaze by Africans

Applicability of the principles to other LMICs

- Similar multilayered power imbalances in knowledge production in collaborations with institutions in other LMIC
- Need to consider “epistemologies of the South” more broadly and decenter the Global North in scientific inquiry and research
- Opportunity to rethink and rework graduate training

Discussion

“Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.”

Proverb quoted by Chinua Achebe, Nigerian novelist

Thank you.

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Please sign the charter

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