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## Research, Education and Innovation: The Africa Strategy an Example for the International Perspective of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

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### Abstract

International collaboration is a cross-cutting and substantial part of the research policy in Germany. The presentation will give an insight on it's best example: the Africa Strategy of the BMBF.

The German research funding agenda in many aspects has an international structure. The national framework conditions for Germany's research and innovation system corresponds to BMBF's Internationalisation strategy and especially to the collaboration with Africa and the MENA region.

For Germany's international research cooperation the basis was laid out in the Federal Government's strategy for the internationalisation of science and research, adopted in 2008. An example of BMBF's regional activities is the strategy for cooperation in science, research and innovation with Africa. This was adopted in summer 2014 after a consultation process with the African partners.

In autumn 2014, the BMBF published the Action Plan for International Cooperation. The main goal is to connect national, European and international activities more closely in order to exploit synergies. The action plan paves the way for Germany's higher education institutions and research institutions to act internationally, for their benefit as well as for the benefit of their international partners.

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