

COLLABORATION AMONG MDIs IN AFRICA

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The emergence of institutions for Management and Development in Africa (Management and Development Institutes) is a symptom with double meaning: on the one hand, it results from the growth of our countries; on the other hand, is a sign that our governments are concerned about the quality response to the growing needs of their citizens.

The Modern State is a recent process in Africa and the MDIs are younger than the construction process of the post-independence States: Mozambique, Angola, Cape Vert, S. Tomé and Prince (1975); Zimbabwe(1980); end of Apartheid.



The demand of our societies regarding the performance of the governments is growing so that MDIs have to develop not just to meet this demand, but to guess it and anticipate it. It is expected that the MDIs, as with the universities, are able to imagine and predict the future.



One of the often referred to in Africa is its linguistic, ethnic, cultural and political diversity. The possibility of the collaboration between MDIs should exploit the contribution of these differences to complement the efforts which, in isolation or not, each MDI is doing in its country.



The collaboration, within each country, requires the co-existence, the competition between MDIs or between MDIs and Higher Education Institutions with a different nature.



There is a growing tendency in Africa: the networks of Associations that integrate different MDIs. Some, with a strong regional and language focus (RINAPE: Portuguese speaking; CAPAM: English; CAFRAD: French) and others with a tendency to overcome the linguistic and regional boundaries (AMDIN, ESAMI).



To what extent is this tendency to link ourselves to networks has contributed to improve our performance? What influence does this belong to the networks? Can we claim to know the forces that each form has? Are we taking advantage of the networks to which we belong?



- The greatest challenge is not taking advantage of what we have in common. What requires imagination is how to take advantage of our differences so that the cooperation between us will serve to strengthen our capacity and, through it, improve the performance of our governments.



- SENSE OF OWNERSHIP
- SENSE OF URGENCY

THANK YOU!

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