



Initiative Afrique

**Africa–Europe 360°
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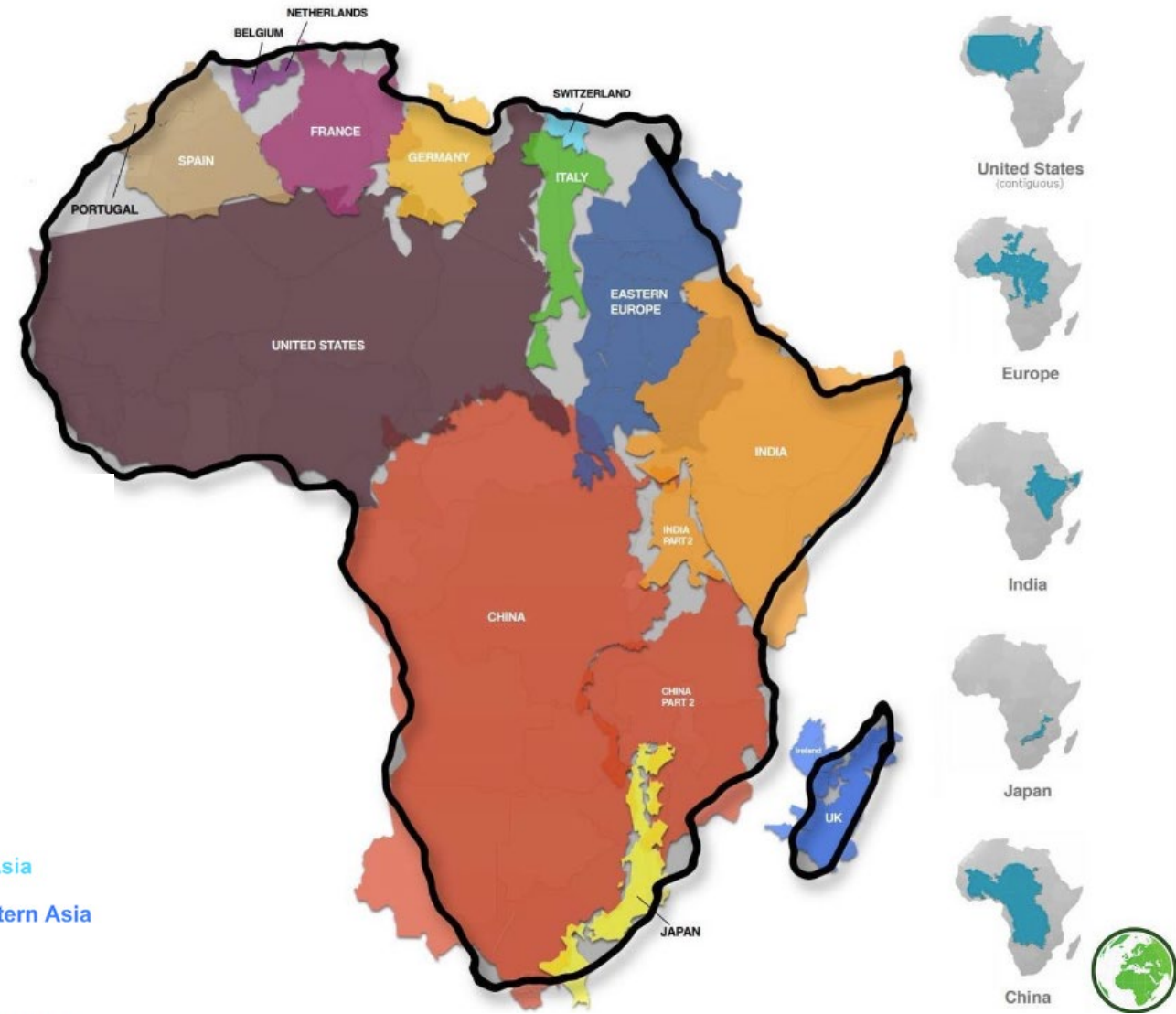
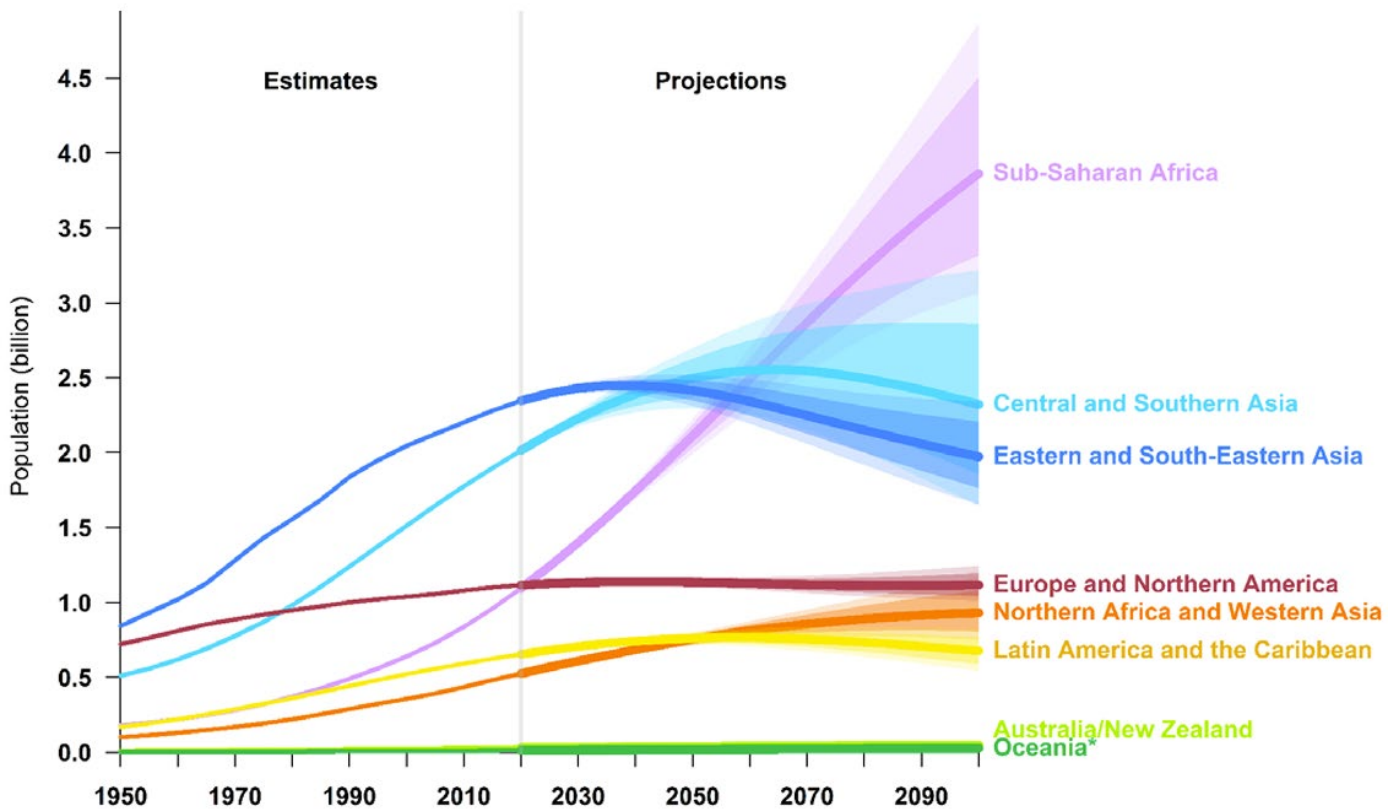
**A Swiss contribution to
equitable R&I partnerships**

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Hugues Abriel

Africa is...!



In Summary

Initiative Afrique brings together all academic activities - past, present, and future - from the University of Bern “in and on” Africa.

With our African colleagues and partners!



A few key points

- Internationalisation is a strategic objective for the University of Bern.
- The Guild – ARUA partnership offers a unique opportunity.
- Impressive demographics in African academia, encompassing students and academics.
- UniBE has a longstanding history of research and teaching in and about Africa.
- New collaboration dimensions include sustainability, inclusiveness, participation, and more.
- Many students, academics, and employees are part of the African diaspora.



Making new forms of Africa-Europe research collaboration a reality



The Guild



ARUA
African Research
Universities Alliance

Africa-Europe Clusters of Research Excellence

The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities launched twenty-one groundbreaking Africa – Europe Clusters of Research Excellence (CoRE) in the Summer of 2023 to address societal and scientific challenges framed by the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.



Africa-Europe
Clusters of
Research Excellence
Africa-Europe CoRE



The board of the University allocated funds for 4 years to finance fellowships (short 1-3 Months exchanges) between UniBe and African partner Universities.



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Podcast

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Gender studies and women's welfare in global south cities Philipa Birago Akuoko arrived in Bern to pursue a PhD at the Institute of Geography two years ago from...

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Initiative Afrique - Zerihun Tadele

Initiative Afrique Podcast

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