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Regional:

- A lot of issues are transboundary and regional
- A lot of similarities and differences to learn from
- Labour market likely regional
- Regional => critical mass of candidates
=> network of candidates => future alumni network



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International:

- International exposure and experience needed
- Courses, supervision, conferences
- 4-6 months; not 2 years

Sida and SLU supported the planning process



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Pedagogics:

- Most PhD's will teach
- All will have to present
- Courses in pedagogics
- Teaching practise
- Training of supervisors
- Supervisory teams



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Internship:

- When appropriate for candidate
- "Labour market" contact
- Academia – private sector cooperation
- With private companies, NGO's, international org, govt. org



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Multidisciplinarity:

- Microbiology to macro-economy
- Learn the need for multidisciplinary research/issues
- Learn respect for "the other competence"
- Candidates will learn from each other



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Three themes:

- Commercial Forestry
 - Ecological and socio-economic functions of natural forests
 - Agroforestry and Forest – Agriculture interactions
- Gender issues cross-cutting in all themes*



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REFOREST Africa Eastern and Southern											Total	Comments
Year	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030		
Intake	20	30	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	370	
Graduates			15	25	40	40	40	40	40	40	280	80 still in the system 2030, 10 dropouts
REFOREST Africa; another region ()											Total	Comments
Year	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030		
Intake				20	30	40	40	40	40	40	250	
Graduates						15	25	40	40	40	160	80 still in the system 2030, 10 dropouts



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Mission:

To strengthen, elevate and expand
forest science capacity in Africa
Improving Quality, Relevance and Reach



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Vision:

Forest/tree science and technological innovations impacting and improving livelihoods and the environment in Africa



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Budget in 1000 UD\$	year 1	2	3	4	Total
salary 20 PhD's	150	150	150	150	600
candidates travel SUA- home univ.	20	20	20	20	80
international supervision travel costs	100	100	100	100	400
international teaching travel costs	100	100	100	100	400
local and regional supervisor travel	30	30	30	30	120
internationalisation		100	100		200
regionalisation		200			200
fees	150	150	150	150	600
candidate field work expences	100	100	100	100	400
expences for organising courses	200	100			300
Teachers salary	200	100			300
computers including software	40				40
regional supervision salary	200	200	200	200	800
international supervision salary	200	200	200	200	800
symposia, workshops+ meetings; SC + AAC (including M&E)	100	50	50	100	300
Curricilum development	70				70
euopean coordinator 50%	50	50	50	50	200
adm + secretariat	100	80	80	100	360
adm travel	20	20	20	20	80
web site development and subscription	20	5	5	5	35
miscelaneous	50	50	50	50	200
Total	1900	1805	1405	1375	6485



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Mission statement

While millions in Africa depend on forest and tree resources, weak knowledge base is undermining sustainable management of these resources. The Programme aims to advance high level (PhD level) training through a regional research school of forestry that uniquely integrates multidisciplinary education and research, building on partnerships among several countries in Africa as well as with Europe and employ innovative teaching methods and tools. The school will stay innovative, relevant, adding value to existing efforts as well as bringing in public and private sector actors. With this novel approach, REFOREST Africa enhances human and institutional capacity for quality and relevant knowledge and skills in forest/tree systems. This in turn will lead to informed decision at all levels resulting in improved livelihood and enhanced environment in Africa.



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