



Main actors and donors to support university initiatives in Toolkit partner countries



Applying for projects: the role of the IRO



- **Knowledge management:** knowing what schemes and programmes are available, who provides them, how to access detailed information and how to apply.
 - Get on mailing/news lists
 - Download publications
 - Pick up on faculty contacts
- **Contact management:** local offices (embassies etc) and international partners.
 - Invite staff from the donor to your university
 - Attend events
 - Meet international visitors
- **Knowledge dissemination:** communication with faculty and students about opportunities.
 - Website, social media
 - IRO as information centre
 - Briefings, information sessions



Types of development partners



Each development partner has its own objectives, its own methods of application, and its own ways of delivering projects.

This session aims to give you a basic overview, to which you can add your own experience, and use for further research.

- Multi-lateral working through governments (World Bank, ADB, UN agencies)
- Regional: SEAMEO, AUN, La Francophonie, Association of Commonwealth Universities, Erasmus+
- Bi-lateral: Fulbright, JICA, KFAS, Australian Development Program, DAAD, UK-British Council, Chinese Embassy
- Individual universities: Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan
- International NGOs, Trusts and Foundations





<https://www.worldbank.org/en/who-we-are>

1. To end extreme poverty:

By reducing the share of the global population that lives in extreme poverty to 3 percent by 2030.

2. To promote shared prosperity:

By increasing the incomes of the poorest 40 percent of people in every country.

- Lends money to governments, not to HE institutions
- Thought leadership (e.g. Jamil Salmi World Class Universities)
- Some projects to support HE
- Opportunities for faculty to participate in projects as local experts.

The World Bank - contacts



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Asian Development Bank

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Works in the same way as World Bank

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1. KA1 **Mobility** Erasmus+ offers the opportunity for higher education institutions to send students and staff abroad to study, teach, or train at participating institutions, as well as to participate in a traineeship.
 - Application by European partner.
 - Asian partner signs Inter-Institutional Agreement
2. KA2 **Capacity-building** projects in the field of **higher education** to support the modernisation, accessibility, and internationalisation of higher education in Partner Countries.
 - Application by European partner
 - Asian partner signs mandate and prepares project information details

ACU & OIF



The Association
of Commonwealth
Universities

- **Founded in 1913**
- **Only open to universities in Commonwealth countries**
- **Scholarships for PhDs**
- **Capacity-building**
- **Annual conference**
- **Shared vision of university education based on the UK model**
- **Works through Ministry**



- **Founded in 1970**
- **54 member states including Laos and Vietnam**
- **Promoting French language and education and research**
- **Regional office in Hanoi**



SEAMEO & AUN



South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization

- Founded in 1965
- Promoting regional cooperation in education, science, culture and religion
- 26 Regional Centres
- Centre for Community Education Development (CED), Vientiane, Laos
- Centre for History and Tradition (CHAT), Yangon, Myanmar
- Regional Language Centre (RELC), Singapore

ASEAN University Network

- Founded in 1996
- Promoting regional identity and collaboration in teaching and research between member universities
- 30 member universities (NUOL, UY, YUEcon)
- ASEAN+3 (China, Japan, Korea) Unet
- ASEAN+3 Heads of IROs annual meeting





FULBRIGHT



Myanmar

The Fulbright Program offers grants to qualified Burmese graduate students to study at the graduate level in the United States. In addition, Burmese students and teachers of English are also eligible for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program. Scholars are also eligible to apply for the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program.

<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/country/burma>

Laos

The Fulbright Program offers grants to qualified Laotian graduate students to study at the graduate level in the United States. Laotian scholars are eligible for Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Grants.

<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/country/laos>

Sri Lanka

The Fulbright Program offers grants to qualified Sri Lankan graduate students to study at the graduate level in the United States. Sri Lankan scholars may apply to conduct post-doctoral research at U.S. institutions and are eligible for Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Grants.

<https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/country/sri-lanka>

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Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service



- Supports study (scholarships) and research in Germany and research with German partners
- Information about other scholarships in Germany
- Capacity-building projects through DIES – Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies. Current training course: Management of Internationalization. University of Yangon participating.
- Contact through German Embassy. Regional offices in Hanoi and New Delhi.



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Bilateral partners 1



Development partner	Types of support	Contact via
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Scholarships Research collaboration	Embassy Japanese universities
Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies	Scholarships Research collaboration	Embassy Korean universities
United Kingdom	Chevening Scholarships (one year Masters) Research collaboration	UK Embassy / High Commission British Council
Australian Embassy	Scholarships Capacity building	Australian Embassy / High Commission Australian universities
Chinese Embassy	Scholarships University links Confucius Institutes	Chinese Embassy Chinese universities
Singapore universities	Exchange programmes Joint research	Singapore Embassy NUS, NTU, SMU



Bilateral partners 2



Development partner	Types of support	Contact via
Thai universities	Exchange programmes Joint research	Thai Embassy Thai universities
Indian universities	Lao-India Centre for English Language Training Doctoral-fellowship in India for ASEAN (DIA) Programme – Indian IITs	Indian Embassy Indian Universities
Taiwan* universities	Scholarships	Taiwan universities
NORAD (Norway)	Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED)	Norwegian Embassy Norwegian universities
Global Affairs Canada (formerly CIDA)	Research and capacity-building projects with Canadian partners	Canadian Embassy / High Commission Canadian universities
SIDA – Sweden’s government agency for development cooperation	International Science Programme (ISP) Other research collaboration	ISP – Uppsala University Swedish Embassy



International Non-Government Organizations (INGOs)



Also trusts, foundations etc.

Seeking development partners for their projects

Similar to UN Agencies: no specific higher education programmes

Some examples:

- Wellcome Trust – research and training in tropical medicine and public health, including masters scholarships. The Mahidol University Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit, Thailand
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – prevention of tropical diseases; education
- WorldFish - "To reduce poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture"
Research on fisheries and developing aquaculture courses with the University of Yangon
- Oxfam – support for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Other useful networks



AuthorAID is a free pioneering global network that provides support for researchers in low and middle income countries.

<https://www.authoraid.info/en/>



Questions



- Which are the most important international development partners for your university?
- How do you keep in touch with them – locally or with contacts outside your country?
- How do you think your International Relations Office could improve the information you share with you colleagues in your university?
- What more would you like to see in the Toolkit Handbook about international donors / partners?
- Any other comments on this topic!

