



# BELMONT FORUM

**Transdisciplinary Multilateral Engagement**

CS4RRA Conference  
5-6 November 2024  
Banjul

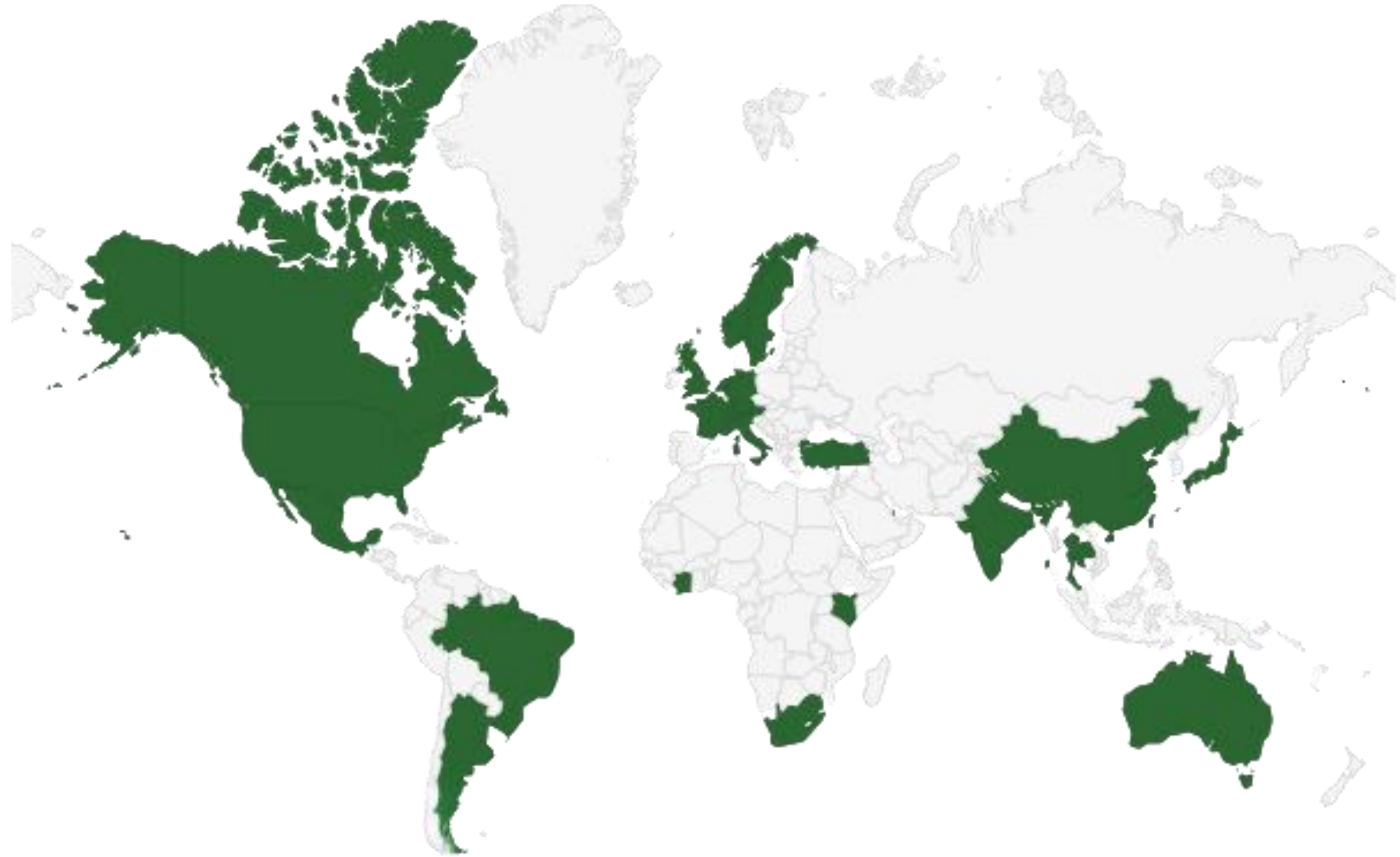




# Members

32+ members representing over 55+ countries

Partnered with over 150 resource organizations



# Belmont Forum Challenge

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To support international transdisciplinary research providing knowledge for understanding, mitigating, and adapting to global environmental change.



# Belmont Forum Mechanism for Multilateral Engagement

## Mission

Accelerate delivery of the environmental research needed to remove critical barriers to sustainability by aligning & mobilizing international resources

## How

- Transnational
- Transdisciplinary (natural, social sciences, non academic)
- Co-designed & co-developed
- System approach



## Means of action

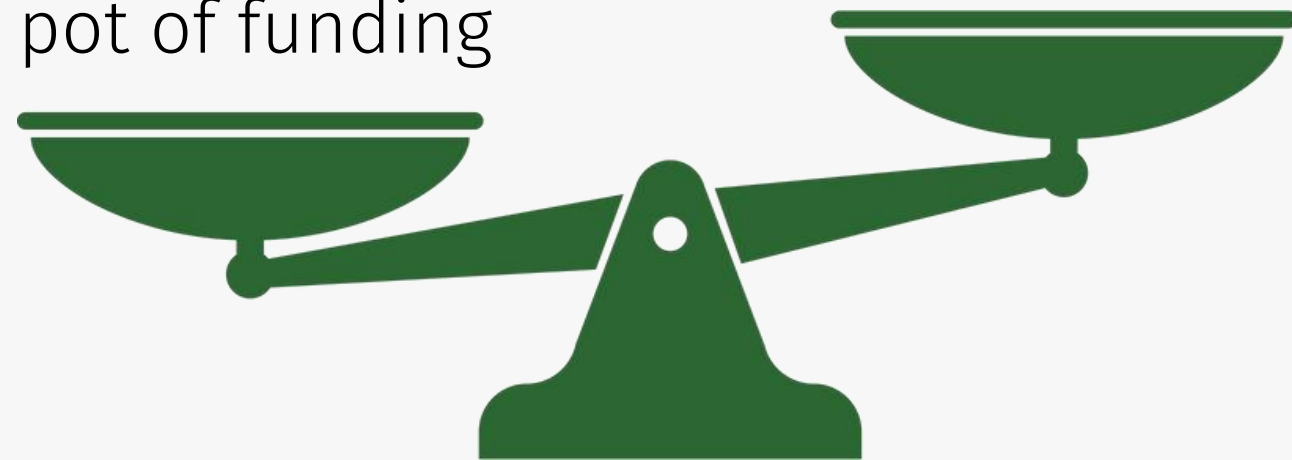
- Collaborative Research Action – CRAs
- Supporting activities : open science; data management; transdisciplinary training



# National Funding Is Justified

BF system is NOT a common pot of funding

BF system allows existing funding mechanisms to come together at an international level, within existing funding policies and frameworks.



# Global Environmental Change Themes

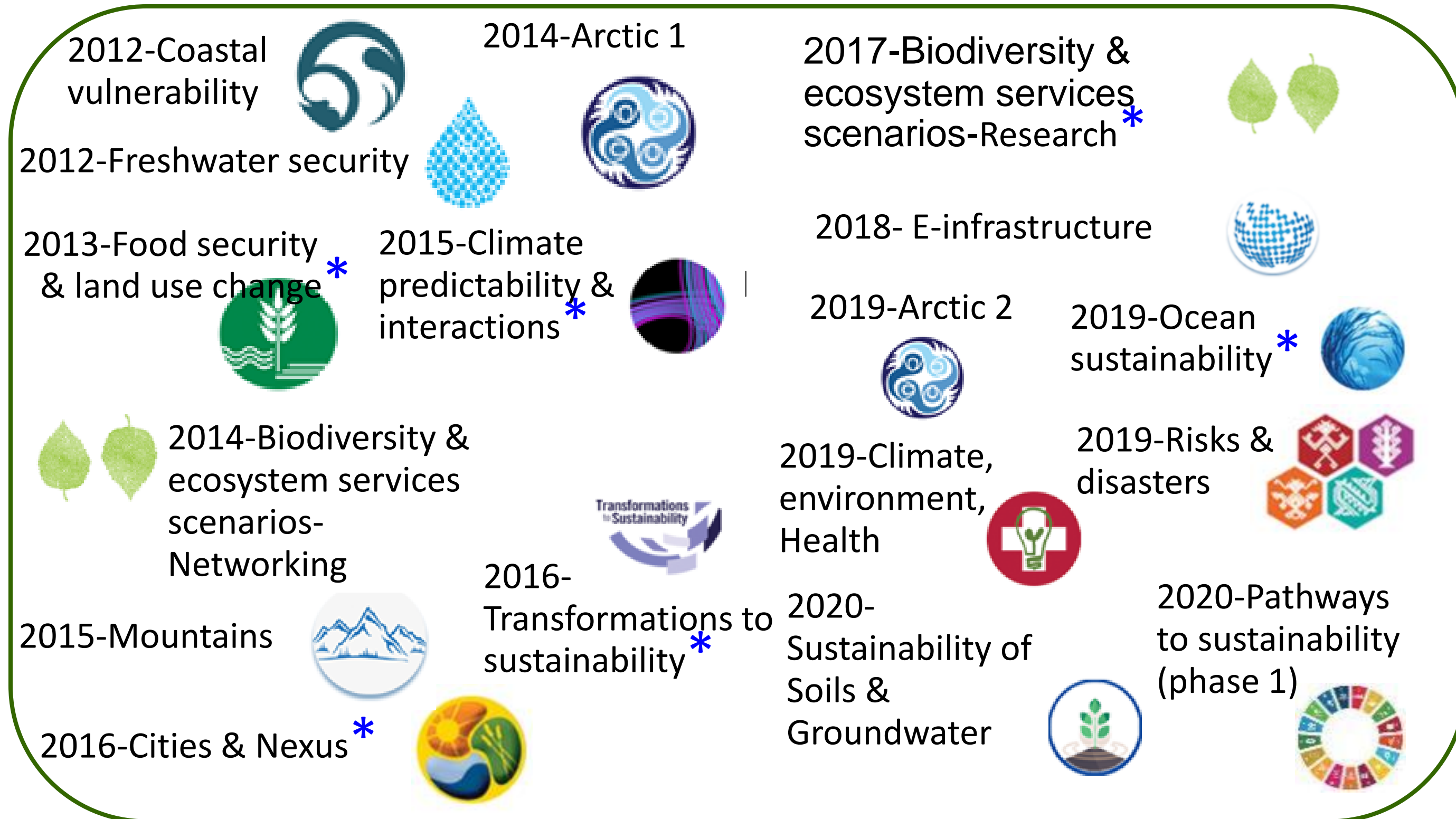
Past  
**10<sup>+</sup>**  
YEARS

Current  
**23**  
CRAs

Future  
**177**  
PROJECTS



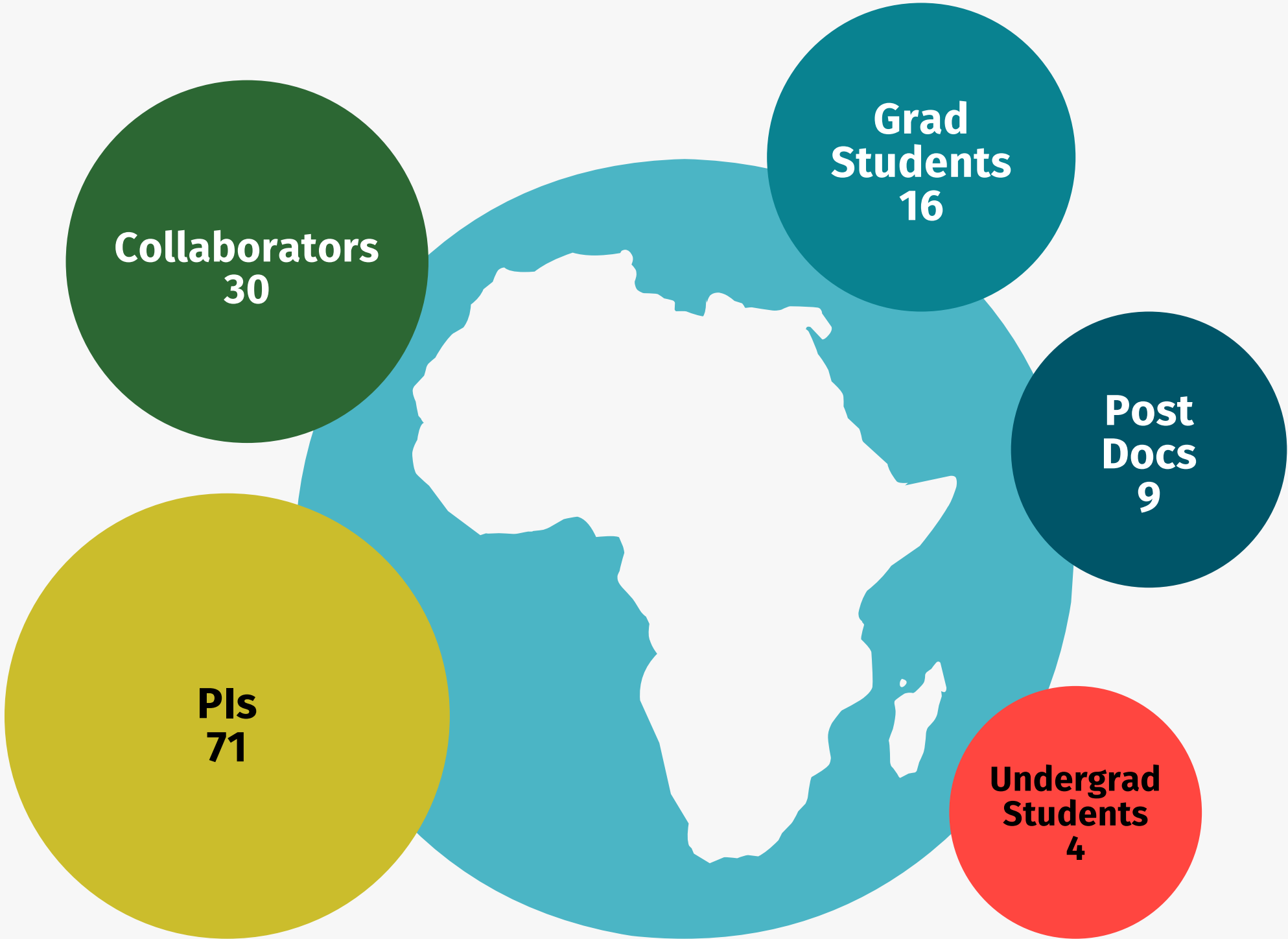
# CRA 2012-2024 : projects ended



\* With EU co-programming

# Belmont Forum's Engagement with Researchers Across Africa

Project Participants from Africa



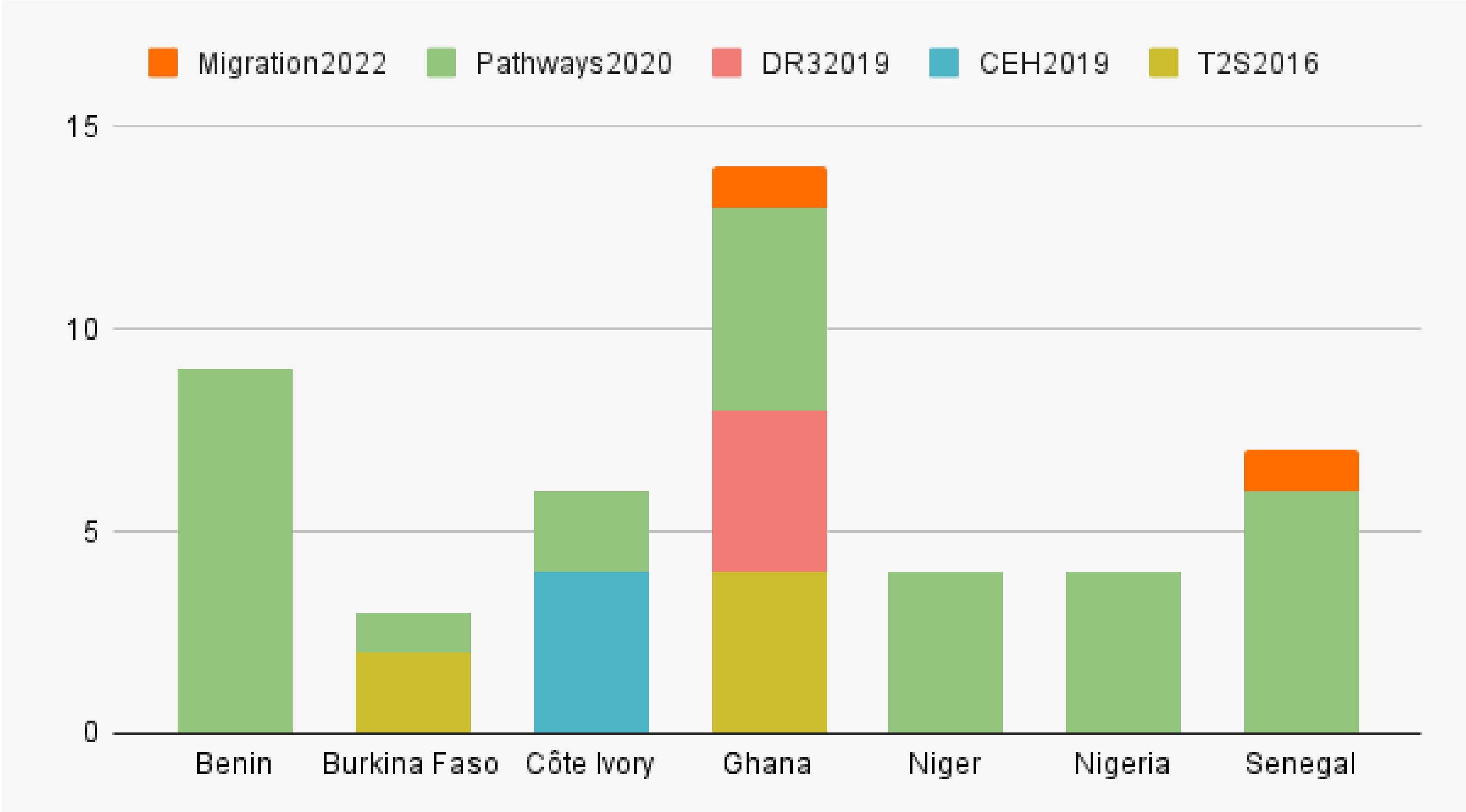


# Belmont Forum's Engagement with Researchers Across West Africa

- Partner PIs: 21
- Collaborators: 19
- Graduate Students: 5
- Post-Doc: 2



# All CRAs Participants from West African Nations





# The Power of CRAs

## Africa Regional Call (ARC) 2024

Transdisciplinary Research for a Sustainable Africa



- Applications submitted: 239 - **296 Partners from West Africa** (1363 in total): **strong interest**
- Focused on diverse themes:
  - Water – Energy – Food – Health Nexus: 123
  - Pollution: 74
  - Disaster Preparedness, Responsiveness, and Recovery: 42
- Multilingual call:
  - In French submitted projects: 6
  - In Portuguese submitted projects: : 2



# Upcoming Activities

Collaborative Research Action

## RESILIENCE

Coming in 2025



Collaborative Research Action

## ADVANCING LEADERSHIP

Coming in 2024



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## PATHWAYS II

### Systems to Sustainability

Coming in 2025



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## OCEANS 2

Coming in 2025



2021-2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development



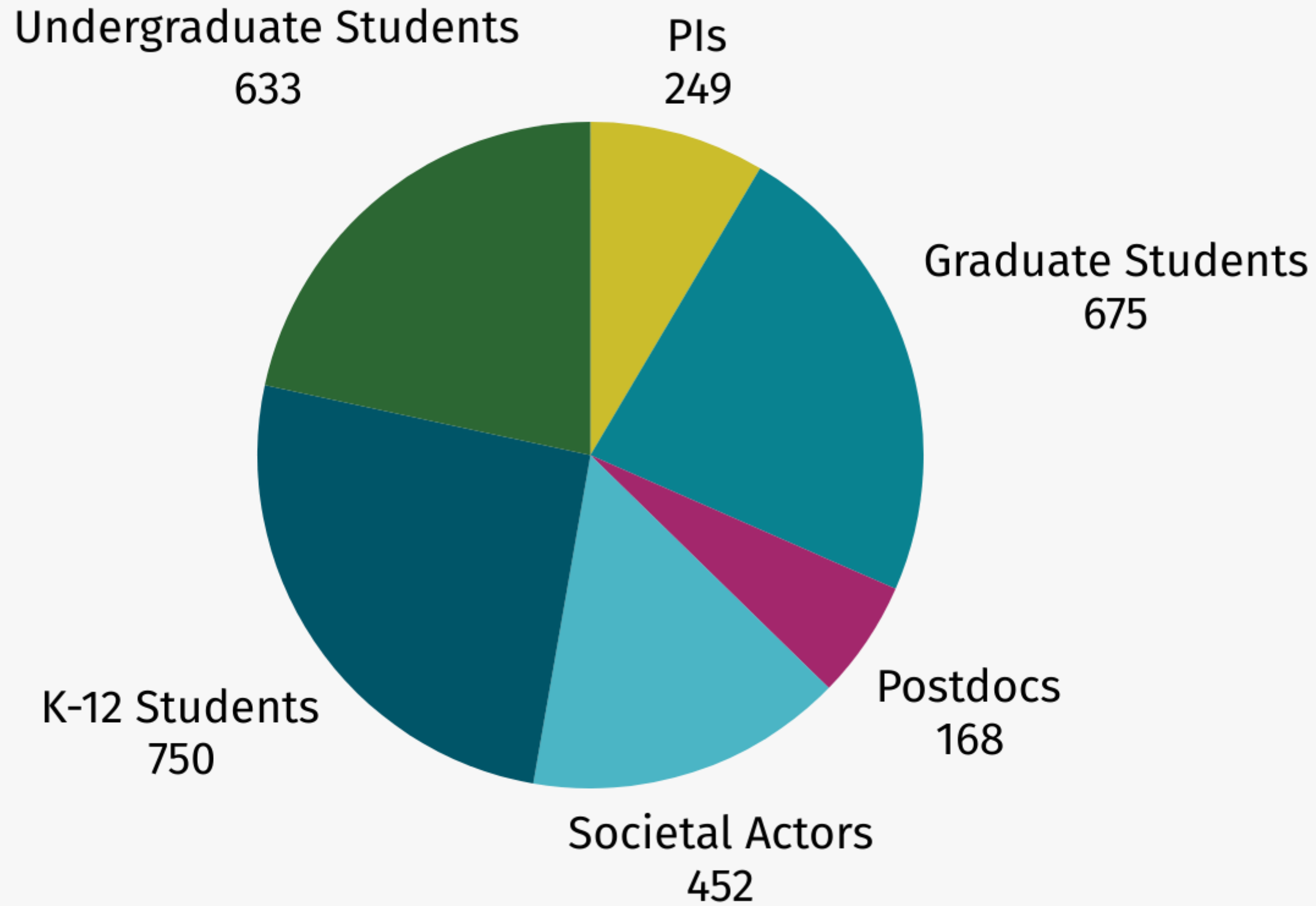
# Thank you!

# Questions?

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## Belmont Forum's Projects with African Participants

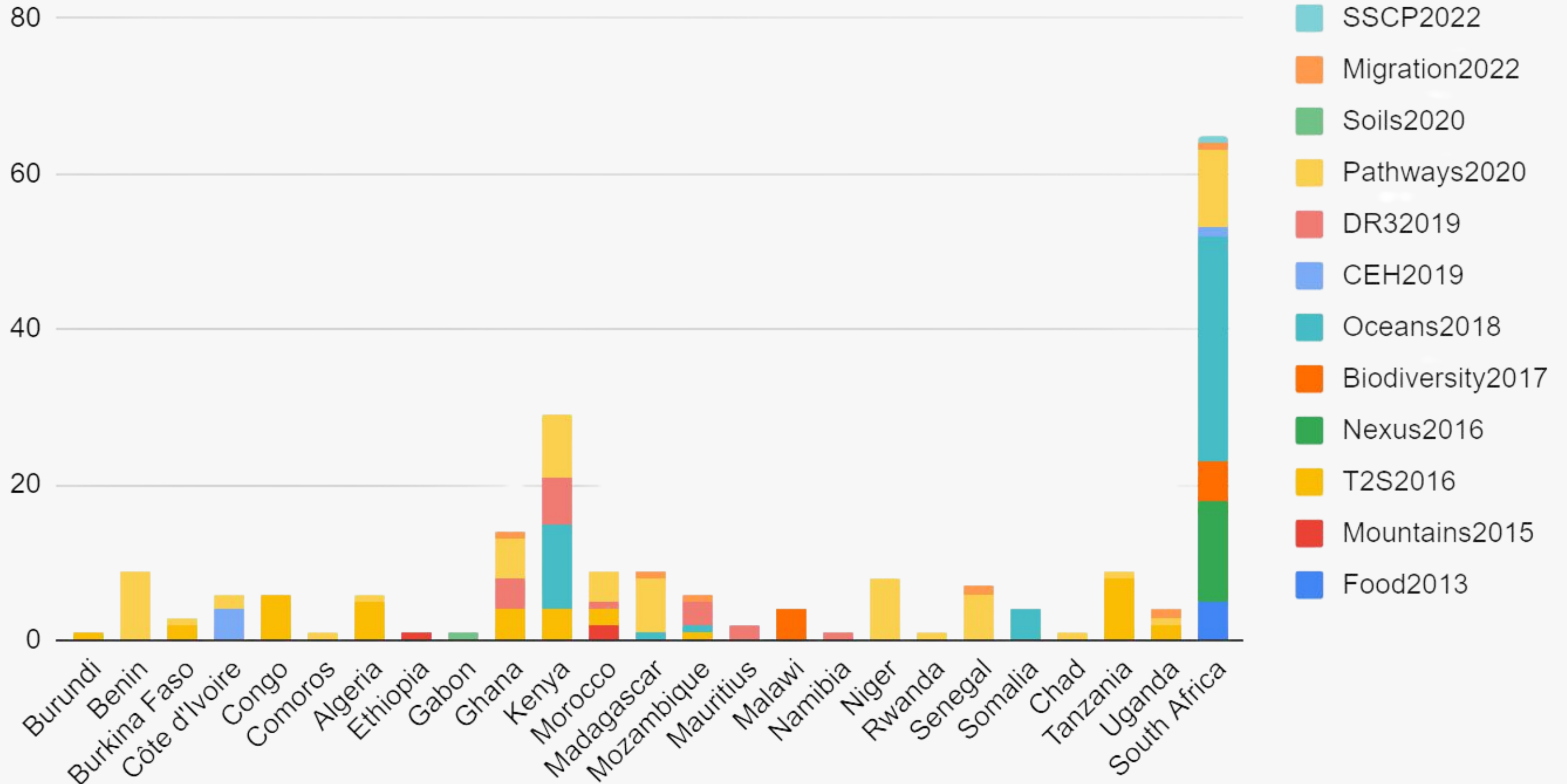
A Total of 44 Projects

Outputs: 1394

Outcomes: 151



# All CRAs Participants from African Nations



# Societal Impact Case Study

## Building Urban Community Networks for Sustainable Cities in Africa: **UComNetSus-Africa Project**

- Mobilized researchers, policymakers, and community members across six African cities in **Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda** and **South Africa**
- Conducted 12 workshops for problem identification and solution finding
- Identified key urban problems through collaborative analysis and mapping
- Co-created knowledge for city sustainability using participatory approaches and data analysis
- Developed an effective stakeholder engagement process for building sustainable urban networks





## Building Urban Community Networks for Sustainable Cities in Africa: **UComNetSus-Africa Project**

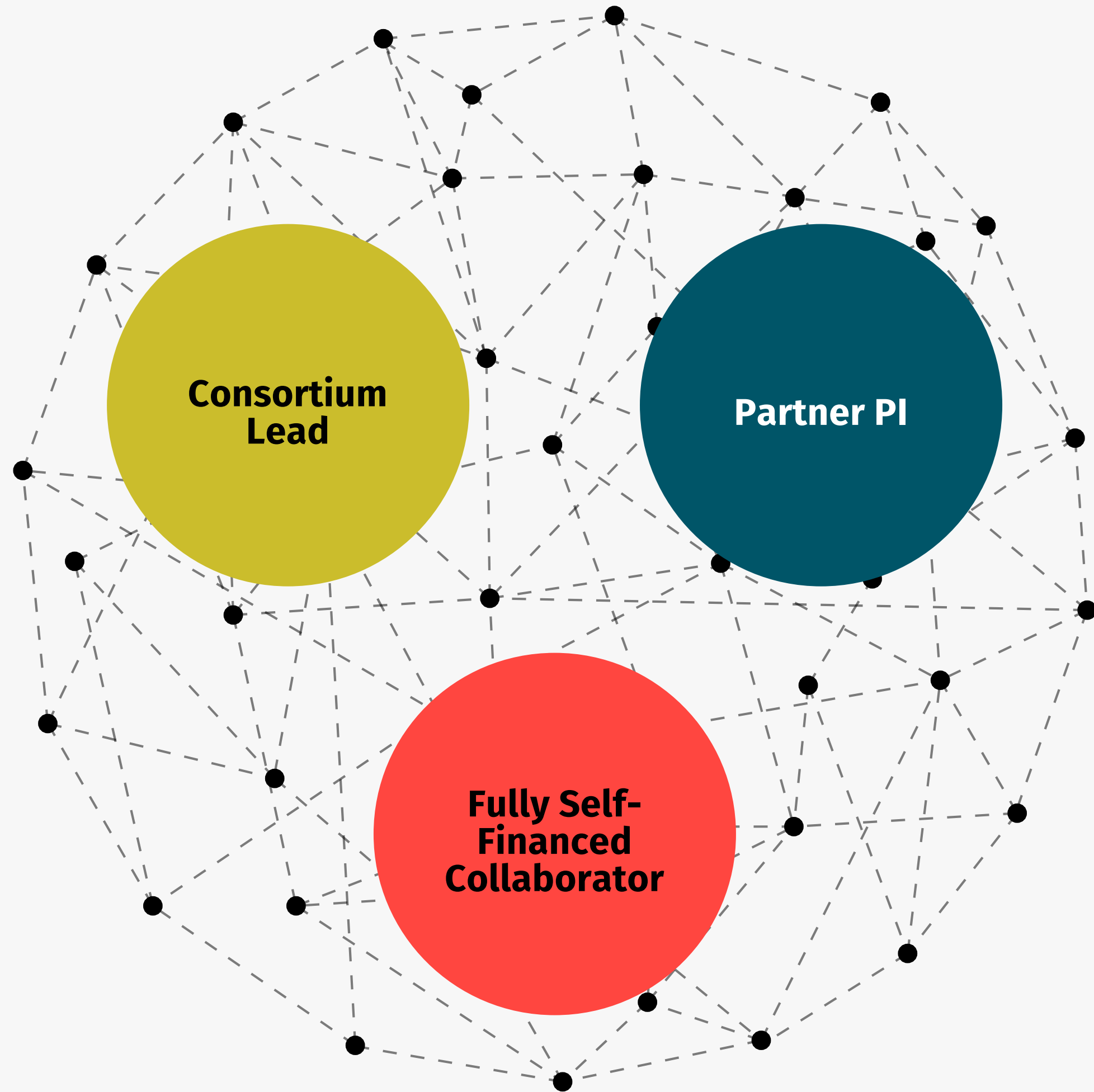
- Funded through the 2020 **Pathways CRA**
- Focused on increasing awareness of the interconnectedness between human behavior and environmental degradation
- Promoted understanding that led to a growing movement among youth who are advocating for lifestyle changes through art, music, and dance
- Facilitated the integration of sustainability principles into established institutions:
  - the Society of Physical Planners inspired by a UComNetSus-Africa workshop introduced sustainability into the Society's 2022 Annual General Meeting





# Global Network ARC 2024

Projects involved  
researchers from **62  
countries,**  
demonstrating **global  
collaboration** on Africa  
research.



# Diverse Cast ARC 2024

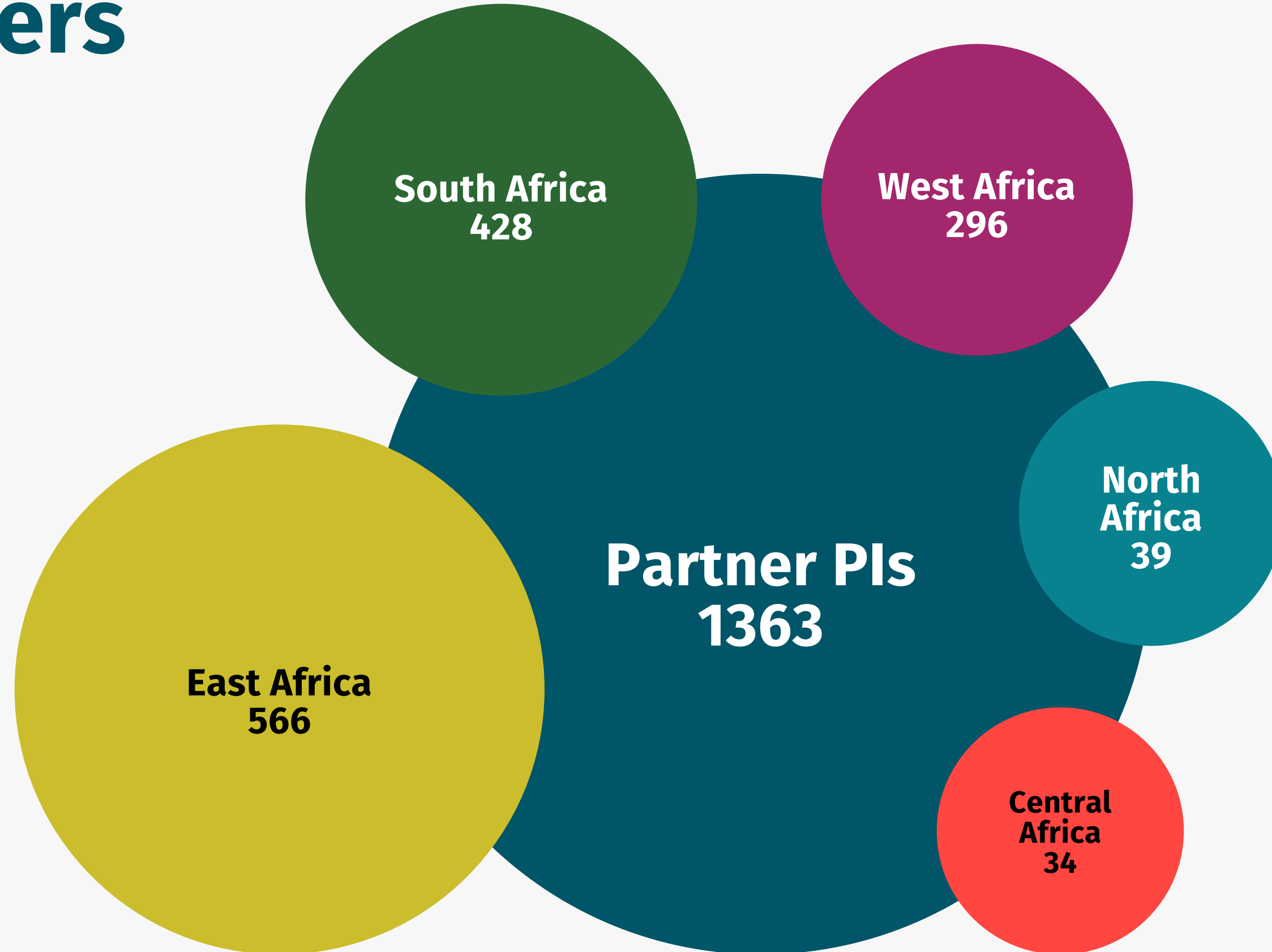
For the Africa Regional Call, **all** projects need to be Africa led:

- the Consortium Lead **must** be African
- proposal **must** include at least 2 different African Countries



# Researchers

ARC 2024



# Advancing Leadership Visionary Leaders

## Transdisciplinary Research Practices for Sustainability



- We need leaders who:
  - Embrace multiple ways of knowing
  - Are trained in transdisciplinary research practices
  - Understand the value of collaboration
  - Recognize that conflicts are opportunities for innovation.
- A co-designed program by the community, for the community
- Workshop world tour: June 2024 - April 2025
- Support: NSF, TSRI, IAI and Belmont Forum

# Tropical Forests

## Global Implications and Pressing Actions



### Themes

- Reduce deforestation, sustainable development, and locally led economy
- Ecosystem Function, Connectivity, and Climate Change Science
- Environmental Justice and Governance

### Participatory Scoping

- 236 participants: Diverse audiences
- 35 countries: Americas, Asia and Africa



# Multilingual Call FORESTS 2024

- English
- Spanish
- French
- Portuguese





# Join Us!

There are still opportunities to welcome members, funders, and partners to participate in the open and upcoming CRAs...

...and we look forward to explore opportunities to continue collaboration worldwide in the future!

