

AfricaLics

AfricaLics is a community of scholars, with special interest in how innovation and competence building contribute to economic and socially sustainable development in Africa. AfricaLics is the African regional chapter of [Globelics](#).

The objectives of AfricaLics

The main objectives of AfricaLics are:

- To create a vibrant network of highly trained researchers in Africa capable of analyzing and advising on key innovation and development issues affecting their home countries and the region as a whole.
- To stimulate quality research within specific relevant areas for Africa and dissemination of research to scholars, business communities and policy makers.
- To encourage networking amongst African researchers and others around the globe through a series of events and online platforms.

The activities of AfricaLics

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- The [AfricaLics Biannual Conference](#) which brings together up to 150 researchers to enhance the quality of innovation studies in relation to development and growth in Africa.
- The annual [AfricaLics PhD Academy](#) which hosts around 20-30 African PhD students to raise scientific quality and stimulate awareness of policy and management issues related to innovation and development research.
- New academic programmes in African universities which focuses on innovation and development. For instance a [model for a master module in innovation and development](#).
- Provision of [Seed funding](#) for collaborative research activities across universities and countries in neglected areas of innovation and development research in Africa.
- The [AfricaLics Visiting PhD Fellowship programme](#) (in collaboration with Globelics and Aalborg University) offers African PhD students an opportunity to study abroad at Aalborg University, where they can focus on writing their PhD dissertation and exposes PhD students to an international research environment as well as to selected training courses.

The organization of AfricaLics

AfricaLics started in 2012 with support from the Globelics community and Aalborg University. In 2013, Sida provided a special grant aiming at supporting development of the network.

AfricaLics is governed by a [scientific board](#) with a president and a secretary general. The AfricaLics secretariat is located at the [African Centre for Technology Studies](#) in Nairobi, Kenya.



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