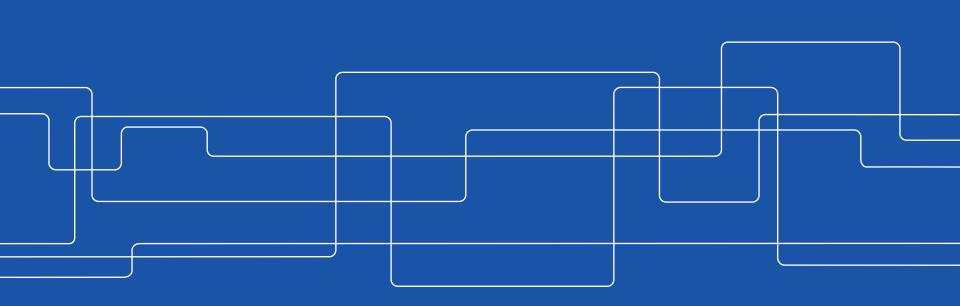


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## Background





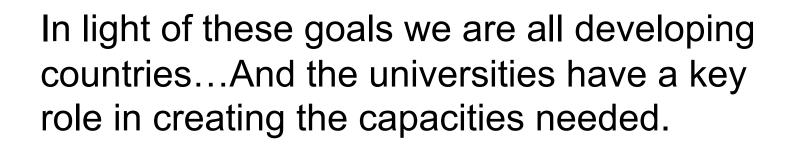
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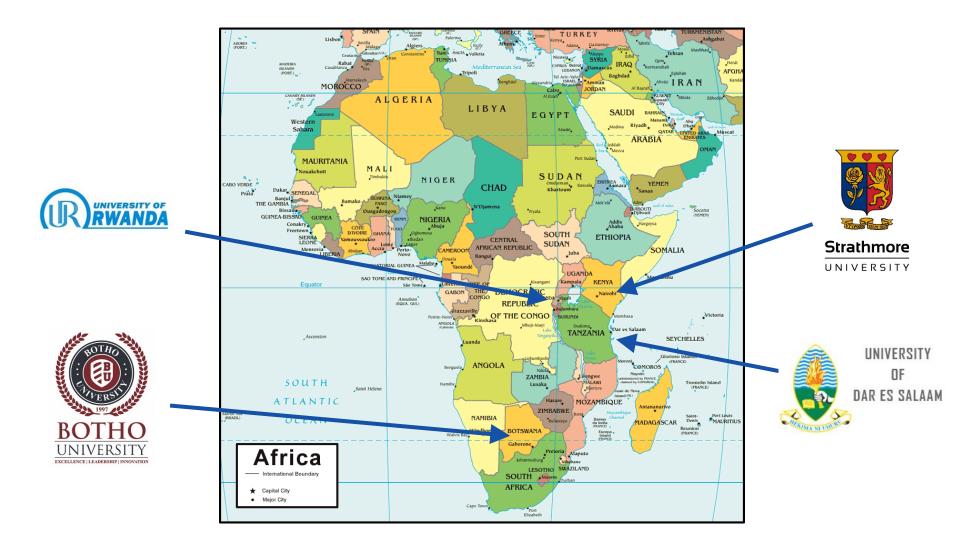


## KTH Global Development Hub (GDH)

- A scalable platform for students, faculty and external stakeholders to engage in global development engineering through cross-culturally and cross-disciplinary collaboration.
- Challenge Driven Education that *integrates challenges* related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) into the regular curricula at KTH and at African partner universities.
- □ Facilitates and sponsors student exchange between KTH and African partner universities for *mutual learning*
- Provides teacher training at KTH and at African partner universities.

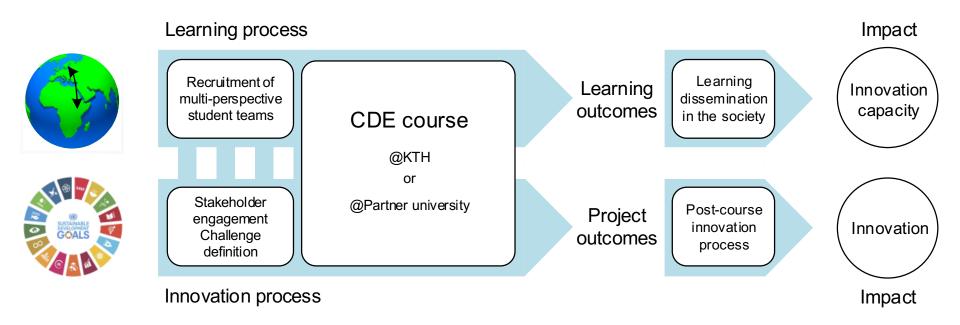


## Current GDH partner universities





# CDE<sup>GDH</sup> : Challenge-Driven Education as promoted by KTH Global Development Hub



- □ The learning outcomes are key for the universities
- Design methods and tools
- Developing ways of working that explicitly links the SDG's to local challenges and projects goals



## GDH student collaborations

#### At KTH in Sweden

2017: 5 students from Botho, Strathmore and USDM OpenLab master course
2018: 9 students from Botho, Strathmore and USDM OpenLab master course AG2129 Sustainable Urban Planning
2019: 9 + 9 students from Botho, Strathmore and USDM

OpenLab master course AG2129 Sustainable Urban Planning MF2088 Innovation and Product Development

#### At African universites

2018: 7 KTH students doing their BSc thesis at Strathmore university in different projects on IT & transport, IT & energy, IT & agriculture.
2019: 4 KTH students doing their

BSc thesis at Strathmore and university in different projects on IT & transport, IT & energy, IT & agriculture.

6 KTH students doing their BSc thesis at UDSM in a large project about water and sanitation





# Examples of external stakeholders in the collaboration projects

Stockholm City

Stockholm County Council

**Municipalities** 

DAWASCO (Dar Es Salaam water and sanitation authority)

Kenya Green University Network, Kenya Climate Innovation Center.

University Cafeteria Staff

Farmers, Wholesalers and Suppliers

Scania, Nairobi



# Examples of challenges addressed in the collaboration projects

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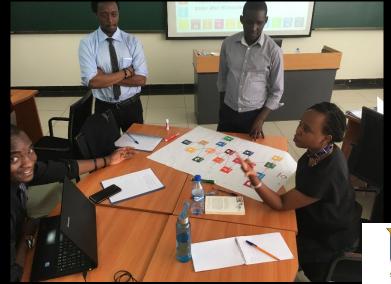


## Teacher training













LH233V Teaching and learning for challenge driven education

A new teacher training course developed at KTH

#### Themes:

- □ Challenge driven education for sustainable development
- Design methods and creativity
- Designing challenge-driven project courses
- Stakeholder engagement, challenge definition, innovation & impact planning
- □ Facilitation and collaboration for learning in project teams

Some themes prototyped together with around 40 teachers at Botho, Strathmore and University of Rwanda during 2018 and 2019.

Full course performed at KTH spring 2019 (13 teachers).



Examples of CDE courses developed by participants in the teacher training course

- □ Sustainable Urban Development
- □ Challenge Driven Innovation for Sustainable Development
- □ Ergonomics in Challenge Driven Product Development
- Challenge-Driven course in Computer Science and Industrial Management
- RE-Pair: Strategies for Care, Maintenance, Waste Management and Circular Economy in Architectural Design

The challenges addressed in the courses are more or less open-ended and complex



Challenges in open-ended and complex student projects

- □ Goal confusion in the team: "Where are we going?" "What are we going to solve?"
- To make students taking the responsibility/ownership over their project
- Personal conflicts in the team due to difference in values, mental models etc.
- To get students accepting that making mistakes and using iterations and experimentation are good approaches because learning is the goal
- □ Managing dissatisified stakeholders
- □ Post-course dissemination long term impact

Pedagogical research ongoing to build knowledge on the learning process and outcomes. Recently started to investigate relevant research questions related to the innovation process. We are open to collaboration!



## More information...

### ...about GDH:

https://www.kth.se/en/om/internationellt/projekt/globaldevelopmenthub/

### ...about Challenge Driven Education:

https://www.kth.se/social/course/LH233V/ https://www.kth.se/student/kurser/kurs/LH233V?I=en

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## GDH challenge driven education concept





EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

> IN SWEDEN OR IN PARTNER COUNTRIES

