

### Project summary sheet

Country of project implementation	Zambia
(Main) beneficiary institution/counterpart	The University of Zambia (UNZA)
Project title	Strengthening Teaching, Research and Consultancy Capacity at the University of Zambia (STRECC)
Project period (start/end date)	1 February 2011-30 June 2015
Contract value (approx.)	EUR 1,879,233
Source of funding	Nuffic NICHE Programme
Other institutions involved in implementation	University of Pretoria (consortium partner). Other institutions involved: Universities of Stellenbosch and Witwatersrand, BMB Mott MacDonald and the Maastricht School of Management
Proportion of activities implemented by UM/Mundo (approx. in %)	75%
Number of UM staff involved (approx..)	10
<p><b>Descriptive summary of the project (main goal(s), main activities, main results)</b></p> <p>The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the University of Zambia in providing a high quality and relevant teaching and learning environment where practical research is carried out and consultancy services are on offer, in order to enhance its contribution to national human resource and economic development.</p> <p>The project has generated the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The establishment of master programs in the areas of Agronomy, Mineral sciences, Renewable energy engineering and Environmental management. These are all subject areas that feature as priorities in the National Development plan of Zambia. All these program have been gender sensitized.</li> <li>• Faculty development (7 academic staff upgraded to MSc level and 9 academic staff to PhD level)</li> <li>• The development of quality assurance instruments for these 4 programs. Some of these instruments are being rolled out over the whole university. Three members of the STRECC working group had been appointed as members of the UNZA QA Task Force. One member of the STRECC working group on QA has been appointed as UNZA Director of Quality Assurance.</li> <li>• 70 staff trained in a variety of areas including: Curriculum development, Quality assurance, Assessment, Formulating learning and research questions, Literature search, Academic writing, Research methods and skills, Introduction to problem based learning, Marketing and Student Recruitment for Master Programs</li> <li>• The UNZA policy on contract research and consultancies have been reviewed and assessed. Based on the findings a business plan has been developed for a UNZA Business Development Unit called "The UNZA Gateway". UNZA Gateway has been establish to facilitate, grow and coordinate UNZA's contract research, consultancy and other business development capacity.</li> </ul>	