

Carnegie Mellon University Africa: A \$275.7M Partnership for African Tech Talent Retention

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Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A 2022 tri-partite deal between Carnegie Mellon, the Mastercard Foundation and Rwanda's government committed \$275.7m -- including a \$175m perpetual endowment -- to grow CMU-Africa's Kigali campus, explicitly recruiting women, people with disabilities and displaced youth.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Carnegie Mellon University Africa, with Mastercard Foundation and Government of Rwanda](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[BusinessWire press release](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Mastercard Foundation news](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Inside Higher Ed](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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