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# Campus Africa

Check-in with UNESCO Chairs, 26.02.25

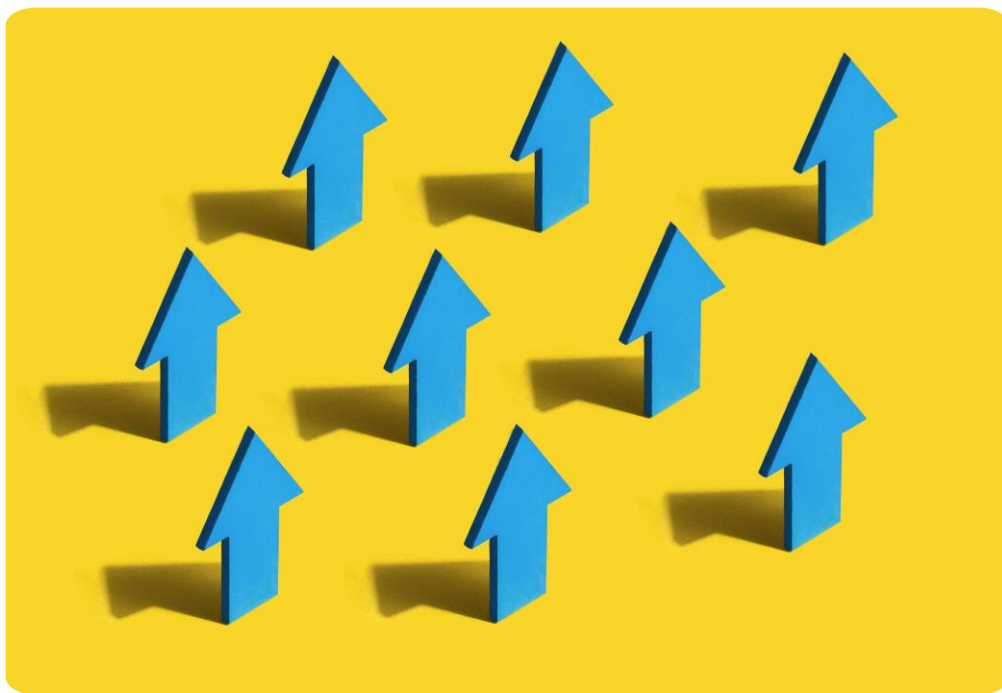


# Structure of meeting

1. Quick update on Campus Africa developments
2. Results of the recent Global UNESCO Chairs Survey
3. Opportunities for engagement – *Campus Africa, Natural Sciences, Global Chairs Coordination*
4. South-South-North Collaboration
5. Announcements & news from Chairs eco-systems

# Quick Update on Campus Africa to Feb. 2025

1. **Continental & Regional meetings** – Nairobi, Tunis
2. **Dialogue and partnership building** - IAU, AUF, AAU
3. **Work planning** – Continental, Regional, Chairs
4. **Decentralization** – New operational phase, working with ROs
5. **Fundraising efforts**

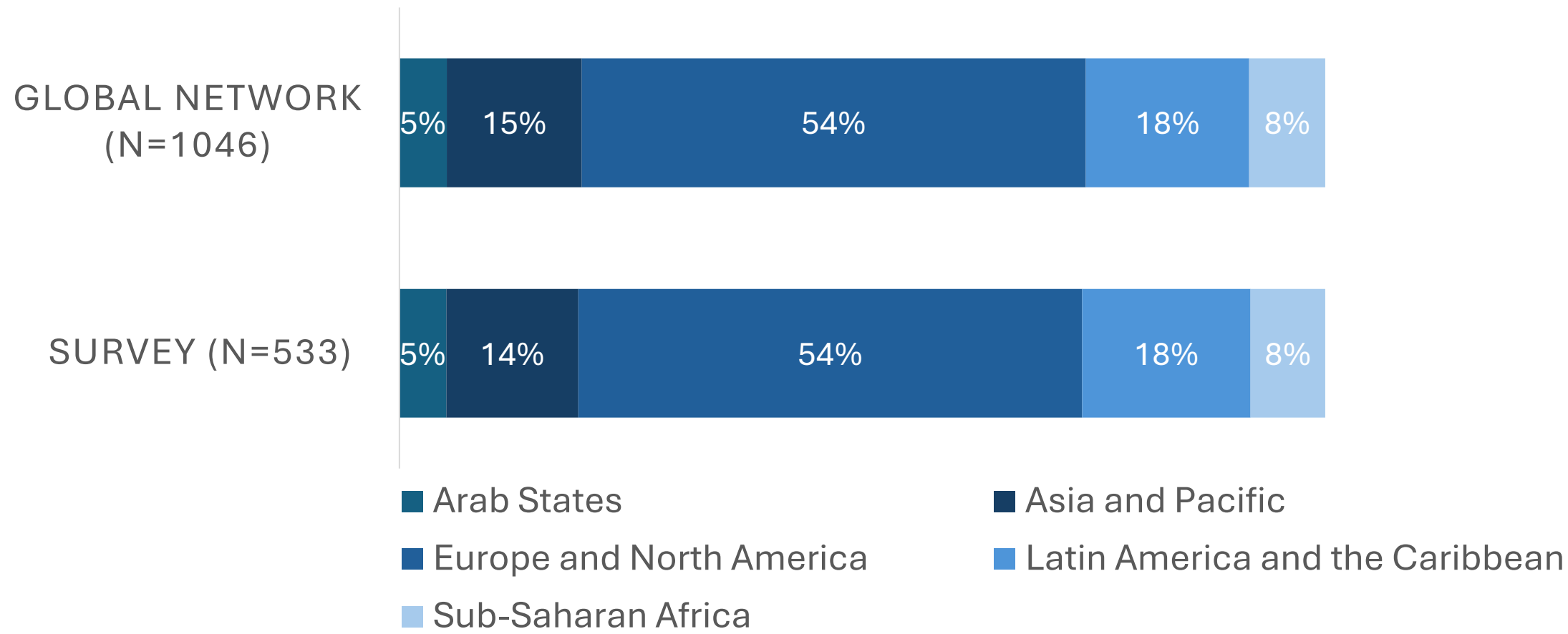


# **SURVEY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO CHAIRS AND UNITWIN NETWORKS**

**December 2024 – January 2025**



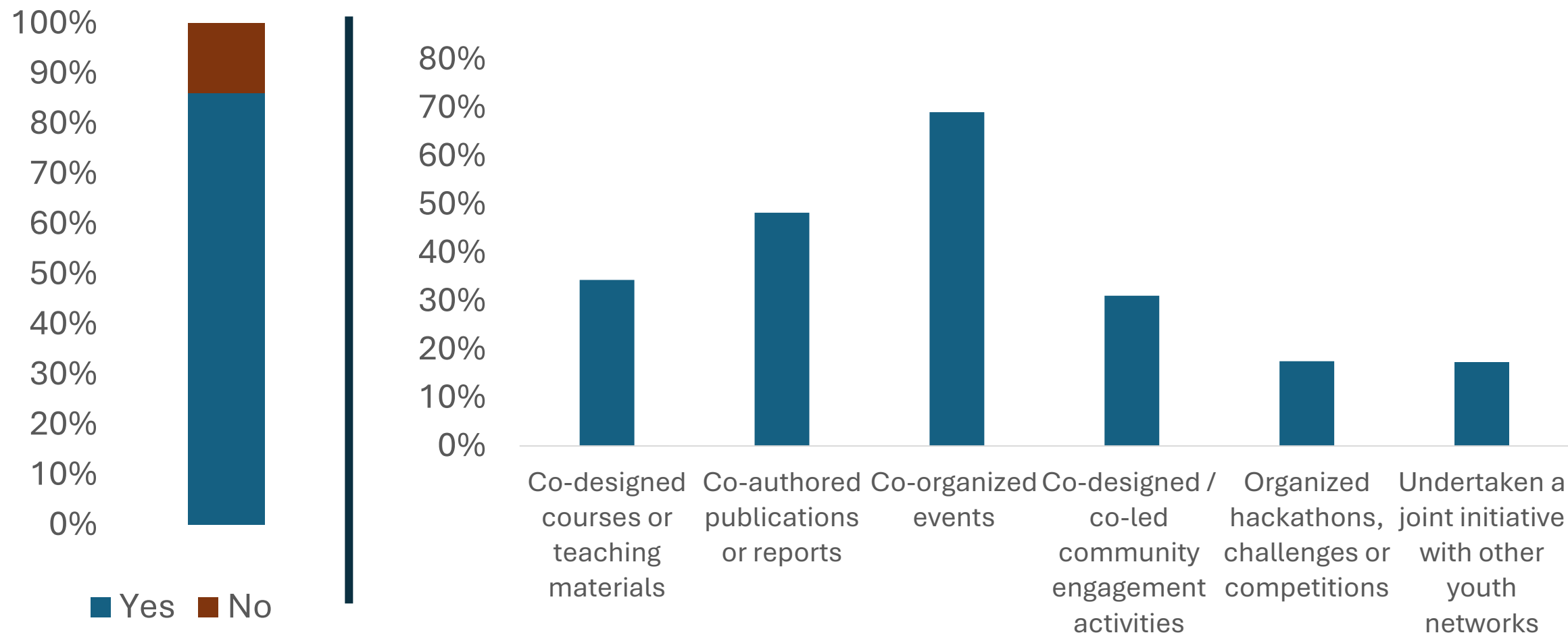
# A high response rate and a well-balanced regional sample



## **8 in 10 UNESCO Chairs or UNITWIN Networks report having undertaken collaborative work with UNESCO entities and or other UNESCO Networks.**

- Collaborations with UNESCO entities
- Collaborations among UNESCO Chairs and other UNESCO Networks
- Open educational practices
- Potential contributions to the ongoing initiatives

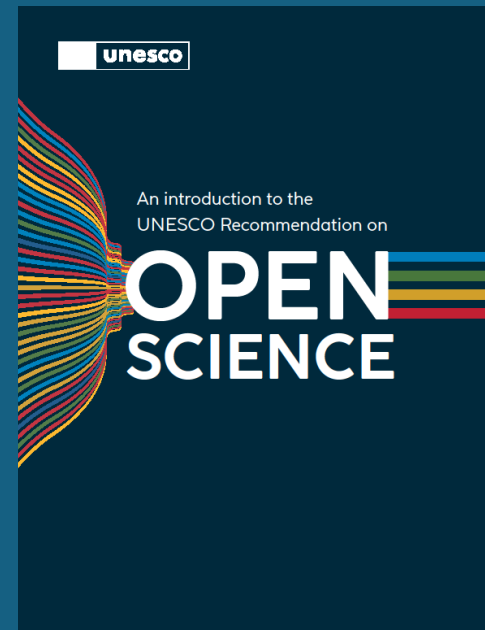
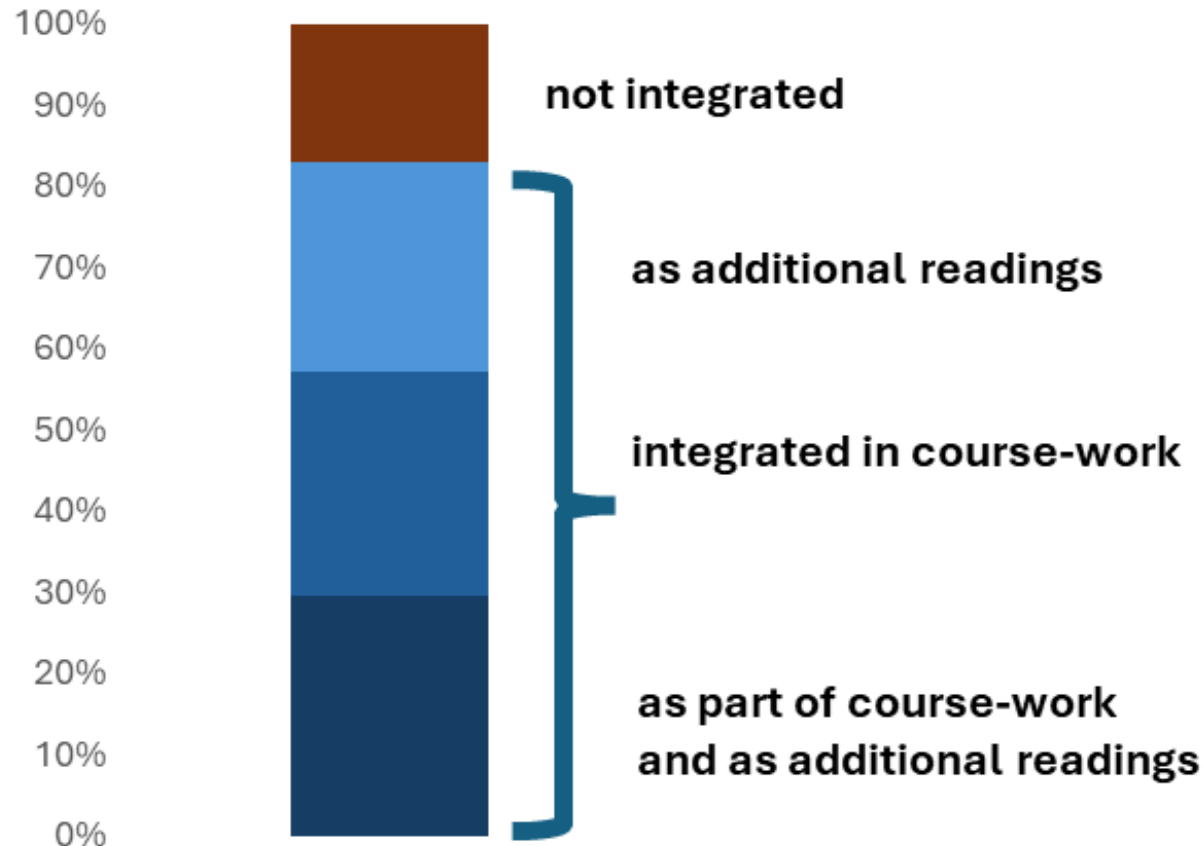
# ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: CO-CREATION WITH STUDENTS & YOUTH





# ADVANCE UNESCO PRIORITIES: INTEGRATE UNESCO MATERIALS IN COURSE-WORK

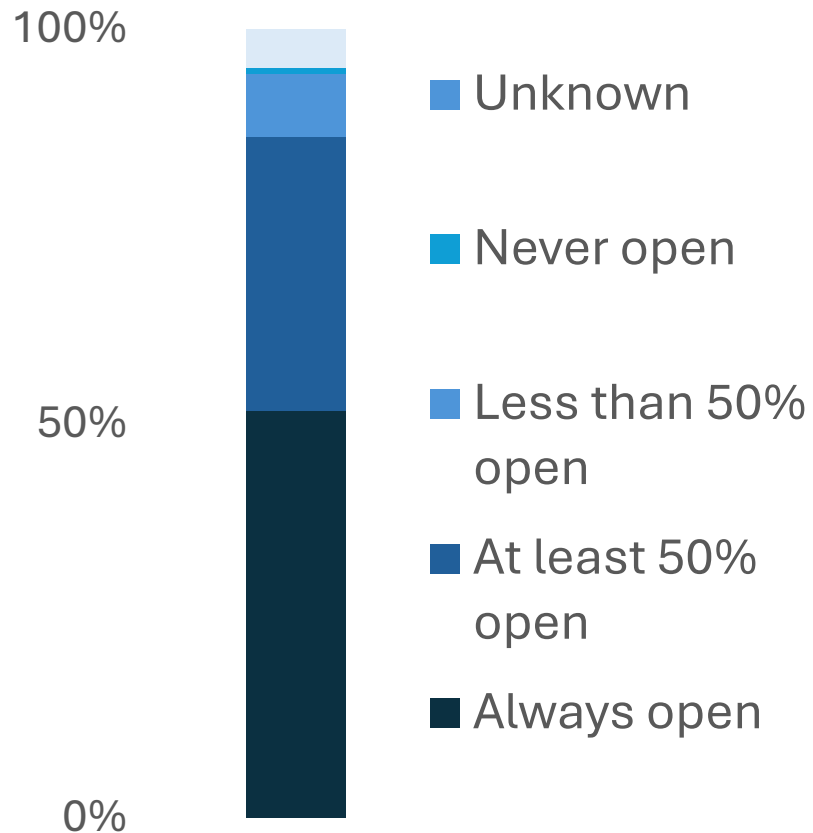
Share of UNESCO Chairs who  
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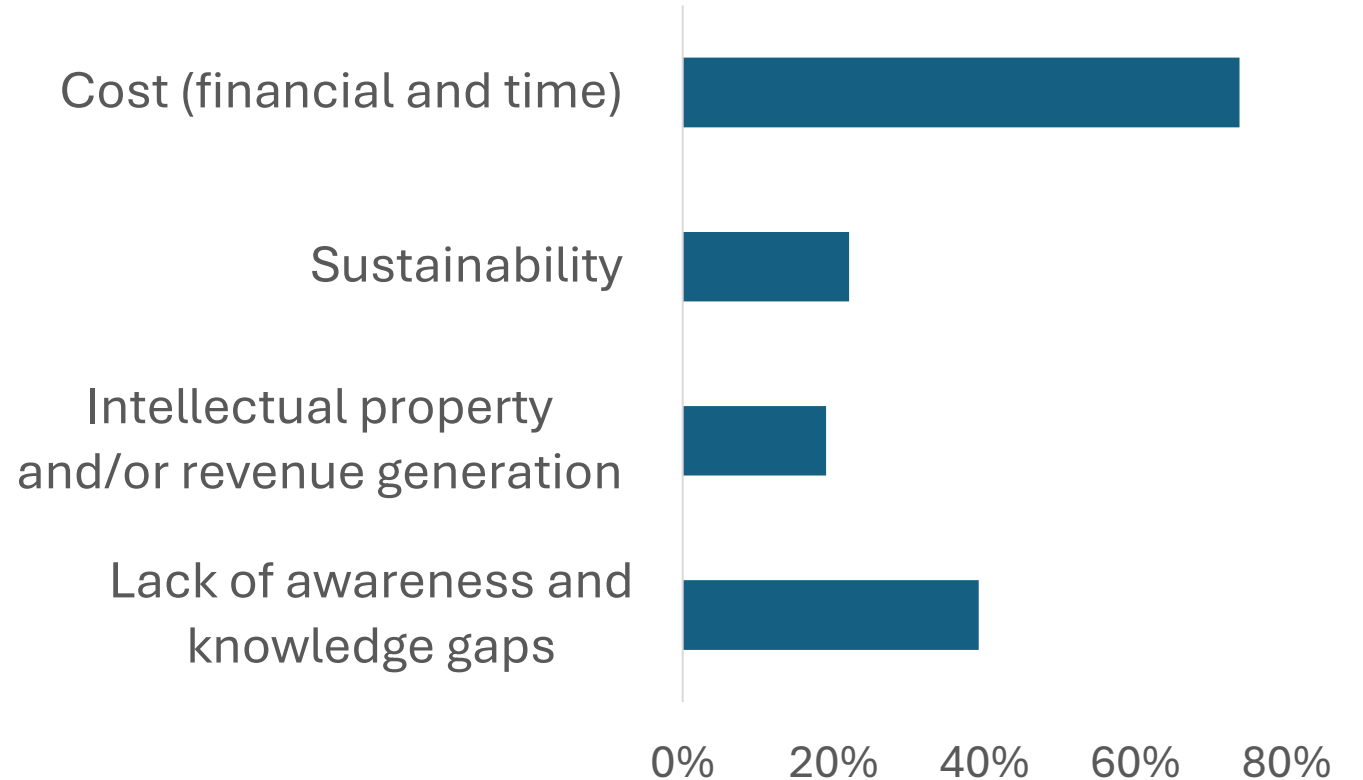


# FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPENNESS

Share of works published openly



Barriers to open educational practices





**Upcoming activities  
& opportunities for  
engagement**

# Meeting Spaces - Participation in Knowledge Exchange & Strategic Events

**Solutions Exchange:** Expert-led exchange around solutions - webinar series (HQs led).

**Meeting of UNESCO Chairs in the Maghreb Region:** February 18-19, 2025, Tunis

**Regional Workshop on Higher Education:** Yaounde, April/May 2025. Dates tbd.

**Meeting of the UNESCO Chairs in SADC Region** ([1st SARUA Conference: Innovating Higher Education for Sustainable Development across the SADC](#), Lusaka | Zambia, 21–23 May 2025)

**Using Futures Literacy to Build Capacity in African Science Systems.** An Africa Week Side Event. Event Dates: 29 - 30 May 2025. Future Africa Campus, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Regional Chairs meeting** – Dakar, West Africa (June 2025, dates tbd)

**Digital Learning Week (UNESCO HQs)** – September 2025 – Panel sessions and training opportunities.



# Meeting Spaces -



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# Financing and Joint Funding Possibilities

**UNESCO Campus Africa:** Scholarships supporting doctoral candidates, researchers & faculty (info shared soon)

**UNESCO Participation Programme 2026-2027:** Grants (US\$26,000 - US\$38,000). Projects submitted through the national commission [Participation Programme | UNESCO](#)

**UNESCO Fellowships:** 450 fellowships - students, PhD candidates, early-career professionals, and project initiators.

**Fellowships, UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector:** UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea Fellowship Programme for Young African Women Scientists launched in 2024



**Italian Ministry of Higher Education** – funding projects in Africa  
[Decreto Direttoriale n. 353 del 18-11-2024 | Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca](#) [27 February 2025]

**UK Government (FCDO):** Strengthening Higher Education for Female Empowerment [18 March 2025]

**Horizon Europe** – funding ongoing until 2027

**Mobilite Inter-Afrique** (until 2027)



# Pluri-disciplinary Collaboration across UNESCO Chairs Networks

Design of **Pilot Living Labs** – Pluri-disciplinary knowledge exchange and knowledge-to-practice applications: HE, skilling providers and communities (NAI)

**Intra continental mobility to support Chairs joint research collaboration** – Upcoming scholarships, grants, fellowships programme (details to follow)

Support to new **Research Clusters** – Engineering, Research and Innovation, WP being developed for new cluster managed through UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector

**Entrepreneurship & Innovation** - Campus Africa hackathons & academia-industry collaborations supporting innovation, ideas incubation, research uptake & ideas-to-market.

**South-South Cooperation** – Opportunities for Chairs to engage through AAU and UNOSCC

# Competency-Based Masterclasses – Africa based

**Regional training:** Competency-Based Training for Chairs + Middle-Senior Management Leadership Training - facilitated by Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA)

**Communities of Practice** – Societally Impactful Research, also led by SARUA looking at Incentives for Conducting Societally Impactful Research in the SADC region, February 2024 to April 2025

**Career, Mentoring and Wraparound services** - Doctoral candidates & early-career researchers (RAI, Dakar), including women in STEM fields (NAI)

**Masterclass Webinar series** – Every 2 months, organized from Paris

**Women in STEM – L'Oréal–UNESCO “For Women in Science” Programme**, a flagship recognizing women researchers through fellowships, grants, networking/mentoring events and online trainings.

**Open Education Training** - Global Chairs Coordination and UNESCO Communications Sector – details to follow

**Digital skills for research** – exploring possibilities with partners in the Global Skills Alliance

Strengthened alignment between UNESCO Chairs and UNESCO's priorities, with a particular focus on South-South cooperation.

# Thank you



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