



Beyond the equitable

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Frameworks for equitable partnerships

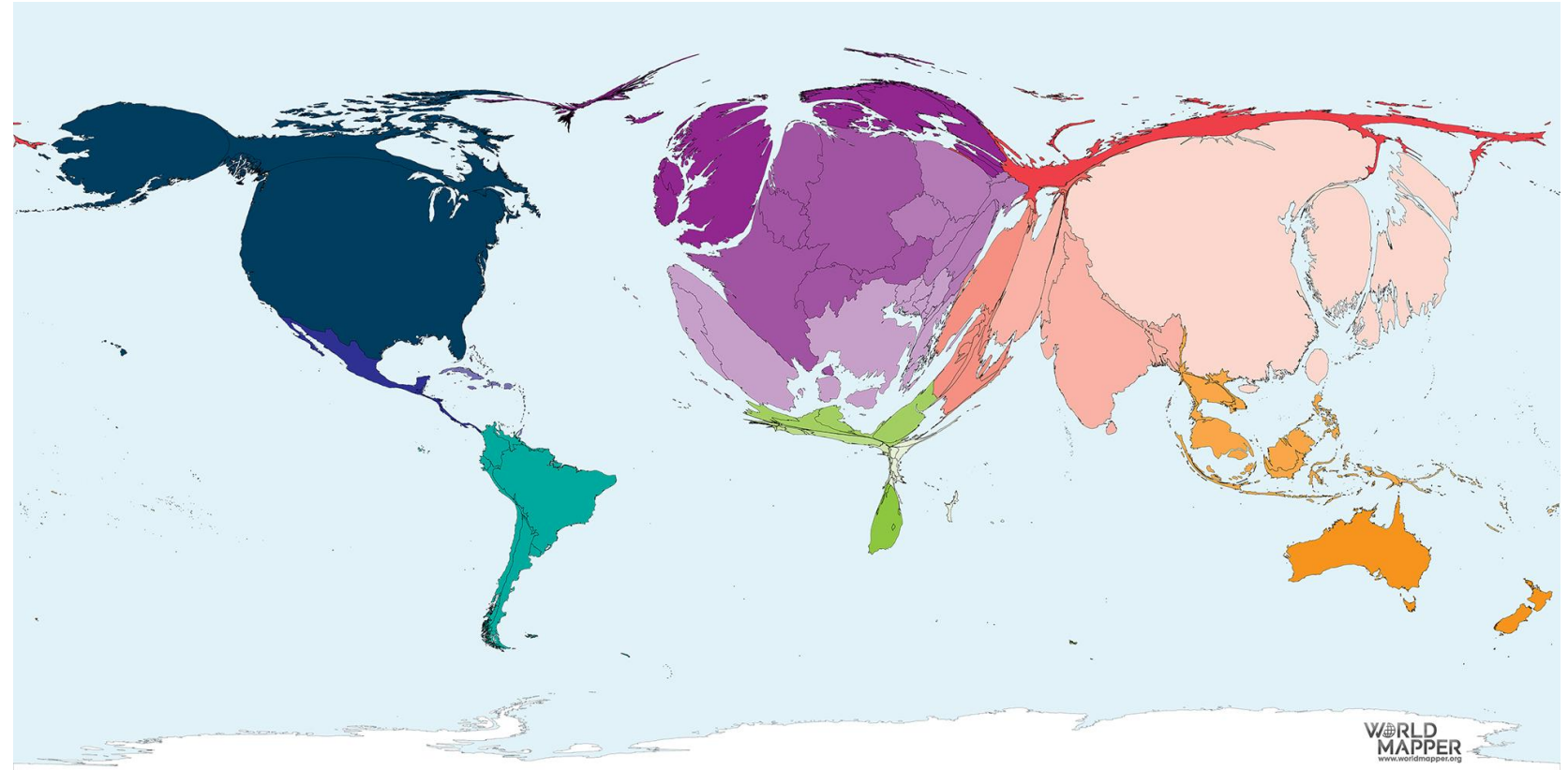




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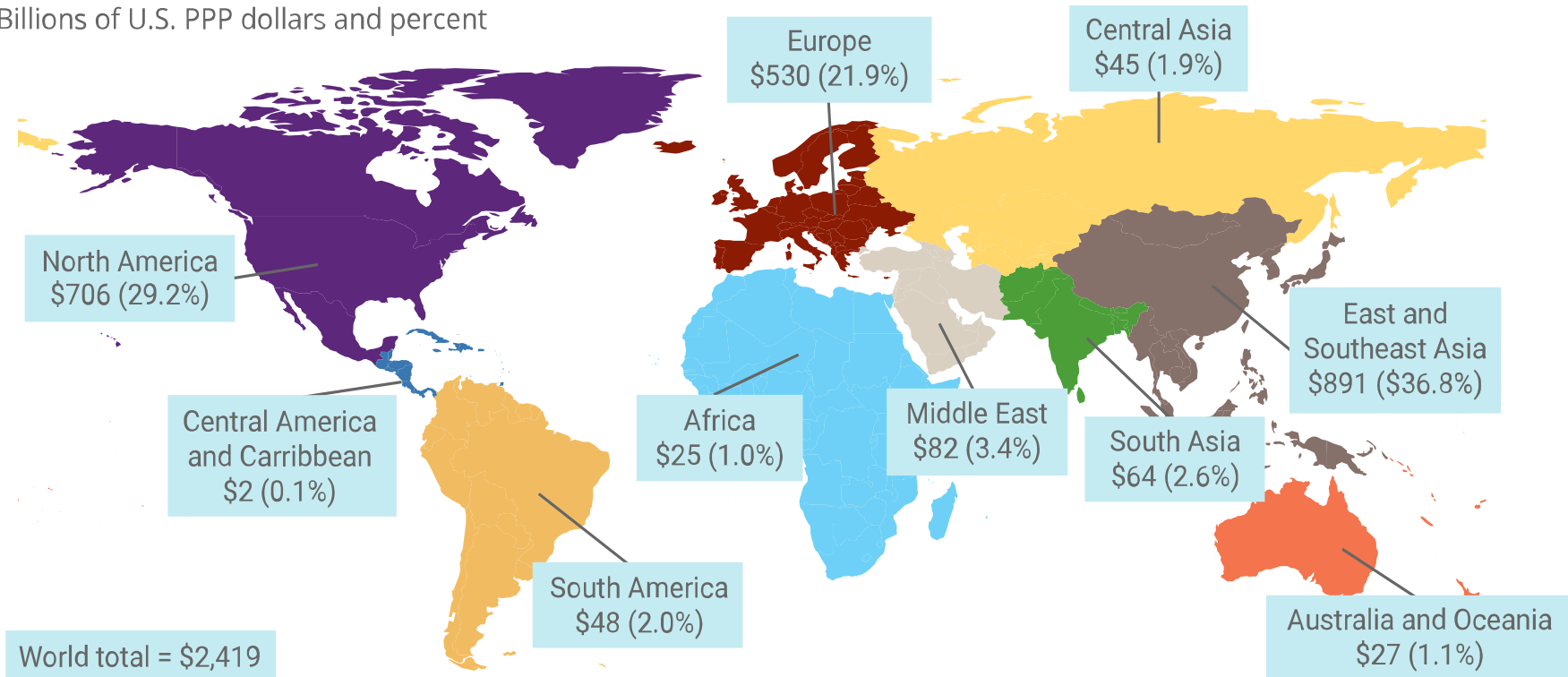
Science papers published 2015





Global R&D expenditure by region

Billions of U.S. PPP dollars and percent

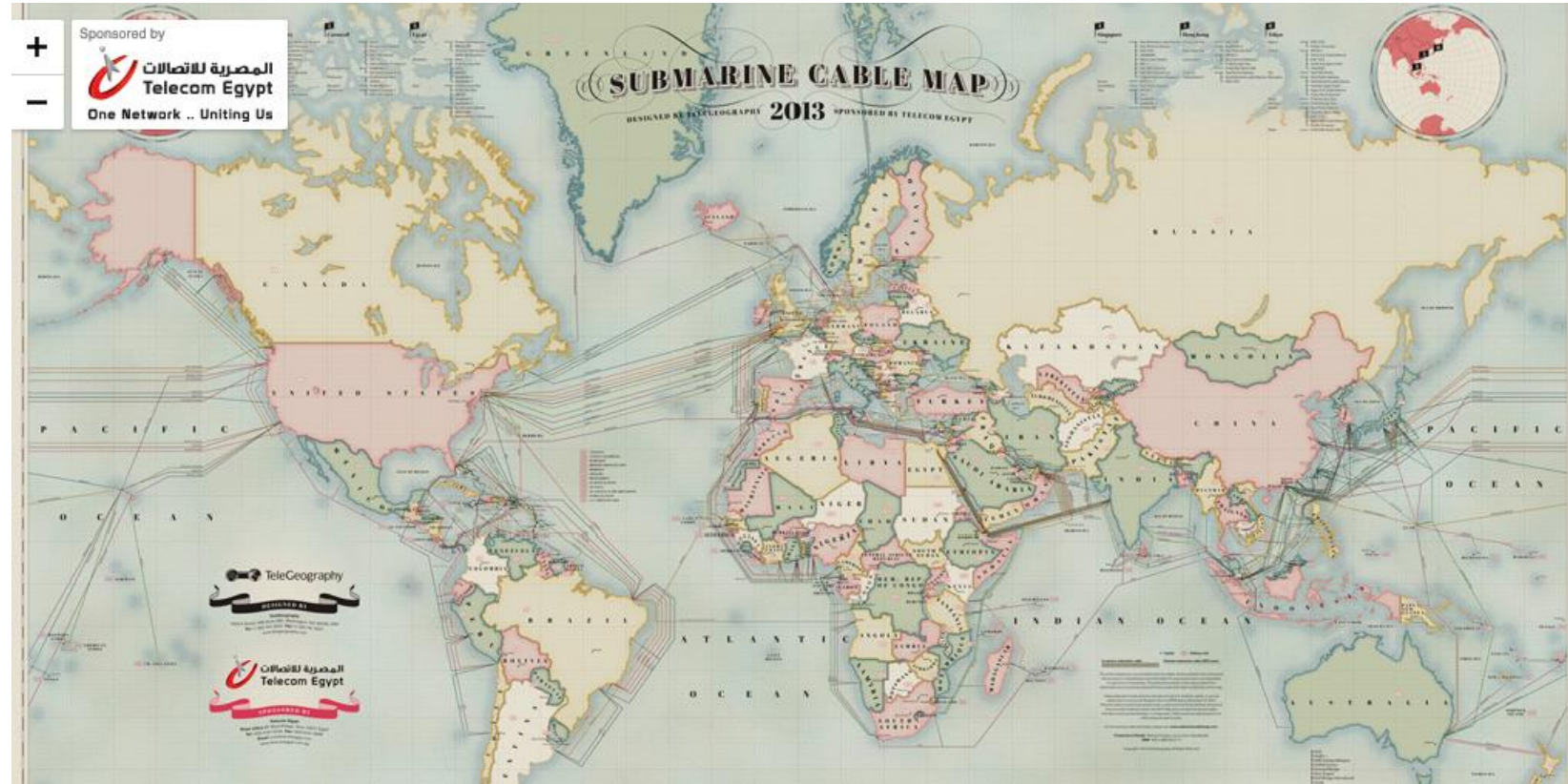




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A submarine cable map of the world, 2014





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A quick anecdote

The Desmond Tutu Health Foundation and Centre





A selection of frameworks that promote equity

- The Research Fairness Initiative (<https://rfi.cohred.org/>)
- The Cape Town Statement on Fostering Research Integrity through Fairness and Equity (<https://www.wcrif.org/guidance/cape-town-statement>)
- **The Africa Charter for Transformative Research Collaborations**
(<http://bit.ly/4dmmSCu>)
- **The U7+ Statement on Global Access to Higher Education**
(<https://bit.ly/3MZDg0Q>)



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Africa Charter on Transformative Research Collaboration

<http://bit.ly/4dmmSCu>





Charter goals

- A framework for growing Africa-Global North partnerships in knowledge production
- Seeks to create greater equality in these partnerships
- Aims to render Africa's standing in knowledge production more visible
- Seeks to de-center the West in knowledge production and emphasize the plurality of knowledges and epistemologies
- Inspired by long history of Pan-Africanist and Afrocentric critique of global systems of knowledge production and unequal division of labour



Key concrete steps recommended

- Listen to African voices in the setting of research priorities
- Produce and disseminate knowledge in African languages
- Share resources and decision-making power including on questions and methods driving research in a more equitable manner
- Go beyond the view of the continent as a series of problems to be probed and solved
- Opportunity to rethink and rework graduate training





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U7+ Statement on Global Access to Higher Education





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The presidents committed to:

- Work with our communities to create pathways to higher education
- Foster an inclusive and supportive culture on our campus
- Welcome and support refugees, students and scholars at risk
- Foster dialogue and partnerships amongst higher education institutions
- Contributing to partnerships among Global North and Global South institutions





The U7+ asked that G7 leaders commit to:

- Focus and support for developing high-quality and inclusive education systems
- Support and advocating for investment in higher education in low-income countries
- Provide funding support for under- and postgraduate students from marginalised communities
- Supporting and prioritizing visas for visiting scholars, students and scholars at risk and refugee students





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Putting theory into practice





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Case study 1: Research without borders cotutelle programme





- **Two research fields identified through mapping process**
- **Eight students selected**

Learnings

- **Framework agreement puts admin up front**
- **Cohort provides support**
- **Preferable to scholarships to global north institutions**
- **BUT be careful where students end their studies**





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Case study 2: UCT-UoB Professorship and Fellowship Programme





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Key features

- **Cost of flights paid by sending university**
- **Accommodation and living allowance paid by host university**
- **Requirement to jointly publish papers, co-supervise students, deliver public lectures**
- **Expectation to apply for joint grants**





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Case study 3: Collaborative taught master's degree





Key features

- **Master's selected in matching areas of strength**
- **No new curricula developed - reciprocal recognition of curriculum and evaluation**
- **Innovative structure:**
 - **1st semester UCT (global south framing)**
 - **2nd and 3rd semesters Sciences Po**
 - **4th semester UCT (research dissertation)**



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Choosing the right partner





Factors that encourage equity

- **Focus on small number of strategic partners**
- **Allow them to grow out of existing relationships**
- **Develop collaborations at multiple levels and across parts of the university**
- **Be explicit about values**
- **Be explicit about challenges and constraints**
- **Don't avoid difficult conversations**



Thank you

