

The benefits of establishing and maintaining a robust NCP system



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Evolution of NCPs

- Since 1999, under the **5th and 6th Framework Programmes, all Member States and Associated Countries** have set up NCP systems **to inform and assist potential participants** and partners in ongoing projects
- In FP7 also many **third countries have established NCPs**

Advantages of the current NCP system

Advantages:

- Tailored to national structures and needs
- Can be set up and made operational quickly
- No central “control” from Commission

Disadvantages of the current NCP system

Disadvantages:

- Variable coverage and quality of services
- Variable levels of national funding
- No standardised quality control of services delivered

Benefits of establishing and maintaining a robust NCP system

**Enhanced
STI cooperation
with the EU**

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Increased participation through:

- Increased awareness of EU funding instruments (How the EC works)
- Timely and precise information on specific calls
- Technical understanding of requirements
- Support to partner search and networking
- Support with regards to legal and financial administration issues

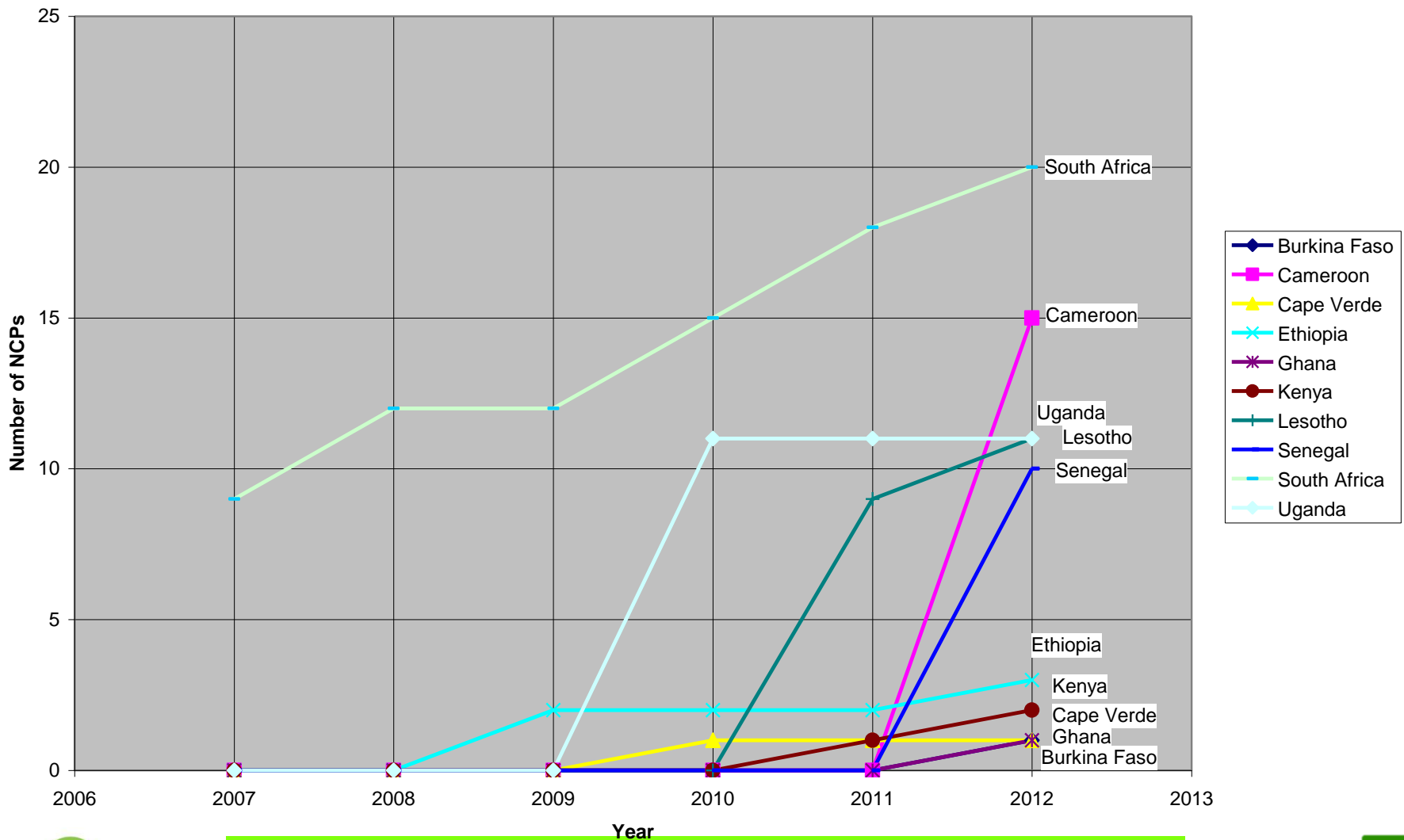
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- The NCP network being able to reach the broader country research communities
- Easy identification of pockets of excellence in the country, and proactive alignment with the calls
- Visibility of country excellence in Europe through extended marketing of country expertise during NCP project meetings and brokerage events in EU
- Increased networking and opportunities (institutional or national) identification with counterparts

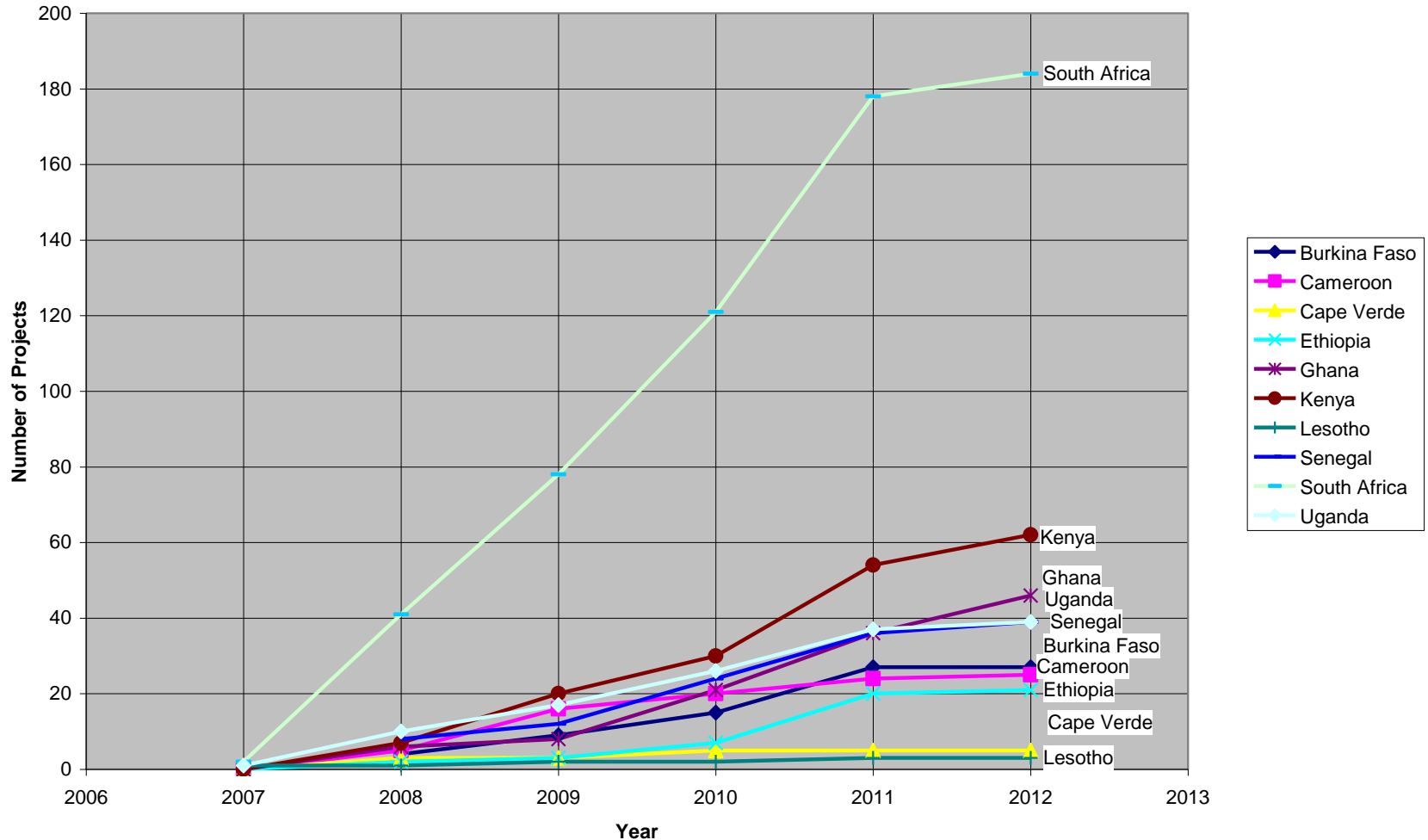
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- Country aware of own needs with regards to participation in H2020. NCP to liaise with researchers, to identify needs. Then inform country policy makers to get stimulate appropriate support
- Note and inform EC of the challenges experienced by country participants in the FP
- Create awareness of the EC forward planning and priorities to allow for better alignment and synergy between country and the EU priorities and policies

The 7th Frammework Programme and its achievements: Evolution of sub-Saharan-African NCPs (2007-12)



The 7th Framework Programme and its achievements: Participation of sub-Saharan-African countries with appointed NCPs in FP7 projects by year



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