



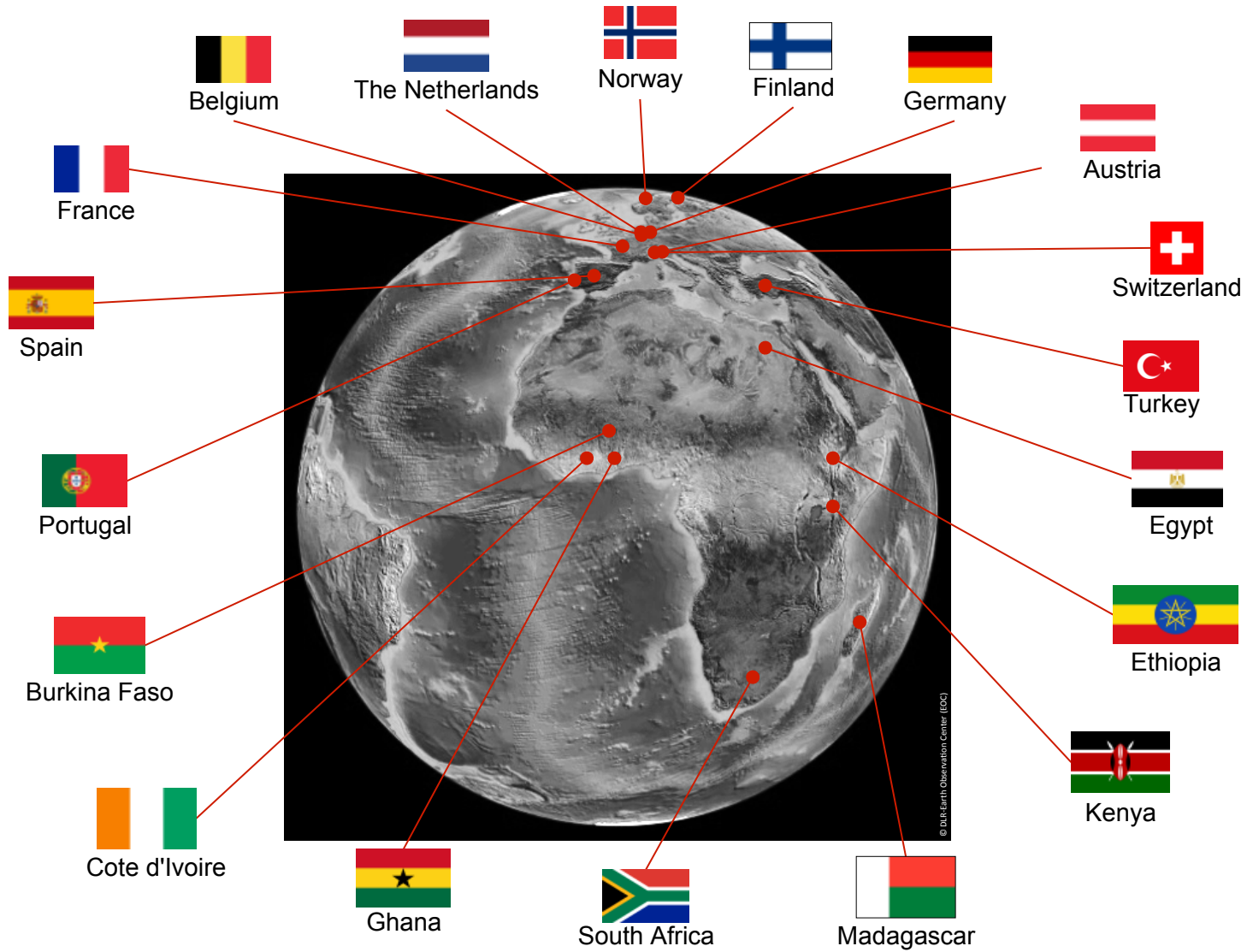
... is a growing initiative of funding institutions fostering collaborative research and innovation with African and European researchers and innovators.

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ERA = European Research Area ⇒ ERAfrica

ERAfrica was a “ERA-Net” for Africa

Period	December 2010 – November 2014
Volume	~ 11 Mio. € total fund (incl. 2 Mio. € contribution of the EC)
Proposals	106 viable proposals for research projects
Projects	17 projects have been funded with the 1st joint call in 2013
3 Funding areas	Renewable Energies Interfacing Challenges New Ideas
Partners	19 (8 African & 11 European)
Coordinators	IRD (France) & DST (South Africa)



ERAfrica (“ERA-Net” for Africa) was ...

- a **pilot programme** to develop and implement a joint funding programme for research and innovation partnerships with national funding parties from Africa and Europe,
- for inspiring member states of Africa and Europe to contribute as partners to the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES)
- for the consolidation of the collaboration of Africa and the EU in Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I)
- For developing African RD&I capacities and potential for increased international research collaboration

The **strong joint funding commitment by both African and European funders** and the shared **partnership’s principles of co-ownership of and co-responsibility** for the collaboration, set **ERAfrica** apart from other initiatives.

ERAfrica is now ...

... an initiative of “new” and “old” funding institutions referring to **ERAfrica - “ERA-Net” for Africa** - who are willing to continue building on the success and using the brand **ERAfrica**.

Last Developments ...

LONDON MEETING FEBRUARY 2015

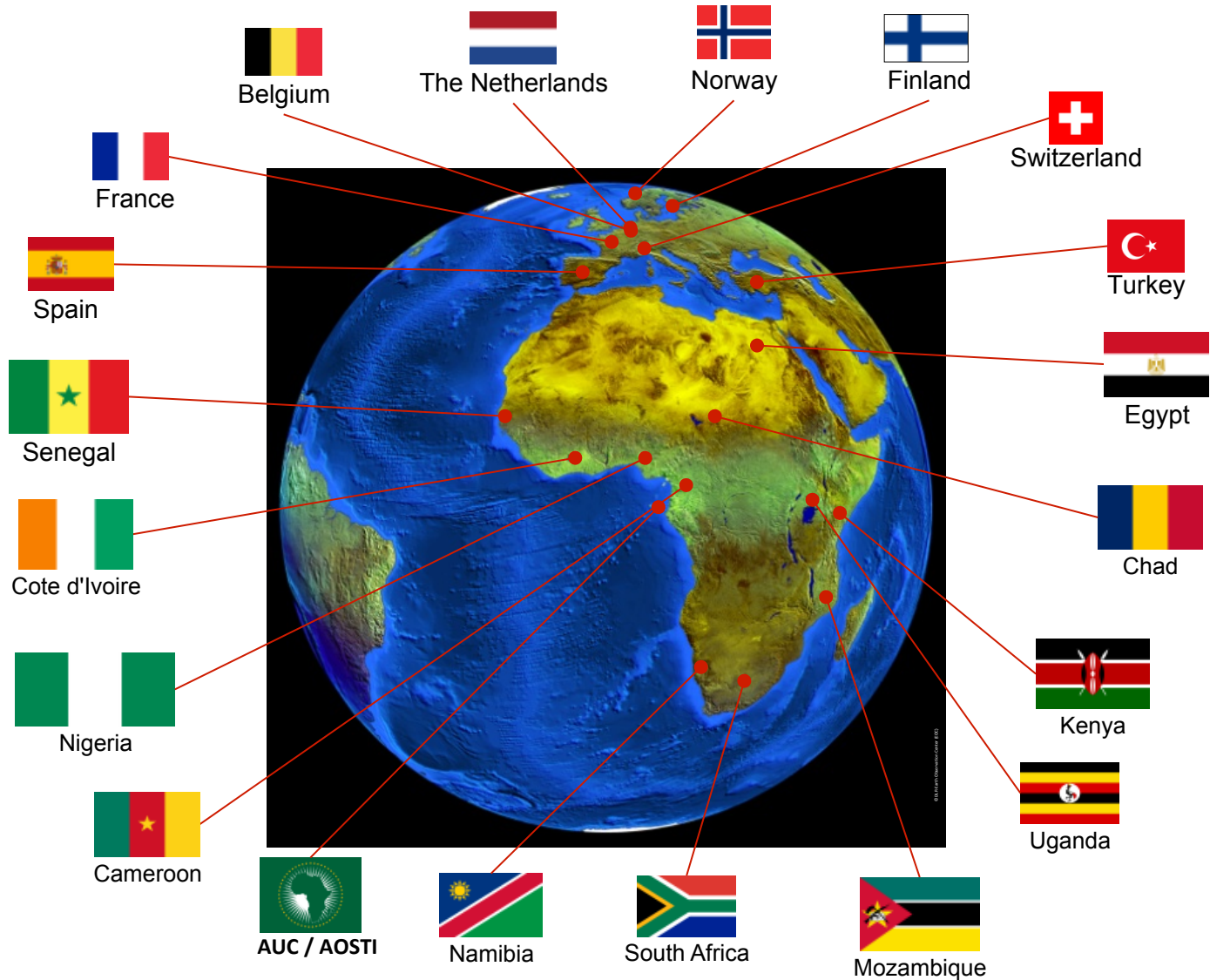
- Funding institutions met and discussed future activities for **ERAfrica**
- DST (South Africa) and IRD (France) held the position of an interim secretariat
- Consensus was reached to continue and grow the cooperation into a “second phase” and organise a 1st meeting with all potential funding institutions.

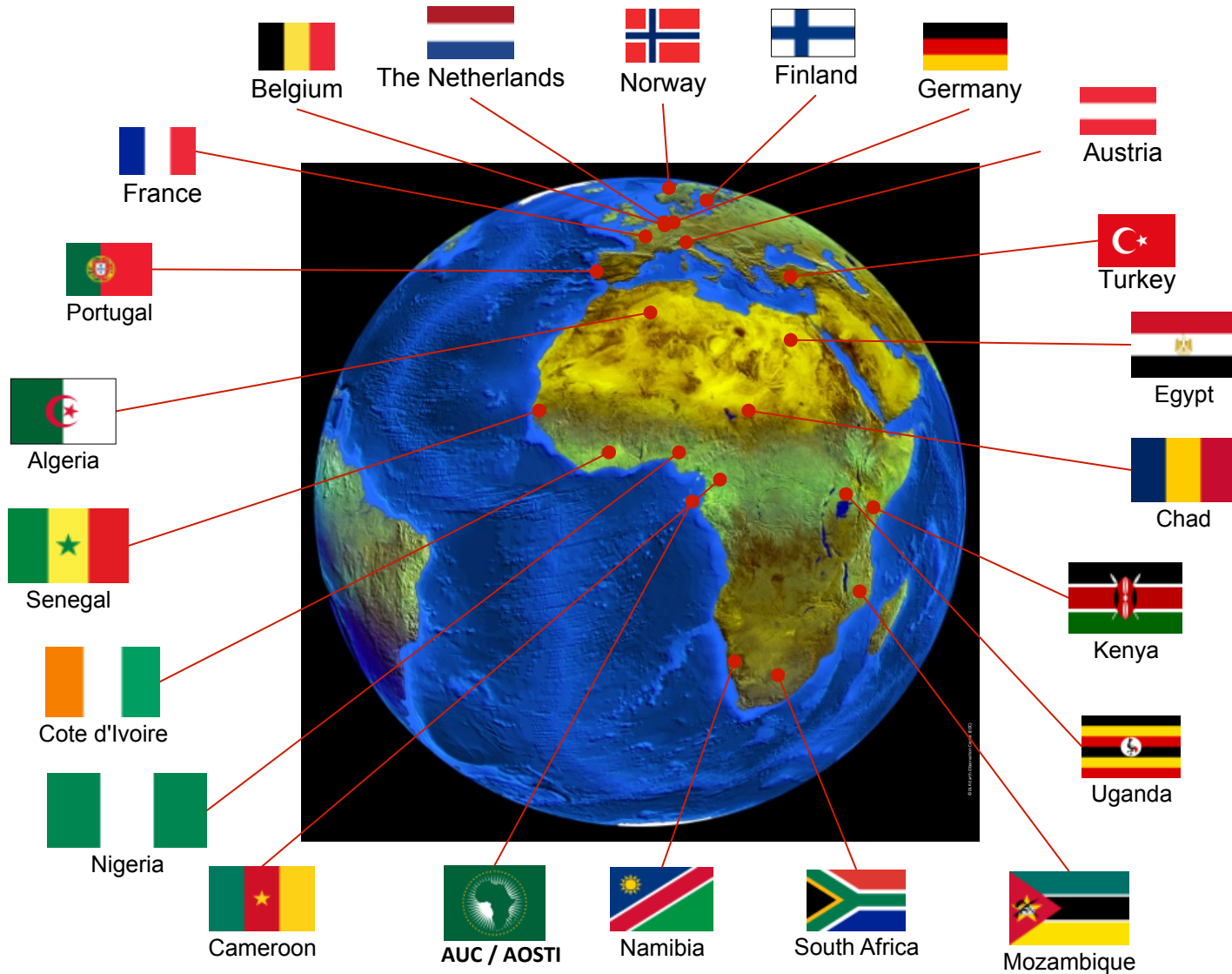
1ST ERAFRICA MEETING | PRETORIA MAY 2015

- **Food and Nutrition Security and Resilience** were endorsed as thematic focus areas for a coming second call, (at that stage independently from H2020)
- **Joint ERAfrica Secretariat** comprising the **South African National Research Foundation (NRF)** and **German Aerospace Center – Project Management Agency (DLR-PT)** , was appointed at that stage only to drive the implementation of a **ERAfrica II Call**.
- **Joint ERAfrica Secretariat** was asked to organise a 2nd meeting for all interested funding parties for a second ERAfrica Call during October 2015.

2ND ERAFRICA MEETING | BONN OCTOBER 2015

- **ERAfrica Steering Committee nominated: Côte d'Ivoire (PASRES) | Finland (UniPID) | France (IRD) | Germany (DLR-PT) | Namibia (NCRST) | South Africa (DST+NRF)**
- **20 institutions** have expressed their interest in **ERAfrica** on the long run and a **ERAfrica II Call**
- **22 institutions** have expressed their interest to support under the umbrella of **ERAfrica** the **ERA-Net Cofund (SFS 41-2016)** of the **H2020 work programme 2016-2017**.
- **Joint ERAfrica Secretariat & ERAfrica Steering Committee** will develop **ERAfrica** together with the interested partners as an entity with rotating roles in the steering committee and the secretariat







IN PROGRESS

- Legal framework
- Vision
- Principles like rotating roles
- Governance
- Management
- Funding modalities
- ...



It takes a village to raise a child.

(African proverb)

Thank you

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