



The project aims to "design, test, and evaluate a knowledge exchange framework to facilitate the implementation of an effective sustainable energy transition in Africa's Sub-Saharan urban areas", and includes a strong action research component which involves close partnering with six cities in three African countries (two each in Ghana, Uganda and South Africa) to foster a deeper understanding of the dynamics and constraints that policy and strategy implementation faces in Sub-Saharan African cities.



Urbanisation rates in Africa are the highest in the world and in most Sub-Saharan countries service delivery is inadequate to keep up with the needs. African populations remain amongst the poorest in the world, and efforts to achieve the energy-related dimensions of the MDGs have in most cases not had significant impact on urban populations. There is often a gap between policy and implementation around sustainable energy issues, and the capacity within cities and other spheres of government involved in energy and urban development is inadequate in the face of the increasing social and environmental challenges.



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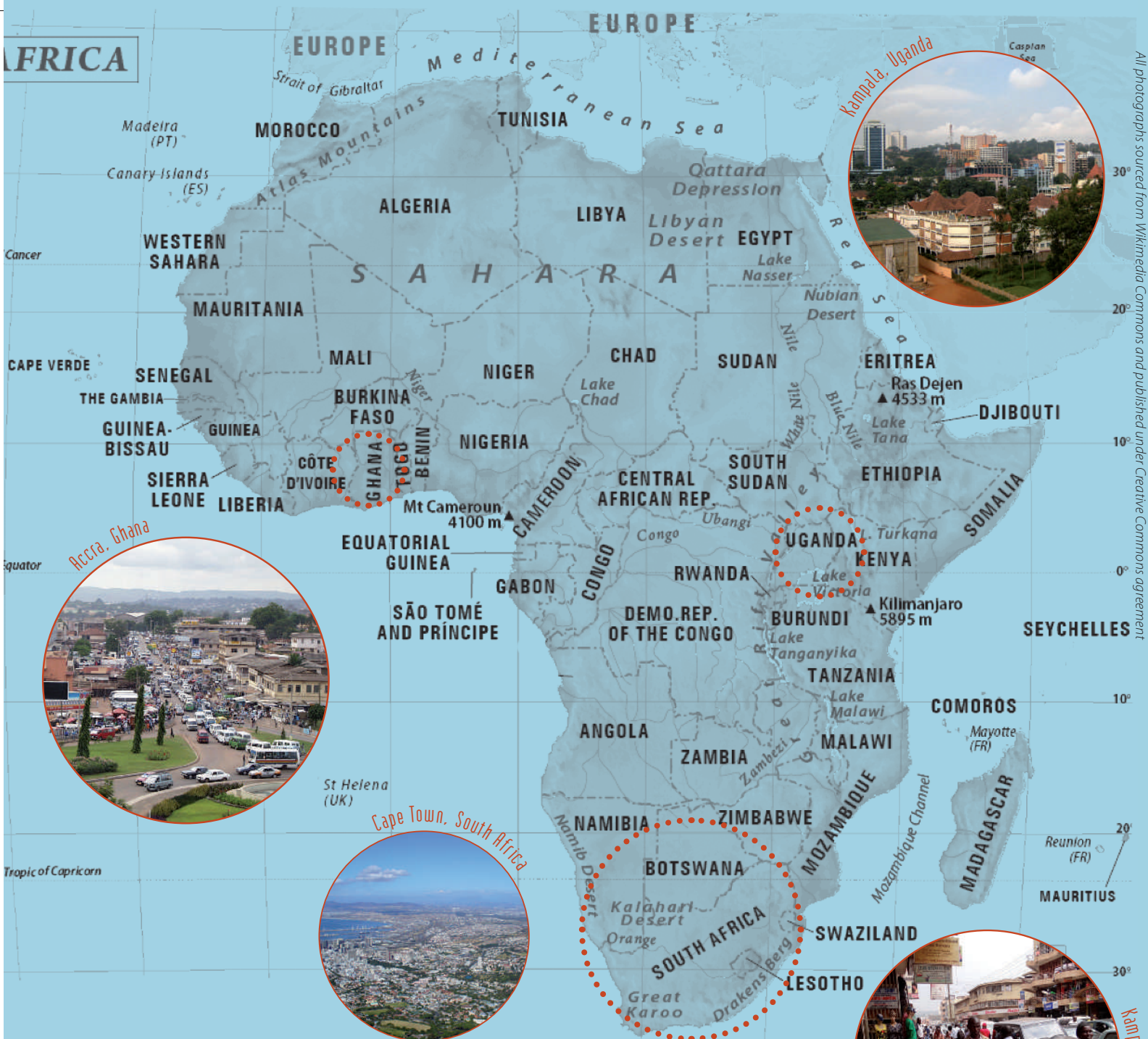
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Project partners

The project partners include a leading university in each of the three Africa countries – University of Ghana, Uganda Martyrs University and University of Cape Town - as well as an NGO in South Africa (Sustainable Energy Africa) that has 15 years of experience supporting cities with sustainable energy transitions. In addition, the project partners include two leading universities in the UK (Durham and University College London) with expertise in urbanisation and energy transitions, and a UK consultancy (Gamos) with expertise in knowledge brokering frameworks and social network analysis, amongst other areas.

Coordination with other players

The project design enables the research to broaden its coverage beyond the six partner cities (the case studies) to the Sub Saharan African region. There are several existing relevant initiatives underway in Sub Saharan Africa (e.g. those of UN HABITAT, GEF and ICLEI) with which the project will share experiences and information for mutual benefit.

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