

Ownership Requires Research

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- **Ownership**
- requires ?

Ownership requires:

- Understanding conditions,
 - *local analyses*
- Understanding options,
 - *contact with international experiences and analyses*
- Understanding global issues and threats,
 - *links with international research front*
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Ownership requires: (ctd)

- Designing strategies, formulating PRSPs
- Negotiating
 - conventions, treaties
 - trade
 - investments
 - external support
- Monitoring implementation of plans
- Evaluating performance
 - own investments
 - external contributions

Implementing Paris principles

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- **Ownership**
- **As well, requires capacity for analysis**
- **Few investments in in-country research**

Why research?

- Can poor countries limit their ambition to using knowledge?
- Is it possible to identify , select and adapt new knowledge without an essential basis for research?

National Research Community

- Contact with international research
- Local analysis and advice
- Relevant research agenda
- Critical thinking in higher education
- Evidence based critique and debate
- Capacity for research training
- Stimulates innovation



New push for investing in R&D

At the 8th summit of AU in January 2007

- African Heads of State pledged to spend 1% of GDP on research by 2010

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- **Fragmentation of efforts** due to
 - push for immediate returns
 - application driven project funding
 - problem oriented research cooperation
 - vertical support programmes.

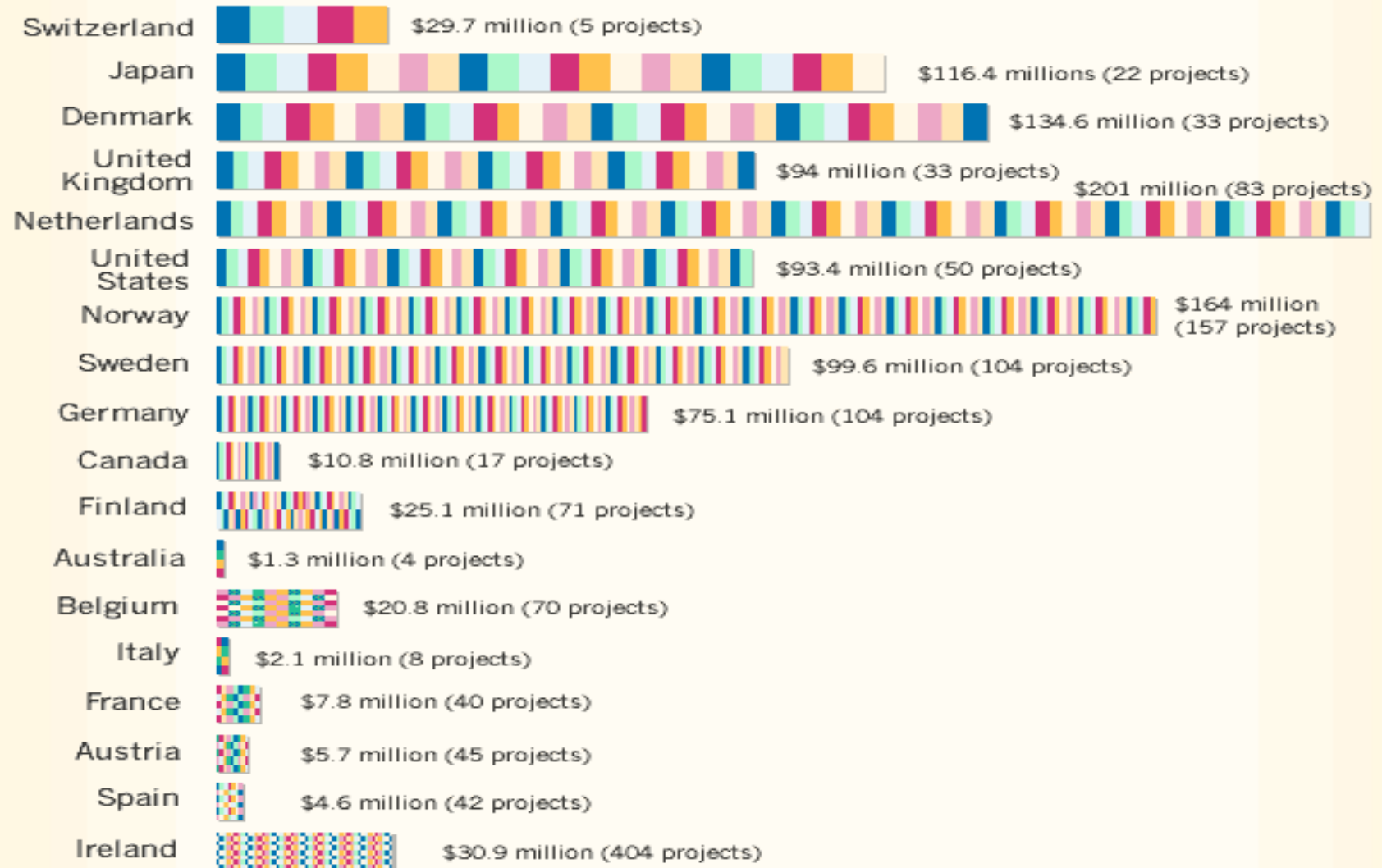
External research funding

- Programmes primarily addressing defined research issues
- Enhanced research capacity is a desired, but secondary impact
- Only some 5-6% spent in country based research

Sustained capacity?

- The basis for research in low income countries will not be built or sustained merely through vertical programmes focussing on particular issues or problems.

Bilateral Donor Support to Tanzania. 2000



Capacity impact

- Depends on the extent cooperation offers are aligned with research strategies and plans of the institution and on the degree of harmonisation with institutional practice

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- **Agencies** can support a basis for research
- Align their support with plans
- Agree to harmonise reporting requirements

Alignment

When supporting conditions for research

- With country's strategies
- Apply Paris principles
- Align with strategies and plans
- Support strategy development
- Dialogue in designing support
- Transparent criteria, time frame

Programme based approach?

- Research needs core funding of institutions
- As well as
 - opportunities to apply for research grant
 - and engage in research cooperation

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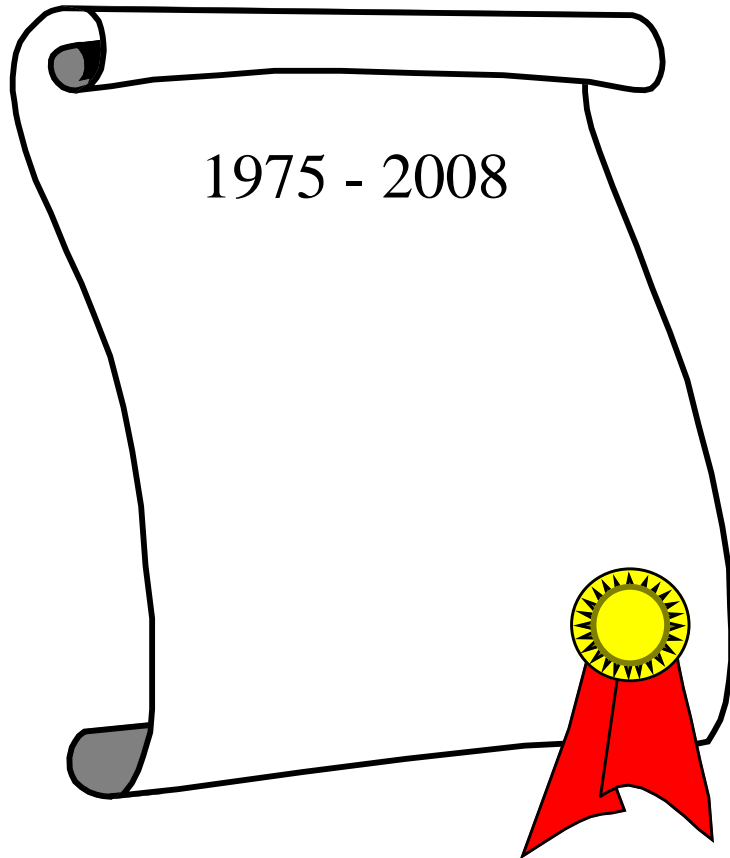
When addressing defined research issues

- Respect rules, research permits
- Do no harm
- Consider brain drain risks
- Contribute to inst costs,
- Avoid topping up salaries

Harmonise

- Agreement Min Fin/Coop plus institution
- Respect inst rules and regulations
- Remember research permits
- Use existing structures for
 - fin management & fiscal year
 - procurement
 - reporting system
- When weak, support research management

SAREC's mandate



Assist developing countries by

- **Supporting research *in and by* low income countries**
- supporting research *on and for* development

Research capacity

- Qualified researchers
 - research groups
 - laboratories, libraries, ICT
- Institutions
 - universities, research training
 - research institutes. think tanks
 - research management
- System
 - policy, organization,
 - resources- budget lines for research!
 - Research Councils

UNESCO

Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge

Gathers research on systems

Develops template and indicators

Will collect and analyse
experiences



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Accra Agenda

- Strengthening country ownership
 - *include research communities*
- Improving alignment
 - *support research in line with national strategies to enhance research capacity*
- Harmonising
 - *supplement research into issues with support for conditions for research in countries*

Accra agenda (ctd)

- Demonstrating results
 - *assess in country capacity for research training*
 - *assess budget lines for research*
- Mutual accountability
 - *strengthen capacity for monitoring and evaluation in countries*

- *“If we are earnest in our ambitions of supporting developing countries, and in regarding them as equal partners, support for the development of their research community is an important ingredient of the Swedish development co-operation”.*

Thank You!