

MIT student instructors and local high school participants gathered in Johannesburg, South Africa, as part of MIT-Africa's 2023 Global Teaching Labs program in South Africa and Botswana, focused on artificial intelligence and robotics.



SUPPORT MIT-AFRICA

Since 2014, **MIT-Africa** has been cultivating vibrant connections in research, education, and innovation between MIT and partners in African countries. **As we mark our 10th anniversary**, we invite you to join this exciting work through your philanthropic support.

At MIT, we aim to '**invent the future**,' and address humanity's most pressing challenges and opportunities. That mission makes MIT's engagements on the African continent—soon to be the world's youngest region, with the fastest growing populace—essential.

By exploring vital issues of our time—such as climate change, global health, and the proliferation of artificial intelligence—in African contexts and with Africa's leading problem-solvers and innovators, we can **increase the Institute's capacity to serve our nation and our world** in the 21st century.

OUR IMPACT (2014–2024)

Our work is based on a model of **mutually-beneficial collaboration**, and the transmission of bi-directional value between participants.

MIT-Africa has **three main programming areas**:

△ Students & Education
⊙ Faculty & Research

≡ Community
Engagement

In the program's first ten years, our impact has been broad and deep:

- 600+ participating MIT students
- 20+ participating MIT faculty members
- 29 African countries engaged
- 30 African universities and research institutes engaged
- 5 MIT schools engaged
- 27 MIT majors (courses) represented
- 75+ private-sector partners in Africa
- 20+ public and nonprofit-sector partners in Africa
- 20+ research projects funded (MIT-Africa Seed Fund)

A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY

As we enter our second decade, we are poised to build on our first ten years of success as we:

- work with Africa-based partners to develop solutions to global challenges
- prepare MIT students to learn, contribute, and lead in a fast-changing world
- connect MIT faculty with African colleagues to advance discovery and innovation
- create new learning and engagement opportunities for the MIT community, and welcome researchers, innovators, leaders, and students from African countries to the Institute



Through MIT-Africa we are creating learning experiences for MIT students that shape their careers and their lives. And as the Institute strives to move the needle on AI, climate, and health, which are crucial to everyone's future, we must invest today in partnerships with African institutions and leaders, and the tremendous talent and energy that exists there. There's never been a better time to support MIT-Africa."



Mai Hassan

Associate Professor of Political Science,
Faculty Director, MIT-Africa



When we talk about global futures, we're talking about Africa. Collectively, African countries represent a larger portion of the world's population—especially its youth population—with every passing day. That's important whether we're talking about the global workforce, knowledge creation, education, or technological and social innovation."






Ari Jacobovits



Managing Director, MIT-Africa

OUR CORE PROGRAMS

Students/Education (through MISTI)

-  **Internships:** Each year we place over 50 MIT student interns at companies, start-ups, or university-based research labs on the continent. Each internship includes funding for a co-intern at the host institution.
-  **Global Teaching Labs (GTL):** Approximately 20–30 MIT students a year participate in Africa-based GTL teams, teaching STEM subjects to high school students, with a focus on coaching International Math Olympiad teams.
-  **Global Classroom and Study Abroad:** Approximately 20–30 MIT students a year take part in study-abroad at African universities or join a traveling class hosted in an African country by an MIT professor.

Faculty/Research

-  **The MIT–Africa Seed Funds:** Supporting shared scholarship between MIT faculty and research scientists in Africa’s knowledge centers.
-  **Fellowships:** Hosting African scholars and accomplished leaders within the Center of International Studies to engage in research, education, and innovation activities across MIT.

Community Engagement

MIT–Africa is a **nexus of engagement for students**, faculty, alumni, and **external partners**. We provide support for a variety of events; educate students about Africa Studies courses; collaborate with and support departments, labs, and centers across the Institute on Africa-related objectives; and engage with alumni who share an interest in our work.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

MIT–Africa receives crucial support each year from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Your gift will sustain current programs, and help us realize future opportunities. Gifts for immediate use (expendable) and for endowed purposes are welcomed. Current priorities include:

- **Student Interns in AI, Climate or Health:** Support one or more students for one session (expendable), an support or annual internship in perpetuity (endowed).
- **Global Teaching Labs:** Support one or more GTL team members for one session, or support one or more team members in perpetuity (endowed).
- **MIT–Africa Seed Fund:** Support one or more research grants in a specific year (expendable), or support a grant in perpetuity (endowed)
- **Endow and name MIT–Africa:** in perpetuity, by making an endowed gift.

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