


Responding to international frameworks for funding effectiveness

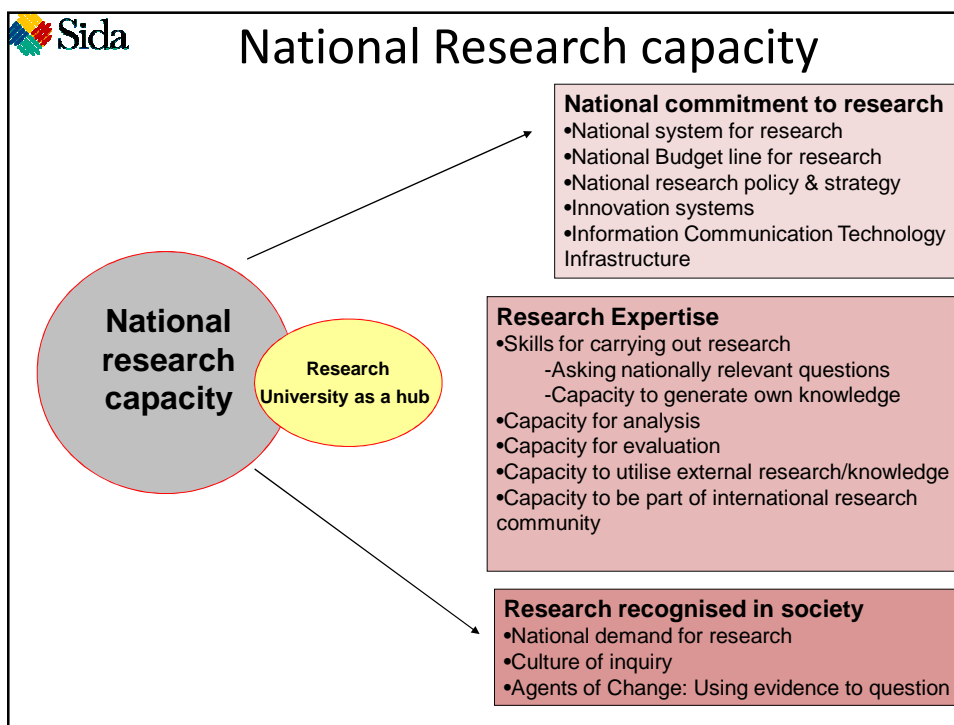
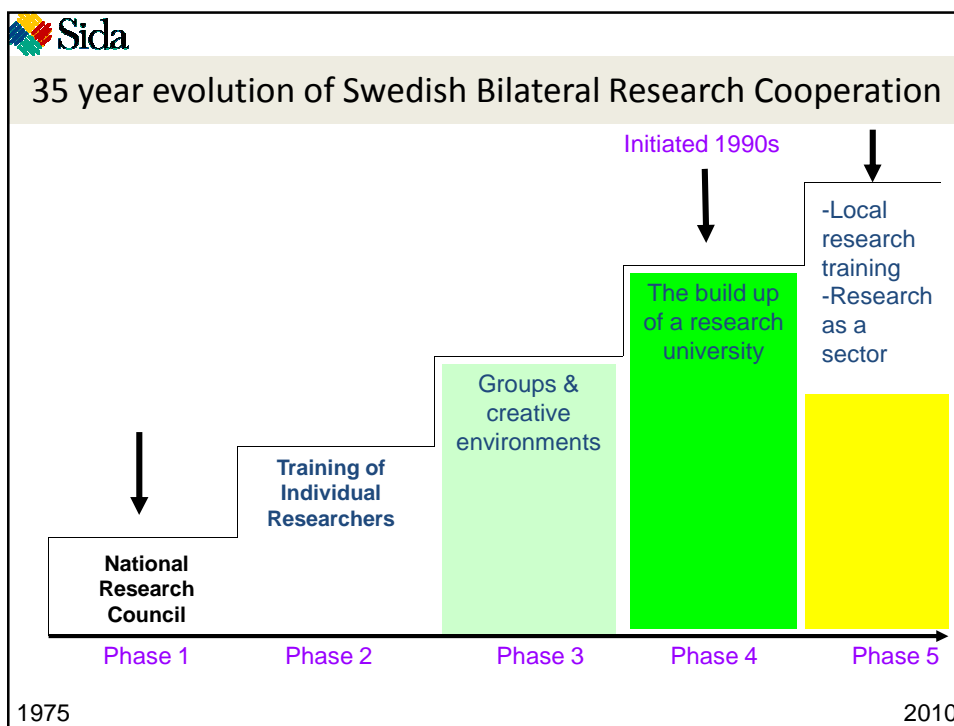
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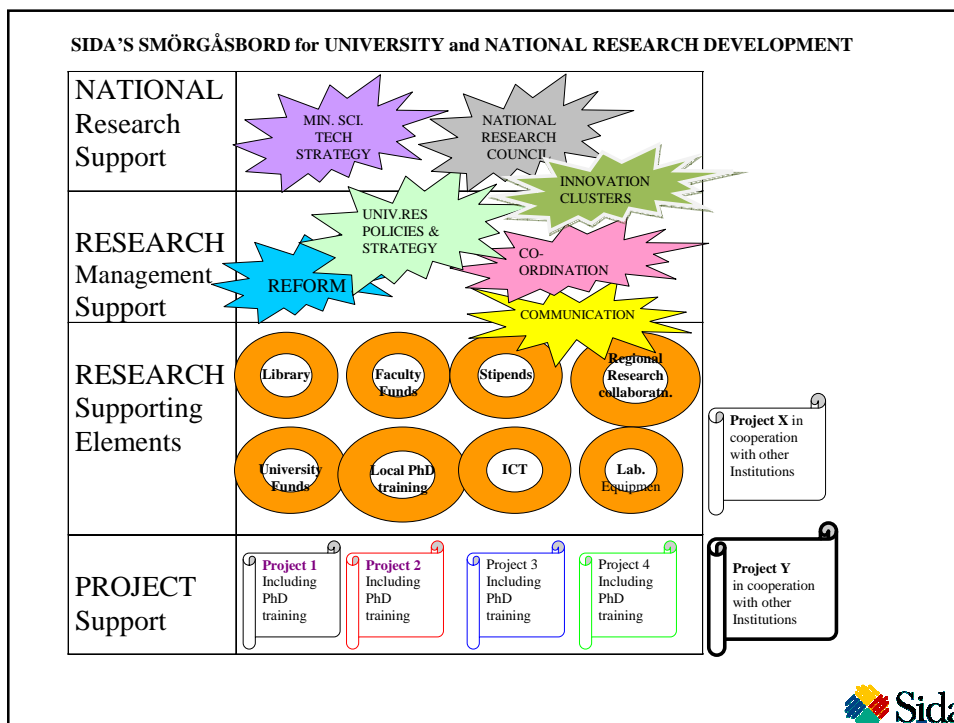
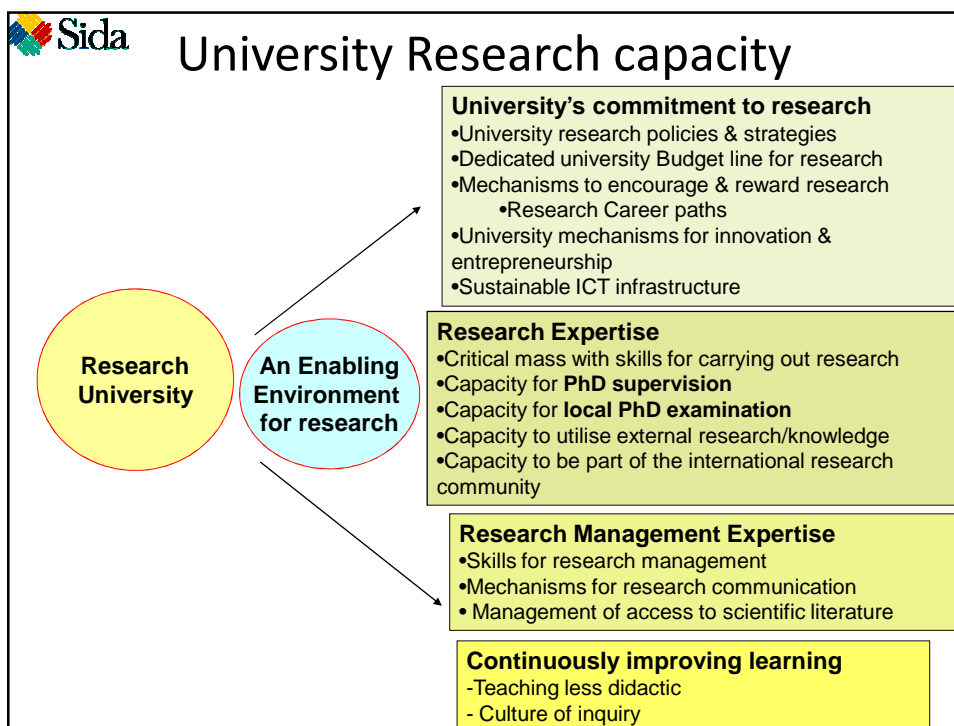


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 **Sida** Description of Sida's approach to
research capacity strengthening
over the last 35yrs

Initiatives involving cooperation between
multiple funder/development Agencies
for research for health





Swedish Bilateral Research Cooperation in Africa

Current

- Burkina Faso
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Uganda

Possible new countries

- Kenya
- Mali
- Zambia



Hallmark

of Sida's institutional research support to Universities over the years

• **OWNERSHIP**

- University setting its own research agenda
- Researchers identifying their own research questions and then identifying collaborating Swedish and other counterparts
- Primary Agreement is with the University
 - Subcontracts based on primary agreement with Swedish/other counterparts
- University managing the financial contribution
- University owning the programme
- Using the opportunities of the programme to enhance research, teaching and management within the WHOLE university



Supporting comprehensive research capacity development

- An expensive endeavour. No one organisation can support the endeavour alone.
- Requires collaboration of various funding organisations working within their mandate
- Several funders/development agencies have come together to establish ESSENCE on health research

What is ESSENCE for health research?

- **ESSENCE** (Enhancing Support for Strengthening the Effectiveness of National Capacity Efforts) is a collaborative framework between funding agencies (development agencies, philanthropists, charities and multilateral initiatives)

Recognises that:

- The research capacity and conditions for doing research need strengthening in Africa
- There are many efforts, but these tend to be fragmented and may not achieve sustainable impact when each funding agency works alone
- The **Paris Declaration for Aid effectiveness** provides guidelines for interaction between countries and those who provide funding



Paris Agenda - *Harmonisation*

- *Donors' actions are more harmonised, transparent and collectively effective*

Paris Agenda - *Alignment*

- *Donors base their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions and procedures*



What ESSENCE concentrates on?


- Looking to find mechanisms for harmonisation, alignment and coordination of efforts for research capacity development
- Providing space for policy dialogue between different funders
- Exploring potential harmonization of M&E framework
- Learning lessons from capacity development modalities, co-funding and harmonization efforts of different funders



Current members of ESSENCE

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Commonwealth secretariat/ Assoc. Commonwealth Univ.
- The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID)
- EDCTP European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership
- FIOCRUZ, Brazil
- Fogarty International Center, NIH, USA
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- NEPAD Science, Technology & Innovation
- Netherlands Research Council, Science for Global Development (NWO/WOTRO)
- Norwegian, Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)
- The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) – Chair of the ESSENCE
- Wellcome Trust
- TDR – ESSENCE Secretariat




Sida Supports initiatives and networks involving cooperation between multiple funders/development Agencies including:

AERC
 WIDER
 CODESRIA
 INDEPTH Network
 EVI
 INDEPTH
 IVI
 TDR
 HRP
 International Foundation for Science, IFS

