



# Working at the frontier of climate change research and training for a resilient African society



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## About us

The African Climate and Development Initiative (ACDI) is spearheading the response of the University of Cape Town (UCT) to Africa's climate and development needs.

We are also generating research in service of society. We actively use this knowledge to influence both policy and practice.

We are training the next generation of climate leaders through our master's, doctoral and postdoctoral programmes.

## What we do

Enable and facilitate innovative research on climate and development across UCT, Africa and the Global South

Promote and support effective climate policies and strategies on local, regional, national and international levels

Develop a new generation of climate change researchers, practitioners and leaders

## Mission

We envision an African society that has transitioned onto an equitable, sustainable, low-carbon and climate-resilient development trajectory. Our mission is to catalyse and support this transition through research and education.

## Recognition received

- Awarded the right to host the *African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) Centre of Excellence in Climate and Development* alongside the University of Ghana and the University of Nairobi
- Host to the first Chair in African Climate Risk, funded by the AXA Research Fund
- Host and organiser of the *Adaptation Futures 2018* conference – the largest international conference on climate change adaptation

**"The ACDI is a 'Centre of Excellence' in every way. Our students have access to some of the leading minds working on climate change and development in Africa."**

Dr Marieke Norton,  
Master's Course  
Convener at the ACDI



# Why fund our work?

The ACDI is a recognised Centre of Excellence for African climate and development research. We have a proven track record of academic excellence and of generating climate-related knowledge to serve society.

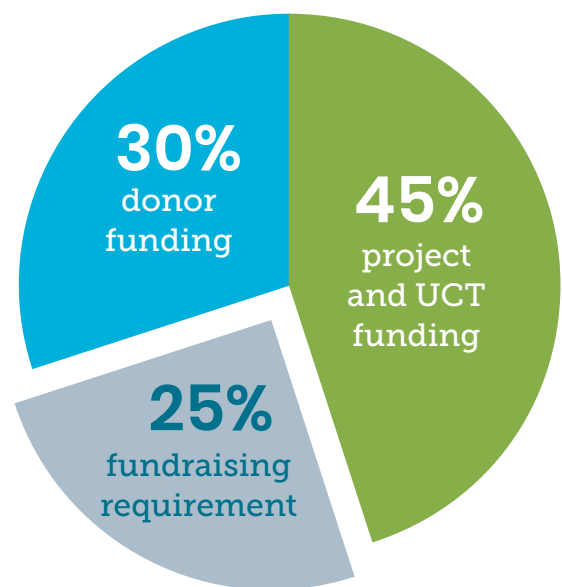
Our graduates go on to make a positive contribution in key positions in government, research institutes, civil society and the private sector.

Help us realise our vision of building an equitable, sustainable, low-carbon and climate-resilient society.

## Help us positively impact the future

We invite foundations and organisations to partner with us in achieving this positive impact.

To date, the ACDI has successfully supported its research and training activities through means of both fundraising and institutional support. We now seek an additional ZAR 2 million (~USD 150 000) per year for 5 years to continue our influential programme of research and capacity building.



## Our impact at a glance

In numbers (since 2013)

671

peer-reviewed publications by researchers linked to the ACDI

88

master's graduates

28

doctoral graduates

8

research associates appointed across academic disciplines at UCT

26

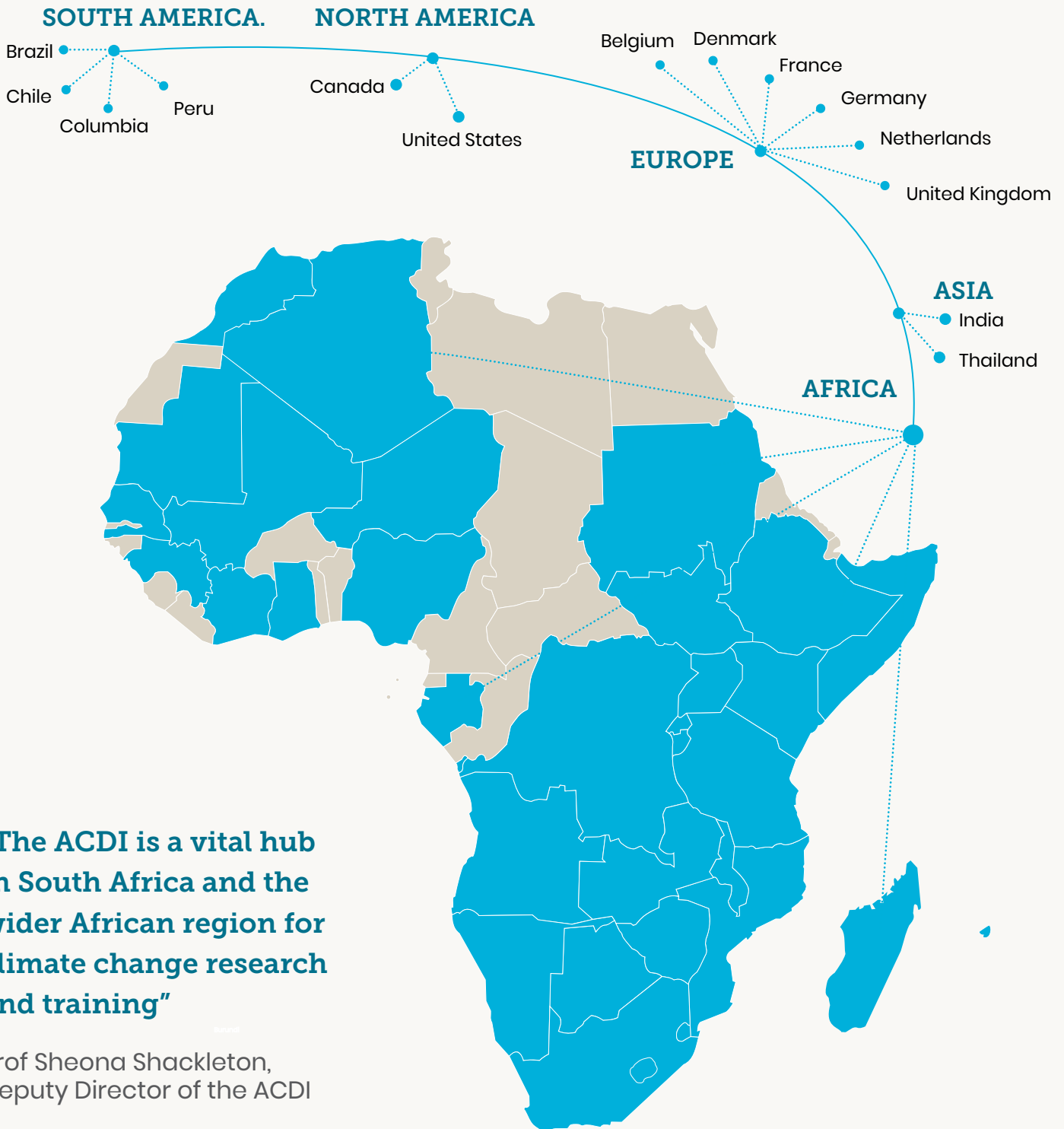
research chair-holders and senior research fellows working on climate change and development challenges

40

countries in which we have conducted collaborative research

# Our knowledge footprint

Countries we have worked in



**“The ACDI is a vital hub in South Africa and the wider African region for climate change research and training”**

Prof Sheona Shackleton,  
Deputy Director of the ACDI

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