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Welcome

- CGCA opened 12 January, 2012
- Officially launched January 14, 2013
- An umbrella body which brings together all Columbia University activities, projects, and schools across Africa



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Columbia: a global University

- CGC Africa is one of 8 Global Centers around the world
- Working in partnership on global issues



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CGC Africa Mission:

As part of the Global Centers network, CGC Africa aims to create the preeminent research and development institution, providing thought leadership, research, and expansion of scientific knowledge for the University network and Africa as a whole.



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Ongoing Projects

Millennium Villages Project

A project of the Earth Institute, the Millennium Villages Project (MVP) was launched in 2005. A concerted effort to help rural Africa achieve the MDGs and empower communities to lift themselves out of poverty. The MDG Centre, housed in CGC Africa, provides technical backstopping and operational support.

Millennium Cities Initiative

A project of the Earth Institute, MCI assists sub-Saharan cities attain the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

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Drylands Initiative

- Ambitious, comprehensive, six-country programme to boost capacity of dryland communities in drought-prone areas of Africa launched in 2010, working closely with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).



School of Engineering

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Implementation of the AfSIS (Africa Soil Information Service)

- New project awarded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- From 2013, the Center will implement the second phase of the AfSIS project across Africa, with special focus on Tanzania, Ethiopia and Ghana.

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

- The Center is placed in a unique position to play a significant role in SSDN.
- Lead role on fragile states, peace building and poverty reduction

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Academic Activities

SIPA – Masters in Development Practice

- For the last three years, 10 – 15 MDP students have spent three month placements in the Millennium Villages in Africa.
- Attachments are continuing in 2013, within the villages and other host institutions.

Undergraduate Program

- Curriculum designed and approved, for a five year program, providing 16 credits.

Mailman School of Public Health

- To date, two specialists have been placed at the CGCA to carry out part of a consortium for a PHD program in human nutrition.

Alumni Engagement Program

- 20 alumni were hosted at the Center's first alumni event, ahead of a series of activities planned for next year.

Donors and Collaborators

Columbia Global Centers | Africa works with a global network of partners, including:

- The Government of Kenya
- The Government of Finland
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Unilever
- UNAIDS
- UNOPS
- WFP
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- GlaxoSmithKline
- JM Eagle
- Mosaic
- Agrium
- Novartis Foundation
- Open Society Foundations
- Soros Economic Development Fund
- Table for Two International
- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)



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