

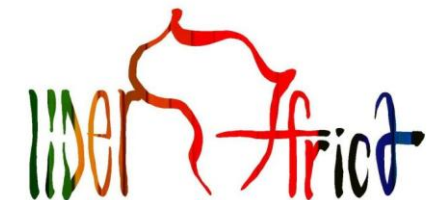


LIDERAFRICA K171 SUZA Staff Week 2026

Empowering Future African Leaders: Collaborative Frameworks for SDG
Training

State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), Tanzania

29 June – 3 July 2026

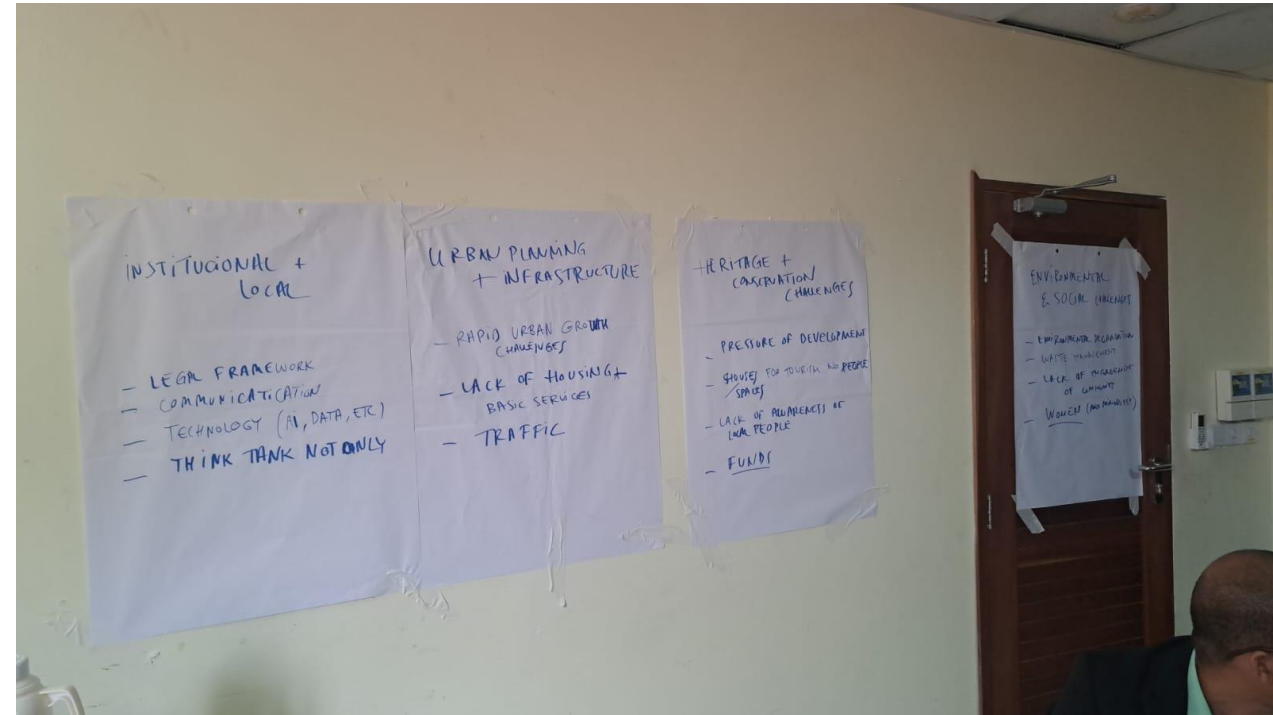


SGD 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

Workshop title: "Building Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Communities through Urban Innovation and Academic Collaboration"

Methodological Approach

- Participatory and solution-oriented approach
- interactive discussions (knowledge-sharing sessions), and collaborative group
- co-create innovative initiatives aligned with SDG 11
- dialogue and collective problem-solving



4 days Discussion

- Identify and sharing challenges between Zanzibar and Spain
- Sharing best practices and opportunities
- Co-Creation of themes and Sub-themes for solving the challenges and addressing the way of collaboration between universities, government stakeholders, private institutions, NGOs and CBOs
- Co-designing collaborative solutions
 - transform identified challenges into practical and innovative project concepts
- Transforming project ideas into realistic and actionable collaboration plans



Our Main Topic

Islands and coastal communities ecosystems
as Anthropocene laboratories for sustainable
futures (ICCEA Lab)

ICCEA Lab GOAL

- Education:
 - Capacity building
 - Sharing knowledge about projects,
 - Academic exchange
 - Equipment and tools
- Research (alternative materials)
- Cooperation [institutions-entrepreneurs-academics]
 - Pilot planes and projects
 - Materialization



Key transversal dimensions

- **ecosystem planning and design**
- Governance
- Decarbonization
- Digital transition
- Inclusion

Key education, research and collaboration dimensions

- **1. Climate-sensitive coastal urban systems**
 - coastal flooding and erosion
 - saltwater intrusion
 - urban heat and green infrastructure
 - water security and management
- **2. Ecosystems, cities and the blue economy**
 - marine conservation areas (include critical ecosystem and marine restoration eg coral reefs)
 - fisheries and seaweed livelihoods
 - coastal pollution

Key education, research and collaboration dimensions

- **3. Culture, heritage and sustainable coastal cities**
 - heritage-sensitive governances and conservation
 - tourism pressure, infrastructure and historic urban resilience
 - community participation, public spaces and livability and Urban spaces and green spaces
 - under water heritage and blue economy linkages
- **4. Livelihoods, security and social resilience**
 - youth employment and SDG skills
 - community resilience and food security
 - gender inclusion
 - circle economy
 - urban safety and social security

ICCEA Lab How it Works

- Program may design to three foundational strategies
 - **System logic** –the program anchor the approach it as a multifaceted crisis intersecting with *public policy, Spanish and African best practices, education, and social equality*
 - **Interdisciplinary & Cross-Cultural Teaming** – *staff and students (studying urban planning, tourism, geography, coastal and resources management,) may integrated into mixed teams with local SUZA students and faculty.*
 - **Theory-to-Action Pipeline** –The program/training paired classroom-style institutional theory directly with real-world, community-based field testing, backed by the tactical insights of NGOs practitioners

ICCEA Lab Short-Term Actions

- Possible short-term actions –Training Seminars/ COILS
 - **Virtual Exchanges:** Funds online, intercultural debate and training for young people to build international soft skills without the need to travel.
interdisciplinary sustainability cities and communities' themes: A systems approach; Islands and coastal cities Field experience
 - Microcredits/ education courses

ICCEA Lab Mid-Term Actions

- Medium-Term Research Projects
 - **Capacity Building in Higher Education:** Provides grants (often up to €500,000 per project) to modernize institutions, curricula, and university governance across Africa.

ICCEA Lab Long-Term Actions

- **Horizon Europe Africa Initiative IV:** Allocated about €500 million to fund collaborative consortia between European and African stakeholders. Key areas of funding include public health, green transitions, and sustainable.
- **Global Gateway Investment Package** which aims to leverage €150 billion for green energy, digital infrastructure, and health
- **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme:** Backed by the NDICI–Global Europe instrument, this program provides scholarships and promotes academic cooperation among African Higher Education Institutions

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