

PARTNERSHIP FOR ADVANCING EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA (PAELA)

Global Skills Factory Oy

**Proposal to Establish the Finnish Center for
Educational Leadership in Africa**

Background and Rationale

Africa faces deficits in Educational leadership, policy, curriculum, and digital integration.

Many African countries identify institutional and leadership capacity as significant barriers to achieving SDG 4, particularly given the growing complexity of education systems

Sub-Saharan Africa will need to recruit 15 million new teachers by 2030 to achieve universal primary and secondary education

Youthful population (median age 19.2) with high unemployment.

Promoting educational leadership is Alignment with AU Agenda 2063, CESA 2026-2035, UNESCO Education 2030, and SDG 4.

Vision and Mission

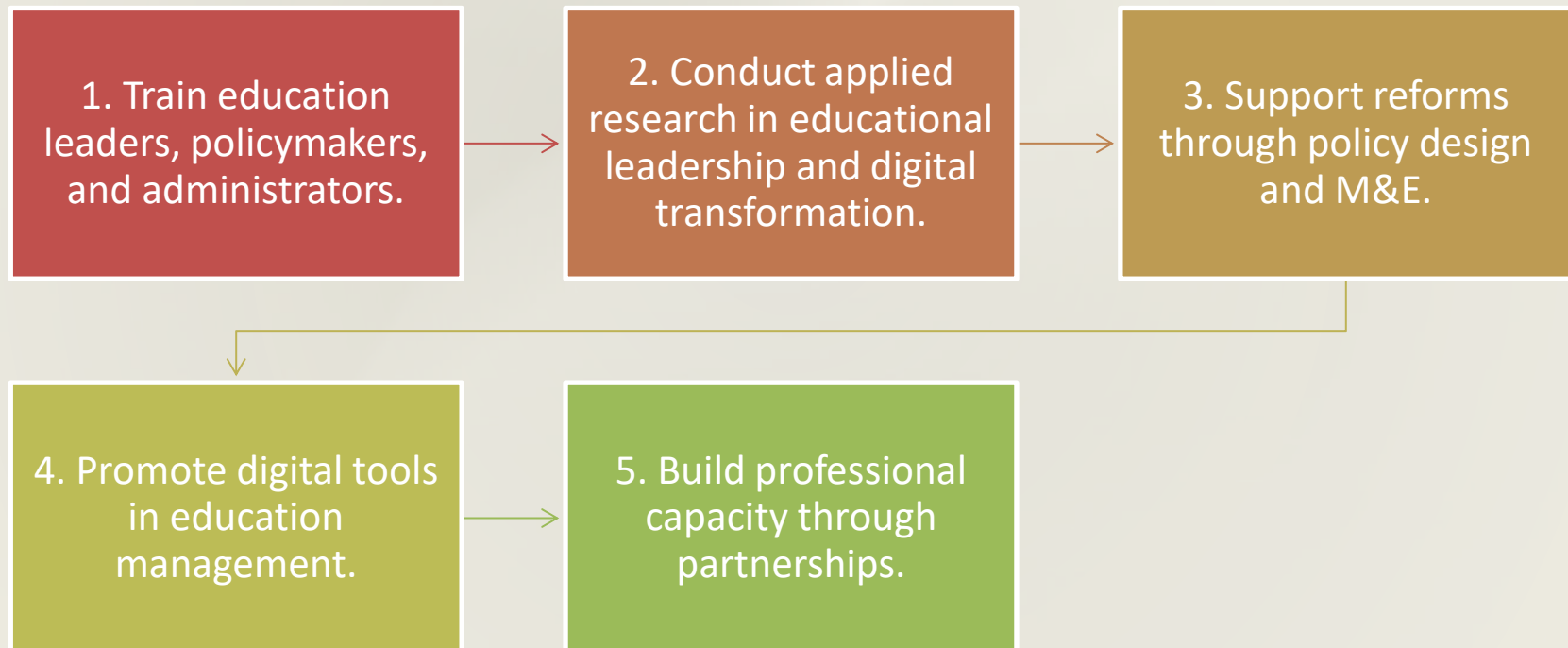
VISION

To become Africa's premier center of excellence for educational leadership, policy innovation, and professional capacity building.

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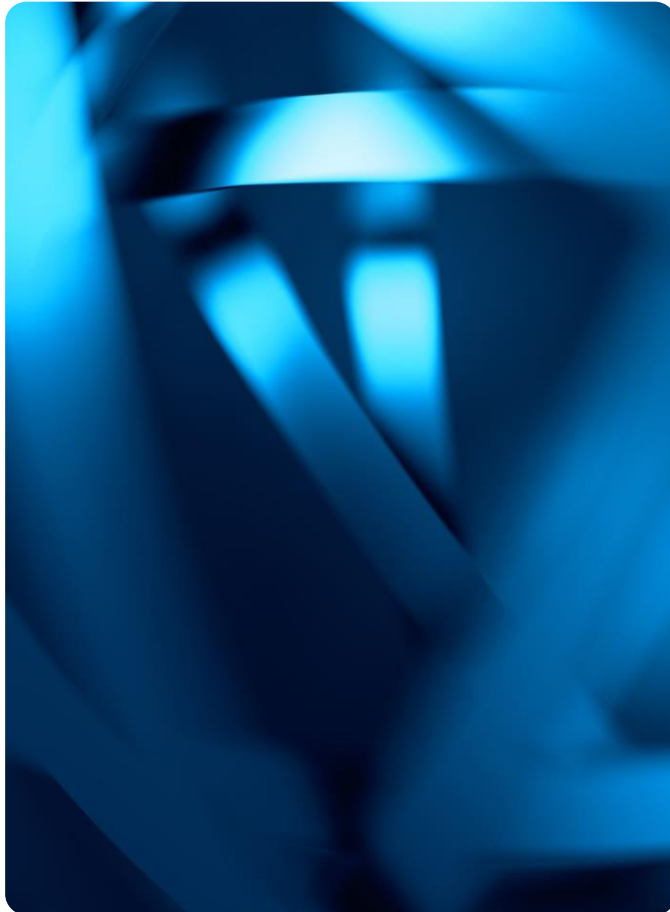
To empower education professionals and leaders with tools to transform education at all levels.

Objectives



Target Beneficiaries

- Government education officials
- NGOs and international organizations
- School principals and administrators
- Teacher educators and lecturers
- Graduate students and young professionals



Programs and Activities

- Offering Micro-degrees/Professional certificates in:
 - Teaching & Learning Leadership
 - Strategic Leadership & Policy
 - Technology & Innovation in Education
- Executive Master's in Educational Leadership
- Bootcamps & Workshops
- Annual Leadership & Policy Forum/Summit
- Joint Research Projects
- Educational Consultancy Services

Strategic Benefits for Partners

- Positioned as a continental leader in education leadership on African continent.

- Strengthened brand, ranking, and international visibility.

- Access to new funding opportunities (Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, AU, UN Agencies, Foundations...).

- Faculty development and research collaborations.

- Testing and scaling innovations in African contexts.

Proposed Partnership Structure

- Global Skills Factory Oy: Project design, coordination.

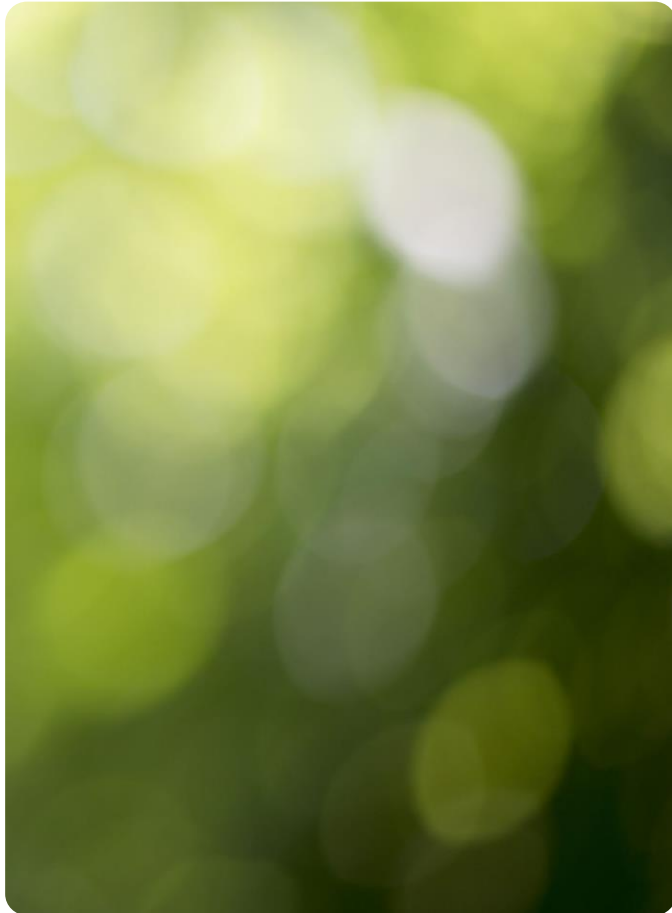


- Host University (Africa): Integration, accreditation, local networks.



- Finnish University: Pedagogical innovation, curriculum co-development, exchanges.

Funding and Sustainability



- Revenue: Macro degree/Professional certifications, master's programs.
- Consulting contracts with ministries and NGOs.
- Grants and tenders (World Bank, UN, EU, AfDB).
- Research funding (Erasmus+, Horizon Europe).
- Target: €300K in Year 1, €1M+ by Year 3.

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