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**Review of Australia's Relationship with the
Countries of Africa**

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**ENQIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA
Updated Student Statistics**

In Australia, African students comprise around 2% per cent of international student numbers. The number of students in Australia on student visas from Sub-Saharan Africa has grown from 4414 in 2002 to 8934 (relatively evenly divided between higher education and vocational education and training) at February 2010. Around thirty countries have no or single digit student numbers in Australia, while four countries have between ten and twenty students. Numbers for other countries include Malawi (89 students); Ghana (87); Seychelles (72); Tanzania (137); Nigeria (267); Zambia (621); South Africa (730); Kenya (1625); Zimbabwe (1519) and Mauritius (3284).

In North Africa, the AEI Consul is accredited to Libya and Egypt from where there are 256 and 1048 students respectively. To our knowledge there are no government to government education and training Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with any African country.

**African Students Enrolled in Australian Institutions, By Source Country
YTD February 2010**

Sector	Higher Education	VET	Schools	ELICOS	Other	Total
Mauritius	1,119	2,115	7	26	17	3,284
Zimbabwe	885	603	13	5	13	1,519
Kenya	928	638	12	9	38	1,625
Zambia	333	260	15	3	10	621
South Africa	346	328	33	2	21	730
Botswana	261	10	1	0	2	274
Nigeria	165	88	7	3	4	267
Tanzania	86	39	5	3	4	137
Ghana	63	23	0	1	0	87
Seychelles	34	33	3	0	2	72
Malawi	52	36	1	0	0	89
Other Countries	142	54	12	11	10	229
Total Sub-Saharan Africa	4,414	4,227	109	63	121	8,934

African Students Enrolled in Australian Institutions, By Source Country
YTD December 2009 (Full year figures)

Sector	Higher Education	VET	Schools	ELICOS	Other	Total
Mauritius	1335	3637	9	215	57	5253
Zimbabwe	1161	1002	15	38	32	2248
Kenya	1169	903	13	49	66	2200
Zambia	415	419	24	16	18	892
South Africa	406	404	43	8	27	888
Botswana	390	17	2	2	4	415
Nigeria	180	97	4	21	8	310
Tanzania	107	57	7	8	10	189
Ghana	84	38	0	4	2	128
Seychelles	81	38	3	2	4	128
Malawi	55	39	1	0	2	97
Other Countries	193	81	12	24	12	322
Total Sub-Saharan Africa	5576	6732	133	387	242	13070