

## Partnerships

IRID has laid a strong foundation for partnerships with other academic institutions, regional bodies, national governments, civil society and the private sector. In line with this goal, IRID is actively engaged with:

- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD);
- The Philipps University, Marburg Germany;
- Centre for Governance Innovation at the University of Pretoria, South Africa;
- The Arnold- Bergstraesser- Institut at the University of Freiburg;
- East African Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSO);
- The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD).
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation.

## Testimonials

*I am learning to harmonize practical aspects to the theories I learn in class.*

**Peace Mukazi (Rwanda)**  
EAC Youth Ambassador, 2014

*The diverse discussions gathered from Africa and across the globe are very engaging.*

**Matemere Nicelate (Burundi)**  
Ministry of EAC Affairs



*I am gaining other skills such as public speaking, research and critical analysis.*

**Mandek Muhidin (Kenya)**  
DAAD Scholar



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and Development (IRID)**

**Building Capacity  
for Regional Integration**

## What is IRID?

The Institute for Regional Integration and Development (IRID) at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) is a specialist inter-disciplinary graduate institute for research and training in regional integration. IRID seeks to play a more assertive role in bringing the academia closer to industry through engaging in applied research, management consultancy, repository and advisory services for regional integration.

## Target Audience

It targets academics, researchers and practitioners to provide conceptual, policy and practical instruction of the highest standard on regional integration and global governance. This is intended at building capacity for regional integration in Africa and beyond.

## PROGRAMS

### 1. Master of Arts Program in Regional Integration

IRID's M.A. in Regional Integration is an interdisciplinary program intended for students pursuing a career in policy-making and governance in regional organizations in Africa. The program equips students with knowledge and tools for policy development and implementation by offering courses drawn from Political Science, Economics, Law and Public Policy and



Administration. IRID Students have an opportunity to spend a summer semester at Philipps University Marburg in Germany.



### Beginning and duration of the program

There is only one intake in August. The application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> July every year. This is a 2- year program with the following components:

- 14 Unit Coursework
- A 3 month Internship undertaken in an area related to regional integration.
- Written Thesis
- Publishing of at least one academic paper in a peer reviewed journal.
- Academic trip to regional institutions.
- A Comprehensive exam comprised of a 2 hour written exam followed by an oral exam before a panel of examiners with questions set from thematic areas of Regional Integration.



## Scholarships

The relevance of this program has attracted external recognition and support. Limited scholarship opportunities are offered to prospective students. The scholarships are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The deadline for DAAD scholarship applications is 15<sup>th</sup> March of every year.

### 2. Consultancy and Capacity Building Trainings

In line with its core mandate, IRID provides trainings, short courses and inductions to government officials and regionalist institutions personnel in a bid to build capacity by providing vital skills to them. Some of the trainings offered include:

- Negotiation skills
- Doing research in East Africa
- Academic writing
- Public policy analysis

New courses are developed and offered from time to time.

