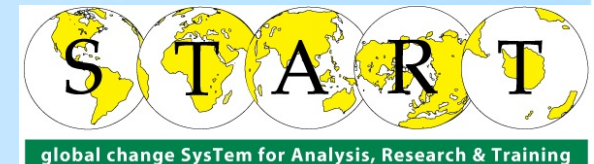




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Participating Fellows receive small grants that enable them to undertake Policy Fellowships, Teaching Fellowships, Doctoral Fellowships and Post-Doctoral Fellowships. The Fellowship grants enable Fellows to visit other institutions – Host Institutions – for 2-18 months to learn what others are doing to manage climate risks and adapt to climate change and how they assess and prioritize climate risks, current practices for designing and implementing adaptation projects, and approaches for integrating adaptation with program planning and policy. Some Fellows also undertake research projects that support adaptation decision-making and/or develop and implement curricula for integrating climate change and climate change adaptation into graduate level education.

In November 2008, the ACCFP selected its inaugural round of Fellows. After extensive review of nearly 300 applications, 45 Fellows from 18 African countries were selected to receive awards. The Fellows' Home Countries are highlighted below. More information about their projects and plans is provided on the inner page of this publication.

2009/2010 ACCFP Fellows - Home Countries

- Benin (1)
- Burundi (1)
- Burkina Faso (4)
- Cameroon (7)
- Cent. African Republic (1)
- Chad (1)
- DR Congo (2)
- Ethiopia (2)
- Ghana (1)
- Kenya (6)
- Malawi (1)
- Morocco (1)
- Nigeria (8)
- Senegal (2)
- South Africa (2)
- Tanzania (1)
- Uganda (1)
- Zimbabwe (3)

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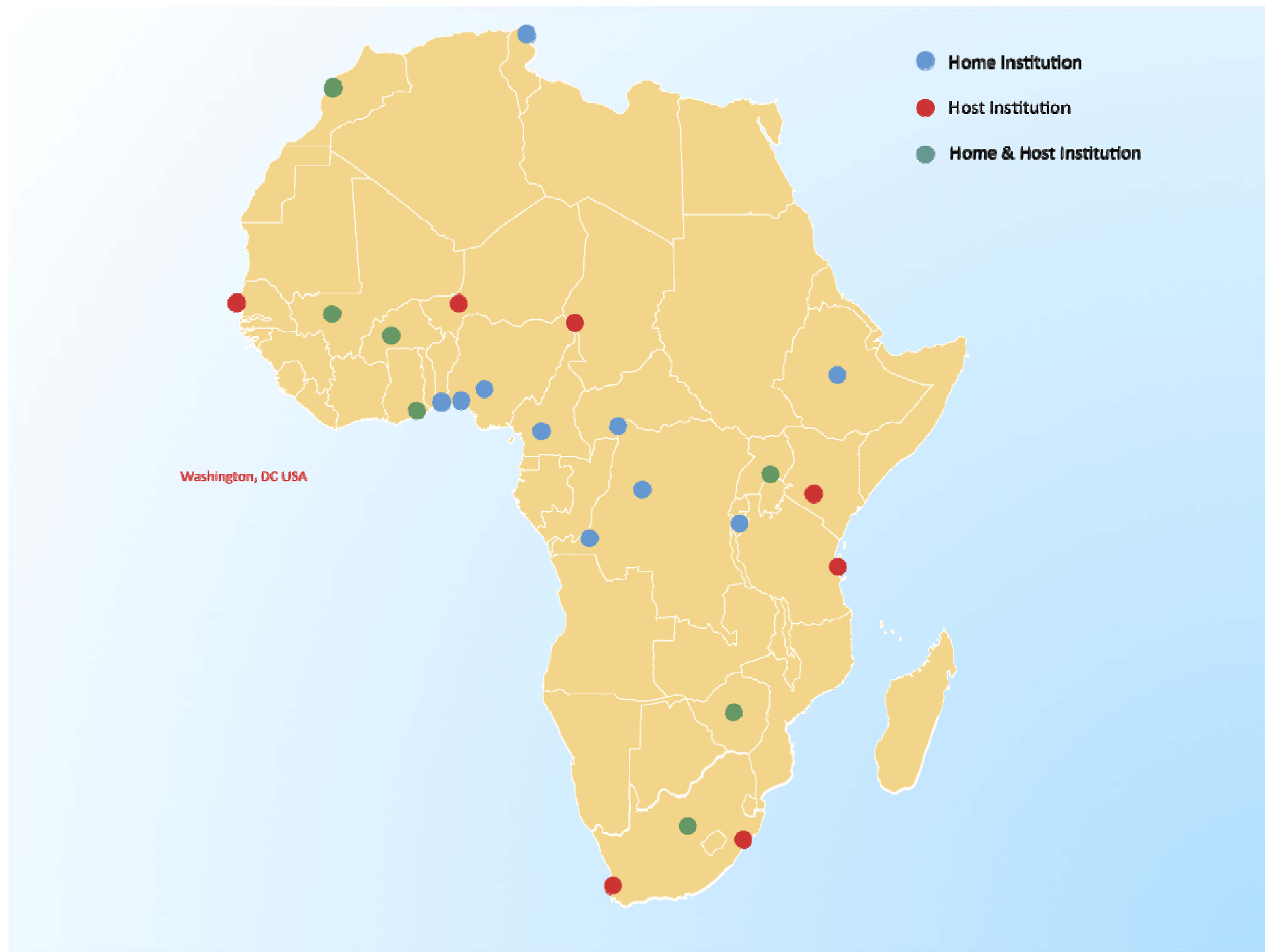
Policy Fellowships are awarded to early to mid-career candidates who are resident in Africa and are currently working in organizations that play a role in or have the potential to influence policies and decision-making in climate-sensitive sectors in Africa. Policy Fellowships last 6 months or less and offer a maximum award of \$8,000 USD.

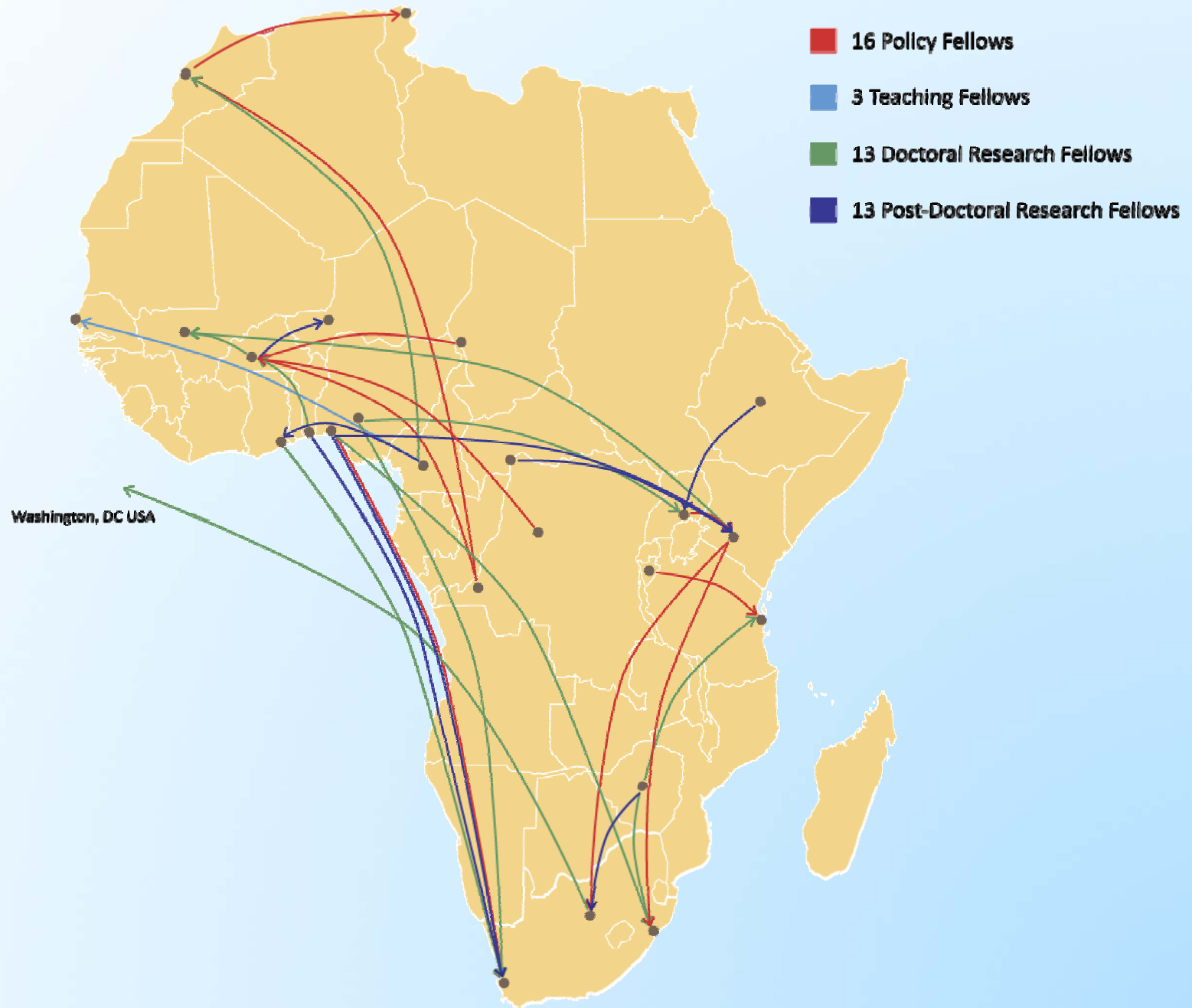
Teaching Fellowships are awarded to educators from African universities. The aim of the Teaching Fellowships is to enable recipients to develop and implement new Masters-level courses on climate change related topics or to integrate climate change topics into existing courses. Priority is given to design and development of interdisciplinary courses and those that fit logically within and add value to existing Master's programs. Teaching Fellowships last for 2 months or less and carry a maximum award of \$5,000 USD.

Doctoral Research Fellowships are awarded to students who are studying in a doctoral program and conducting research related to climate change risks and adaptation at an African university. Doctoral Fellows receive an award that enables them to visit a suitable Host Institution for training in innovative methods, models or analytic tools; to participate in supervised research; and/or to access data, models, or tools that would raise their capabilities as a researcher and significantly improve the quality and value of their dissertation research. The Home Institution, not the Host, grants the doctoral degree. Doctoral Fellowships last for 12 months or less and carry a maximum award of \$16,500 USD.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships are awarded to Africans with doctoral degrees in fields relevant to climate change and climate change adaptation. The aim of the Post-Doctoral Fellowships is to enable recipients to participate in research and teaching under the supervision of a more established mentor and to become more productive researchers and teachers in fields that will contribute to improved management of climate risks and climate change adaptation. Post-Doctoral Fellows receive an award that enables them to visit a suitable institution to work with an established, highly qualified researcher/teacher on a well-defined problem. Post-Doctoral Fellows also mentor and help to supervise other ACCFP Fellows placed at their Host Institution. Post-Doctoral Fellowships can last for up to 18 months and carry a maximum award of \$35,000 USD.

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Phase 2 of the ACCFP

- New management structure
- Thematic foci and cross-cutting issues

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Calls for proposals in May 2011 and early 2012

**Science
Fellowships**

**Policy
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**Teaching
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Thematic Focus Areas

Ecosystems
Disaster risk reduction
Food security
Human health and well being

Curricula
development

Institutional innovations

Economic, political, cultural and social incentives

Integration of scientific and traditional knowledge

Approaches to policy development

Synergies between development and adaptation

Contribution of the ACCFP to adaptation

- Strengthening the knowledge base
- Informing policy and decision making
- Building inter-institutional linkages & networks
- Building skills for research & communications

Sustaining the effort

- Link Home Institutions more closely into the work of the fellow and the Host Institution
- Research fora that reinforce shared learning among African research networks
- Multi-way communication between research, policy and practice

Sustaining the effort

- Making long-term investments to support African institutions that promote research and communications



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