

## Poster Presentation

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*Stimulating the development of Crystallography in Africa, a southern perspective*

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During the last two to three decades the author has been aware of a number of initiatives aimed at stimulating and/or assisting the development of crystallography in various parts of Africa. This includes the CCDC initiatives of the 90's that led to them making the database available to African researchers. As well as a number of attempts to get basic diffraction equipment up and running in a number of locations. During the same time period I have been directly involved in the installation and commissioning of at least seven systems at Wits University. Also during this same period I organised at least three international meetings, in which African delegates were encouraged to attend via the provision of targeted financial assistance. This I believe has provided me with a rather unique perspective on the challenges faced by initiatives to stimulate the development of crystallography in Africa. In this presentation I hope to present an overview of some of the successes to date as well as some of the unique challenges we have encountered.

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