

CIRCLE

Climate Impacts Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement programme



The programme

The Climate Impacts Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement (CIRCLE) programme responds to the shortage of African researchers producing internationally peer-reviewed climate research. Since 2014, CIRCLE strengthened the impact of locally-produced climate change research across sub-Saharan Africa through an innovative dual approach: the CIRCLE Visiting Fellowship Programme (CVF) supported individual academics to undertake research, build collaborations, and improve stakeholder engagement, while the Institutional Strengthening Programme (ISP) worked with their institutions to develop stronger frameworks for climate research and early-career researcher development.



The ISP supported **31 institutions** across 10 countries



97 academics successfully completed the fellowships programme



The fellowships maintained an equal gender balance

Our work in numbers



97%

of ISP institutions have strengthened policies for early career researcher development



71%

of papers submitted by CIRCLE fellows have been published to date



300+

papers by CIRCLE Fellows have been published in reputable journals



80+

CIRCLE fellows have been invited to speak at climate-related conferences and events



\$3M+

USD in external research funding has been secured from 2018-2019 by research teams involving CVF alumni

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CIRCLE Fellows have contributed as authors for the IPCC

3000+

community stakeholders reached through CIRCLE-funded research uptake activities



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