



MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND HIGHER EDUCATION OF
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

RUSSIA – AFRICA

Education, Skills
and Human Capital

**KNOWLEDGE UNITES
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Outstanding Alumni



Bourema Kansaye

**Minister of Higher Education
and Scientific Research
of the Republic of Mali**

St. Petersburg State University (1990-1995)



Pindi Hazara Chana

**Minister of Natural Resources
and Tourism of the United Republic
of Tanzania**

RUDN University (1991-1994)



**Tapsoba Aristide
Rapugdondba Ludovic**

**Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Burkina Faso
to the Russian Federation**

Russian State Hydrometeorological University
(1988-1994)

Russia-Africa

Today, Russia and Africa are consistently expanding and deepening cooperation in science and higher education

Nowadays, cooperation goes beyond academic exchanges

> 80 intergovernmental and interagency agreements

> 1 800 inter-university agreements

> 60 research projects

> 10 Ambassadors of Russian Education and Science from African countries



African Students in Russia

> 80 000 graduates¹

> 37 000 students²

Top countries by number of students



Popular fields of study and scientific specialties



¹From the 1950s to 2025

²In the 2025/2026 academic year

Outstanding Alumni



Américo d'Oliveira dos Ramos

Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

Lomonosov Moscow State University (1989-1994)



Amadou Keita

Minister of Mines of the Republic of Mali

Military Academy of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (2020-2023)



Kamel Baddari

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Sergo Ordzhonikidze Russian State University for Geological Prospecting (1983-1991)

Outstanding Alumni



John Dramani Mahama

President of the Republic of Ghana

Institute of Social Sciences under the Central Committee of the CPSU (1987-1988)



Joao Lourenco

President of the Republic of Angola

V.I. Lenin Military-Political Academy (1983-1987)



Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah

President of the Republic of Namibia

Higher Komsomol School under the Central Committee of the Komsomol (1975-1976)

Study Opportunities

“Study in Russia” portal

The official information resource on education in Russia



Russian Government Quota

Every year, Russia offers foreigners free of charge higher education



> 4800 African citizens received the quota in 2025

Grant Support

Russian universities welcome talented young professionals who seek not only a quality education but also active involvement in research

Tracks and Profiles

4 tracks: bachelor's, master's, doctoral and postdoctoral studies

14 profiles: engineering and technical, exact sciences, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities

Grant Package

- round-trip travel to the place of study
- monthly scholarship
- health insurance
- accommodation

> 400 grant holders from Africa in 2025

Student Life

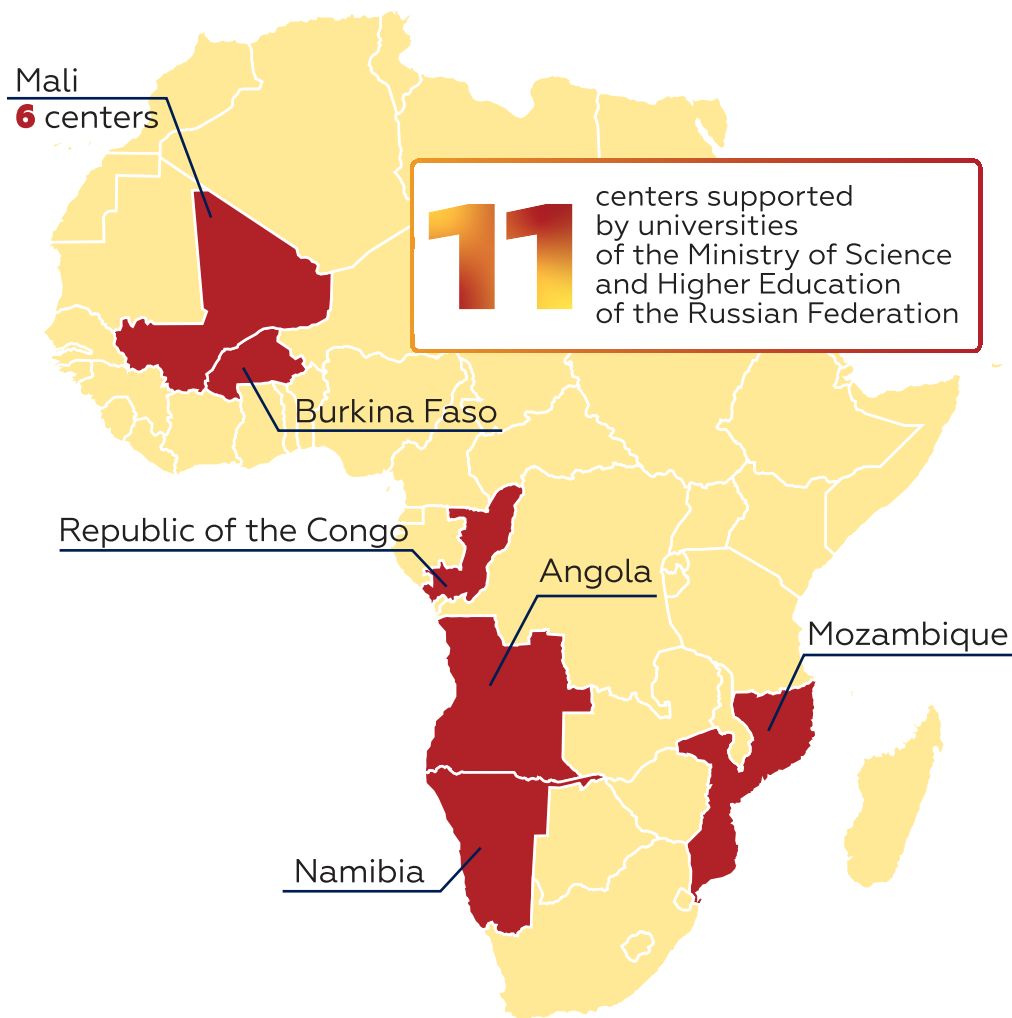
Russian universities create opportunities for international communication, cultural exchange and professional communities

- ✦ Student Councils, Regional Student Associations
- ✦ Festivals and Conferences
- ✦ Sports Events
- ✦ Language and Discussion Clubs



Russian Language Learning Centers

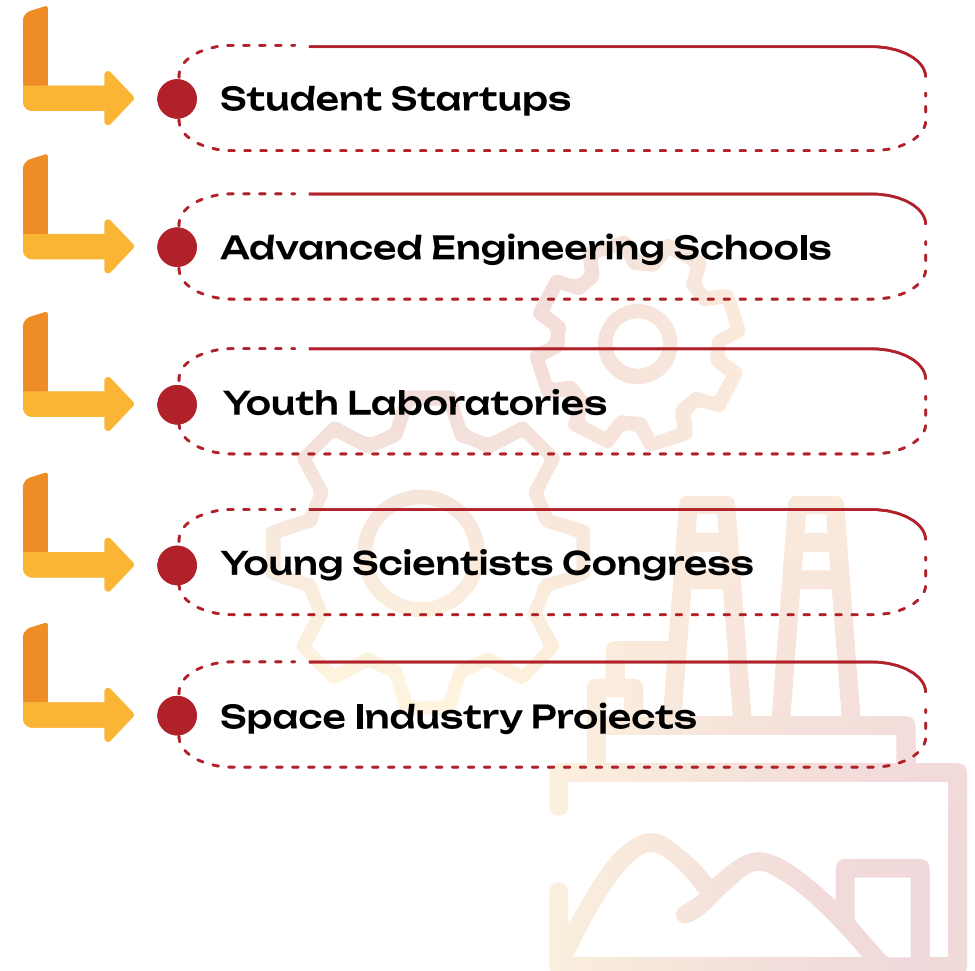
Learning Russian promotes educational and cultural cooperation between Russia and Africa, strengthens interstate ties and expands access to education



Russian Universities

Centers aimed at training personnel in high-tech industries, conducting advanced research, and developing new technologies in partnership with the industrial sector

Projects



Russian Universities in Africa

2 branches in Cairo

- ◆ Branch of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University
- ◆ Branch of St. Petersburg State University



>30000
students

- General Medicine
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy

RAFU

Russian-African Network University

A unified space ensures equal access to educational resources for all consortium members

RAFU comprises

◆ **17** African countries
◆ **71** African universities
◆ **105** Russian organizations



Summer Multidisciplinary University (2026)

19
programs

14
universities

375
participants