



# ***Delivering on our Mandate Measuring Progress***

**Annual Report 2008-2009**

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*EUCLID (Euclid University) is an international intergovernmental organization that delivers best-of-class distance education and capacity-building services to its Participating States' officials as well as to the general public. Our primary mission is to engage with the global community and foster sustainable development through education, global engagement, and dialogue.*

*We focus on our mandate to train and educate government staff and groups of special interest while also offering outstanding distance degree programs to select students from the general public. EUCLID is also an educational partner for other intergovernmental bodies and functions as a think-tank on topics related to sustainable development and inter-religious diplomacy.*



#### **EUCLID Participating Parties (2008-2009):**

- ◆ Benin (2008)
- ◆ Comoros (2009)
- ◆ Eritrea (2008)
- ◆ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2008)
- ◆ Senegal (2009)
- ◆ Sierra Leone (2008)
- ◆ Uganda (2008)
- ◆ Vanuatu (2008)

#### **EUCLID Invited Parties (2010):**

- ◆ Burundi
- ◆ Central African Republic

#### **Euclid Consortium Member Universities:**

- ◆ ULI (Belgium) with UL Burkina (Burkina Faso)
- ◆ University of Bangui (Central African Republic)
- ◆ University of N'Djamena (Chad)
- ◆ University Gaston Berger of Saint Louis (Senegal)

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# Annual Report

## 2008–2010: EUCLID delivers on its mandate

### Special points of interest:

- The EUCLID MOU (and with it EUCLID as an intergovernmental distance training institute) entered into force on April 16, 2008
- To date, 8 governments participate in EUCLID (Euclid University)
- In 2009, EUCLID signed landmark training MOUs with ECOWAS and ICCI

Euclid began in 2005 as a vision to create an extension program for the University of Bangui and ultimately evolved into an intergovernmental training institute serving 8 governments across 3 continents!

Our main programs (notably in Diplomacy and International Affairs and Sustainable Development) were very well received, especially among government staff. This interest led to the formalization of the EUCLID MOU which estab-

lished EUCLID as an intergovernmental educational framework in 2008. This initial agreement was complemented by a revised Framework Agreement (approved by 4 governments in 2009) and 3 agreements with other international organizations (CAFRAD, ICCI and ECOWAS).

Our primary mandate is to offer training to the approved staff of our Participating Parties, and this is exactly what we have done, having enrolled 7 for Eritrea, 1 in Benin, 4 for

Vanuatu, 5 for Uganda, 4 for Saint Vincent, 4 for Sierra Leone, 1 for ECOWAS, etc. We have also enrolled about 50 general public students whose tuition payments are an important source of funding for the government scholarships.



Above—the EUCLID flag as registered with the World Intellectual Property Organization.

## Highlight on EUCLID Officials and Staff

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EUCLID officials form a fairly small but dedicated group of professionals who share the same commitment: to deliver excellent value to the governments who participate in EUCLID and who have placed their trust in them to be effective partners.

The Executive Board is composed of Secretary General Syed Zahid Ali and Assistant

SGs Chad D'Amore, Imara Johnpullé and Nausheen Wasi.

The Board of Advisors, scheduled to hold a plenary teleconference in 2010, is headed by High Steward Ambassador Banny de Brum, (with new appoints to be confirmed in 2011).

The Oversight Council is composed of Syed Zahid Ali, Brigit-

te Bouzigues, Laurent Cleenewerck and Francois Lespes.

The Participating Parties each have a National Point of Contact: Luis de Shong (VC), Sulay-Manah Kpukumu / Victoria Sulimany (SL), Amb. Hanna Simon (ER), Amos Tatangis (VN), Amb. Rossette Nyirinkindi (UG), Djibril Sylla (SN), El-Marouf Mohamed (KM).



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Ibn CHAM-BAS, President of the ECOWAS Commission, was the signatory of the agreement between EUCLID and ECOWAS.

*"We encourage our Participating States to avail themselves of all that EUCLID can offer"*



EUCLID's SG Syed Zahid Ali with Uganda's Minister Gender, Labor and Social Affairs Syda BUMBA

## Serving our Government Students

At EUCLID, we never forget that our primary mandate is to deliver outstanding distance education programs to the government staff of our Participating Parties. Our goal is to offer 5–10 full scholarships (including access to textbooks) per Participating State, which would bring us to full support capacity at this time.

We encourage our National Points of Contact to circulate a "Scholarship Flyer" as was done by Saint Vincent (contact: Patricia Martin, MFA) and Vanuatu (contact: Amos Tatanqis). We would be pleased to send you templates for such a document.

In order to better serve our government-sponsored students, EUCLID has devel-

oped (in line with its mandate per Article I) specialized (shorter) non-degree certificates, notably in Diplomacy, International Law and Sustainable Development. These credits can later be transferred to full Master's program when the student is ready to extend his or her commitment to a longer term of studies.

## Other Support Programs

What else does EUCLID do in terms of services to its Participating Parties? We certainly encourage any ministry or diplomatic mission to avail themselves of the following services:

- support to maximize access to European Union funding (in coopera-

tion with B&S)

- support to improve documentation for Millennium Challenge Corporation process
- no-cost IT support to develop, host and maintain web sites for ministries and diplomatic missions

- support to maximize participating certain IGOs such as SSNED
- development of specific course packs, for instance for preparation to the United Nations competitive examination.

## Headquarters Update

Since EUCLID began as an university consortium centered in Brussels (location of the ULI, a member university of the Euclid Consortium), the EUCLID statutes ([www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf](http://www.euclid.int/statutes.pdf)) specified at "The operational offices of

EUCLID are allowed to remain in Brussels, Belgium and may be relocated or extended elsewhere upon recommendation of the Governing Board or by resolution of the Oversight Council."

As of 2010, EUCLID has two advanced HQ agreements proposal being reviewed for Africa/ECOWAS and Global Asia Pacific which we hope will be finalized by the end of 2011.

## Spotlight on EUCLID Funding

What the EUCLID intergovernmental agreement (Article III) makes very clear is that "the Participating Parties shall not be required to provide financial support to EUCLID beyond voluntary contributions, nor shall they be responsible, individually or collectively, for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the institution." How then is EUCLID funded? (1) through

public contracts or sub-contracts, such as the EU-funded LOT3 (2) by selling publications and textbooks (3) through a staffing and volunteering fund which represents the real economic value of thousands of hours of pro-bono services to EUCLID (4) by enrolling a limited but sufficient number of "general public" students (about 50-85, as al-

lowed by the mandate) whose tuition makes it possible to fund the government scholarships. Interestingly, some of these "general students" actually work for various governments and international organizations.

The overall operational budget of EUCLID including (3) is close to \$400,000 for 2009/2010.



Above: the EUCLID team is expanding and includes several pro-bono subject-matter experts such as 'trade diplomacy' authority Colin Evans.

## EUCLID Textbooks and Publications

EUCLID is committed to publishing books, academic papers and course-pack that reflect highly on the excellence of its faculty and students.

In 2008, EUCLID University published "Japan on the Edge: An inquiry into the Japanese Government's

Struggle for Superpower Status and UN Security Council Membership at the Edge of Decline" co-authored by professors Rodriguez and Cleenewerck. In early 2010, "United Nations Peacekeeping: History, Challenges and the Call for Reform" was released, authored by EUCLID faculty member Joao

Tavares.

Several student papers have been posted on diplomatic-monitor.org and other are scheduled for posting on treatylaw.org in 2010.

All EUCLID publications are available free of charge to the Participating Parties.

*"EUCLID enrolls a total of 50-85 general public students to support the operational budget"*

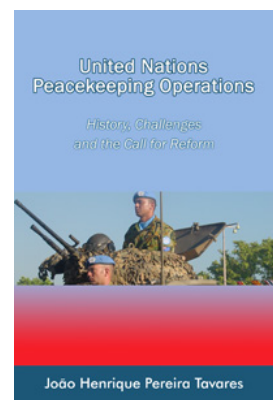
## The ECOWAS Agreement

In 2009, after a year of discussions, reviews and finalization, an important Memorandum of Understanding was signed between EUCLID and ECOWAS in which the ECOWAS President expresses his "deep appreciation for your assistance in helping to

develop skilled manpower in our region by providing advanced educational opportunities." The agreement applies immediately to ECOWAS staff and will be extended to also apply to ECOWAS residents for general public access to EUCLID's

programs. Three EUCLID Participating States are also ECOWAS Members.

(The agreement is posted in PDF format at [www.euclid.int](http://www.euclid.int))



A recent EUCLID University Press publication.

Photo: EUCLID's High Steward Banny de Brum with US President Barak Obama, presenting his credentials as newly reappointed Ambassador of the Marshall Islands (November 2009)



Photo: EUCLID's Commissioner Colin Evans with HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (March 2010)



Photo: EUCLID's Secretary General Syed Zahid Ali holds a working meeting with the Minister of Education the Union of the Comoros (September 2009)



Photo: A EUCLID delegation (including Imara Johnpullé and Mokhtar Boye) visits the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone in NY (including H.E. Ambassador Touray) (September 2009)





Above: EUCLID's SG Syed Zahid Ali and ICCI's ASG Attiya Nawazish Ali at the signing ceremony held at ICCI's headquarters, 25 November 2009.

## Project Highlight: ICCI scholarships

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an affiliated organ of the 55 Member State Organization of the Islamic Conference. Since 2007, a cooperation has been established between EUCLID / IOSD and ICCI to (1) help fulfill EUCLID's mandate (as made explicit in the EUCLID Charter to promote "accessibility

to higher education for special service groups such as women" (2) develop educational programs in the area of Islamic Business and Finance as a "joint initiative" (3) develop a scholarship program for at least 5 students per cycle.

An extended agreement was signed in November 2009 with almost immediate im-

plementation: the specialized programs are finalized and the scholarship offer circulated by ICCI receive a strong response. The students (including one working for the National Uganda Chamber of Commerce) have already begun their studies. For more information, contact ICCI or EUCLID.

*"The challenge is to encourage overworked government staff to persevere with their studies and always be available when they are"*

## Project Highlight: St Vincent and Grenadines

EUCLID is proud to serve the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and to acknowledge the visionary support of Minister of Education the Honorable Girlyn Miguel and well as that of Luis de Shong. EUCLID has enrolled three active students from the MFA and

sent a full set of textbooks in both paper and electronic format. In 2009, EUCLID helped develop a new web site design for the Embassy of Saint Vincent in Washington, DC and provided documentation and samples for the process of creating a strategic plan at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

and Trade (contact: Sandy Peters).

The tremendous workload placed on the shoulders of SVG government staff is acknowledged and EUCLID is trying to encourage course progress with a new system of "target dates" for program completion.



Above: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Minister of Education Girlyn Miguel.

## What about the EUCLID Institutes?

The EUCLID statutes (X par. 10) called for the integration of IOSD (the International Organization for Sustainable Development) as an affiliated institute, but also of (1) the EuroState University Institute (2) the Council on Ecological Desertification

and Reforestation (CEDR), and (3) the International Institute for Inter-Religious Diplomacy (3IRD). CERD maintains the Internet site desertification.info and has suffered from a lack of available funding. 3IRD has an active web site and publish-

es papers on the important topic of inter-religious understanding. 3IRD has developed a specialized Master's program in Inter-Religious Diplomacy which is now available to the any approved government employee of the EUCLID Parties.

## Project Highlight: Comoros

The EUCLID team has been honored to provide technical and practical assistance to the Permanent Mission of the Union of the Comoros headed by H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Toihiri. EUCLID has for instance developed a professional and dedicated web site for the Embassy of the Comoros to the US / Canada / Cuba

([www.comorosembassy.org](http://www.comorosembassy.org)).

EUCLID has also coordinated the accession / participation of the Comoros in the Small States Network of Sustainable Development, a small IGO comparable to EUCLID based in Malta.

EUCLID's Secretary General Syed Zahid Ali travelled to Moroni, the capital of the Comoros, where he held

discussions with the Minister of Education and the President of the University of the Comoros.

Finally, EUCLID is assisting the Comoros in regards to maximization of EU funding, both in terms of amount and success of project implementation, in cooperation with B&S Europe.



Above: Ambassador Toihiri signing the EUCLID agreement on behalf of the Comoros.

## Project Highlight: Uganda

EUCLID is proud to be of service to the government of Uganda and mindful of the fact that Uganda was selected as a member of the United Nations Security Council until this year. Indeed, a EUCLID delegation was privileged to meet in New York with Uganda's former Minister of Foreign

Affairs and current Permanent Representative, H.E. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda who expressed his support to the EUCLID program.

Our team is currently training several MFA and President's Office staff members at the MDIA and doctoral level and pleased with the interest shown. As in the

case of SVG, the challenge for our government students is to "stick to it" because the EUCLID program require a commitment of about 10-15 hours / week to ensure good progress. (Point of contact: Ambassador Rossette Nyirinkindi)

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*"All our textbooks are now available in fully searchable PDF format and can also be used as professional resources"*

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## Project Highlight: Eritrea

EUCLID is very much committed to assisting the educational efforts of the Government of Eritrea in two areas. The first one is the training of government staff for the ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs in the framework of the EU-

CLID Memorandum of Understand approved by MFA (and former MOE) Osman Saleh Mohamed.

The second area of commitment is the support of the LOT3 project which is financed by the European

Commission and which calls for the training at Bachelor's and Master's level of 60 MOE staff members.

The launch of the LOT3 program was led by EUCLID's High Steward Banny de Brum in March 2009.



EUCLID ASG Chad D'Amore teaching in Eritrea (LOT3 Program).

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## Recent Update on UN and WIPO Procedures

It is of great importance that EUCLID's program be recognized not only by the governments for which we offer training to government staff (this is confirmed by Article 1 of the Agreement) but also globally.

Such international recognition ensures that EUCLID graduates holding a MDIA or MSD would be eligible to enroll in any doctoral program around the world (and we are indeed please to announce that one government-staff MSD graduate was offered a full doctoral scholarship in England).

In this regards, the best mechanism is for the EUCLID agreements (which are intergovernmental agreements governed by international law) to be pub-

lished and registered by the United Nations Secretariat General according to Article 102 of the UN Charter and therefore publicly available on the UN web site.

The EUCLID Secretariat General is currently working on the complex procedure necessary to get this process completed, this in spite of the UN being possibly displeased to see government staff choosing EUCLID over UNITAR for their professional development!

In terms of legal procedures, we are pleased to confirm that the EUCLID name and emblems were registered by the World Intellectual Property Organization under the provision of Arti-

cle 6ter of the Paris Convention which grants intellectual property protection to international intergovernmental organizations (see: <http://www.wipo.int/article6ter/en/> )



Above: EUCLID visit to the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations, September 2009.

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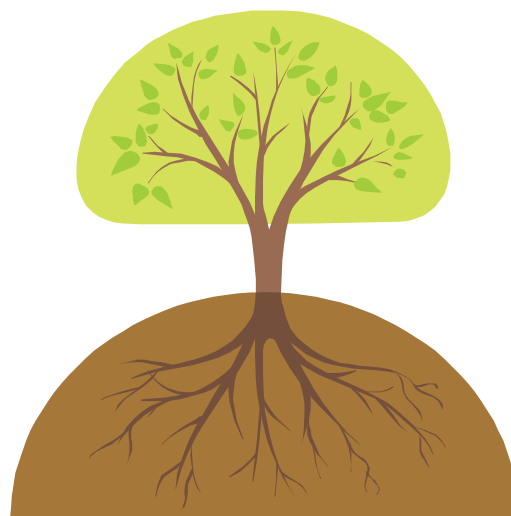


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