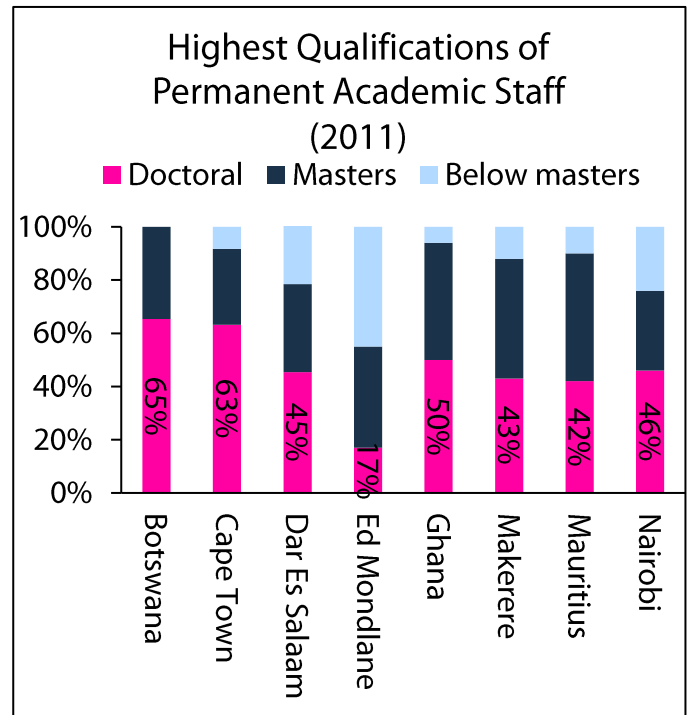


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Africa’s higher education sector has expanded greatly in the past decade. Student enrollment numbers in tertiary level increased by nearly 130% from 1999 to 2014. For most universities, the low numbers of faculty members with advanced degrees is a major challenge – today, 46% of permanent academic staff at 8 flagship universities in Africa have PhDs. Programs to upskill and recruit academic staff are required to meet the growing demand for high-quality university education in Africa.



The number of publications from African institutions have increased by over 250% in the period spanning 2000 to 2012. Despite higher education investments increasing, they are not enough to support the growing numbers of students. While international partnerships can compensate for poor resources and build capacity, there are a number of African-led initiatives which are necessary to upskill and grow higher education capacity in Africa.

