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Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC Model) in Africa

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The Bonn and Cape Town training workshops

- Introduction of EPIC Model in Africa
- Importance of the Bonn training – Planting the seed
- Regional EPIC training workshop in Cape Town- Birth of a regional network.





Lusaka Progress: Urban conditions



Lusaka Initiatives - how we 'Just Started'

- City official and academic trained in Epic Model in Bonn
- Identification of 'champions' and working through institutionalisation processes
- Broader and strategic outreach- University and Municipality
- Start small using existing programmes- MSc in Spatial Planning
- Key to align initial efforts with existing programmes projects





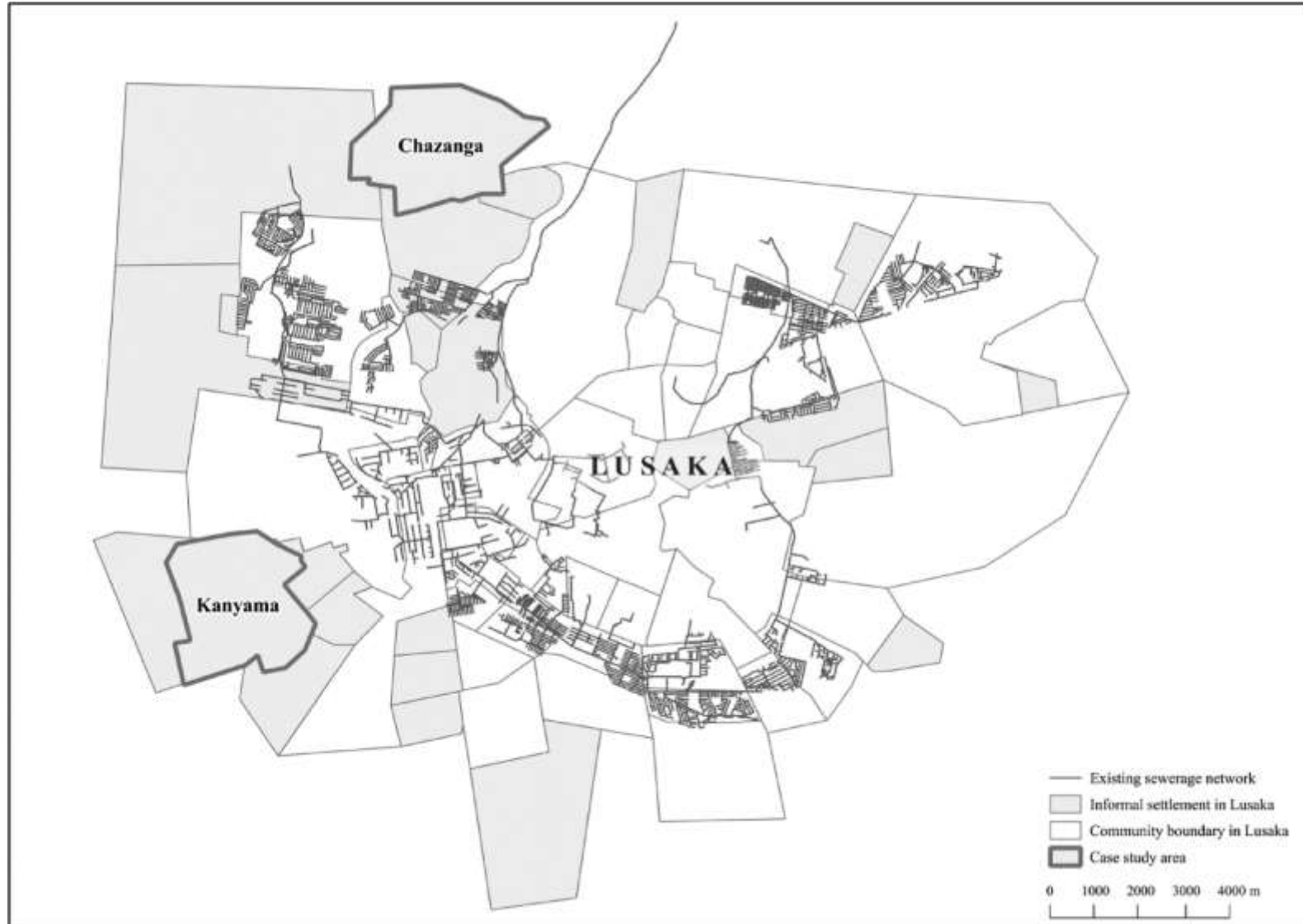
Briefing Mayor Kalumba about EPIC Mod



Politicians, communities, technocrats and academics- institutionalisation processes



The Lusaka EPIC site for 2018



Funding and symbolisms- agreed working agreement

- Municipality to contribute (*US\$ 25, 000*) annually to support Lusaka EPIC Programme.
- Symbolic launch of Epic Zambia programme by Vice Chancellor and Mayor in April to May 2018
- Mutual respect and gain
- Structured as an open partnership, civil society to join



Formation and vision of Epic Africa



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<http://naturalsciences.unza.zm/epic/index.php/blog/>

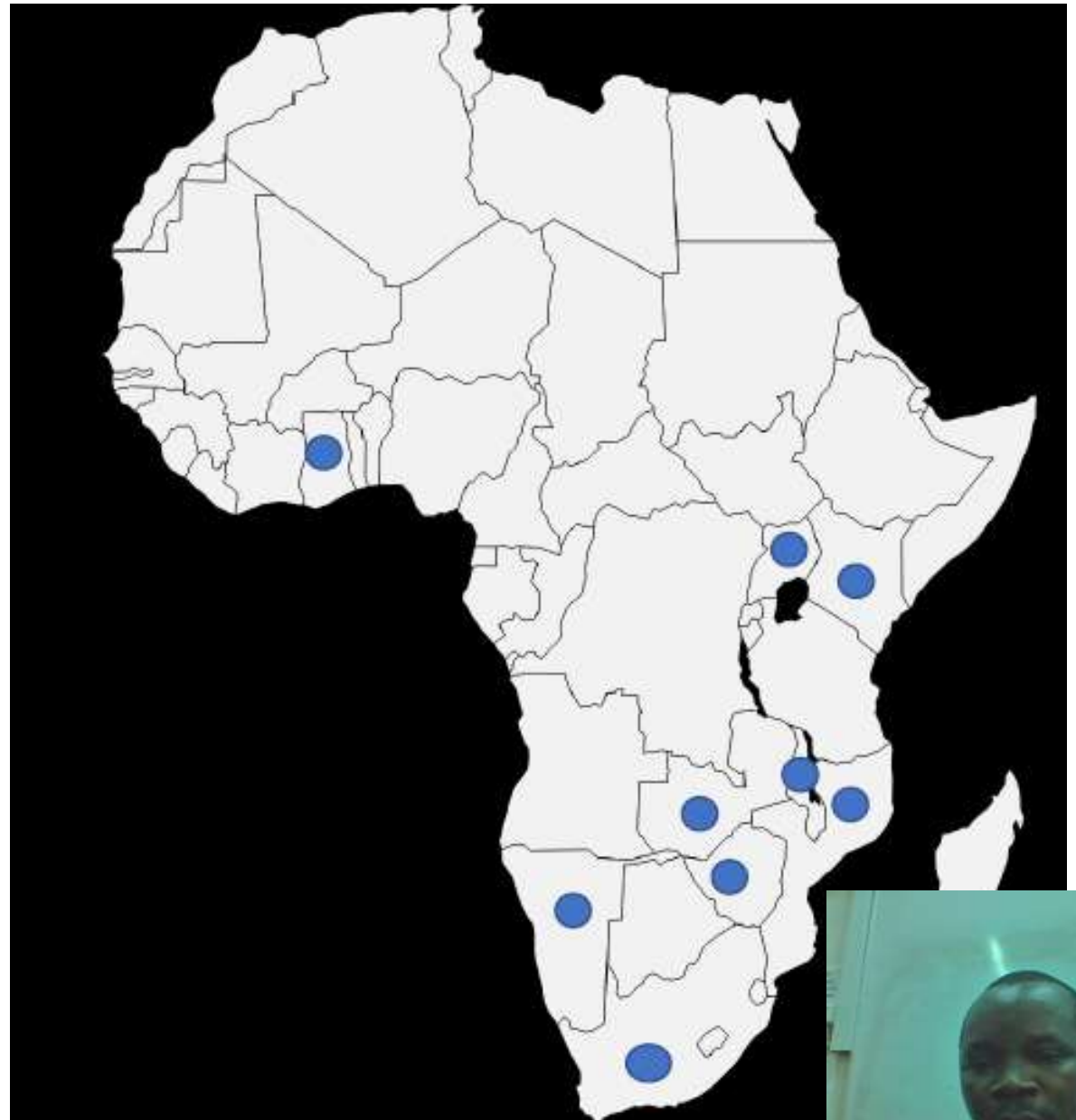


Founding members and leadership

- 6 African pairs trained in Bonn- May 2017
- 13 Africa pairs trained in Cape Town- November 2017
- Members have a shared understanding that Epic presents a New Model for Higher Education in Africa
- Appreciation of potential for Epic Model to create value for communities
- Regional Coordinators: Lusaka, Durban and Nairobi.



*Distribution of
existing pairs
and EPIC Africa
efforts, 18
cities*



Reflections this far

- Start small with a committed band of participants, then grow.
- Rapid and unpredictable changes in local authorities
- This is new approach, some researchers are still sceptical and unsure about it
- Need for balanced investments in both in-country and regional initiatives
- Very limited resources from both Municipalities and Universities
- Champions need to be prepared for extra workload



Thank you

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