

Profile of AEGIS Member Centres (and Applicants for new Membership)

Name of the Centre: **African Studies Centre**

Website/URL: **www.ascleiden.nl**

Affiliation with University of: **Leiden University, the Netherlands**

Legal status (public service, foundation etc.): **Foundation**

Approximate budget per year (in Euro): **4 million Euros**

Organisational structure (network, department...):

Executive Board: director, head of the library, the ASC staff member with major roles in the Research Master's programme African Studies (RESMA AS), an elected Chair of the Researchers Assembly.

The Centre has its own Board of Governors whose four members represent the political, scientific, business, diplomatic and media sectors in the Netherlands. The Centre also has its own Scientific Advisory Council with representatives from all the relevant universities and knowledge centres dealing with Africa in the Netherlands.

Current Director: **prof. Ton Dietz**

AEGIS member since: **1991**

Number of core team researchers/scholars: **18**

Number of affiliated/associated researchers: **38 (including resident PhDs); the (new) ASC Community has and will get many more fellows, affiliates and associates.**

Academic disciplines represented: **Anthropology, Economy, History, Human Geography, Nutrition, Philosophy, Political Science, Social Ecology, Sociology**

Current research lines/projects: **As of January 2012 the African Studies Centre has a new research programme with the overall title: *Africa and global restructuring*. Within this research programme, there are 4 research themes:**

A. African trajectories to improved well-being in relation to people and resources.

B. Mediating identities in globalising Africa

C. Constellations of Governance in Africa: historical and contemporary studies

D Africa's Global Connections

Current BA/MA/Ph.D. programmes (titles, students enrolled): **a two year Research Masters African Studies (approximately 10 students each year)**

Library/documentation centre – approximate size: **13 staff members**

80,000 books; 450 journals (350 electronic journals); 80,000 journal articles and abstracts, 1,400 films on DVD.

Publication series and academic journals: **African Dynamics, African Studies Collection, Afrika-Studiecentrum Series, Africa Yearbook (together with Hamburg and Uppsala), African Public Administration and Management Series, Langaa & African Studies Centre, Journal of African Diaspora**

Main partners in Africa: **CODESRIA, OSSREA, SANTRUST, APAD**

Main partners in Europe: **AEGIS, EADI, NVAS, CERES**

Guest researcher positions: **Visiting Fellowship Programme, 6-8 scholars a year**

Funding Strategies: **Core funding by three Ministries (Ministry of Education, Culture and Science; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation). The ASC also has projects financed from Academic partners (i.a. N.W.O., KNAW), Foundations (i.a. Volkswagen Stifting), Development agencies (i.a. PLAN, CNV, Oxfam Novib) and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. And sometimes the ASC does a consultancy, but only from a scientific angle and with a scientific publication as a result.**