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**Strengthening of Higher Education, Research and Science  
Communication in Agroecology in the Rwenzori Region in Western  
Uganda | AER-Phase II** A partnership between Uganda and Austria

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**The successfully implemented** APPEAR project AER (Agroecology in the Rwenzori) built capacities in the field of agroecology (AE) at MMU with staff training, the establishment of the community embedded Master of Science in AE and community outreach.

Based on these previous project achievements, the AER Phase II project aims to further solidify the innovative structures in implementing the MSc programme and strengthen participatory teaching, learning and research capacities at MMU.

The project is guided by three broad outcomes:

- 1 Improved quality teaching of the MSc in AE cognizant of gender diversity with a focus on monitoring and evaluation to enhance learning success, stakeholder feedback analysis and the teaching materials considering the increased relevance of open distance electronic learning.
- 2 Enhanced quality in participatory action research as well as extension at MMU with the integration of digital classrooms to feed existing farmers' apps to facilitate quick farmer access to AE innovations.
- 3 Increased capacity of farmers to actively participate in the development and adoption of AE research innovations through the establishment of living labs for participatory action research, knowledge co-creation and adapting of best practices.

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