University of Edinburgh and Africa: Looking to the Future
The University of Edinburgh & Africa - Future

- Growing the African Community
  - Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program

- Strategic Partnerships
  - University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct

- What can the General Council do?

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Community and The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP)

- With the number of students and staff from the continent growing, from a wider range of countries and studying a wider range of degree programmes, our community is quickly changing.

- Almost 1000 students from the African continent, from 39 countries – one of the most diverse in UK – but not all are here.

- MCFSP at Edinburgh started in 2016, with a USD $27million programme to support 200 of Africa’s next generation of leaders over 7 years. The program allows students whose talent and promise exceed their financial resources to complete their education.
The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP)

- Education as a catalyst for social and economic change
  - Develops transformative leaders
  - Commitment to giving back
  - Focus on women

- Currently 68 scholars on programme (50UG, 9PGT on campus and 9PGT) online & 17 graduates

- They’re the best ones to speak for themselves...

www.ed.ac.uk/global/mastercard-foundation
Partnerships in Africa

• Equitable and innovative partnerships will be central to the University’s future engagement in Africa

• University-wide, trans-disciplinary partnerships – not only with universities

• One such example is our partnership with the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg

• In October 2018 the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University

• Professor Barry Dwolatzky, Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct [https://tshimologong.joburg/](https://tshimologong.joburg/)
What can the General Council do?

- Go Connect Hospitality Scheme
  - Currently refreshing the scheme for 2019/20. Interested? Email: globalcommunity@ed.ac.uk

- Work-based placements / Internships / Mentoring
  - More and more our students are looking to apply learning and enhance employment options www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one

- Scholarships with support from the Development Trust

- Africa Week – 24th to 30th October https://global.ed.ac.uk/africa-week
Many thanks for coming – please keep in touch

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