



# **WORLD ALLIANCE**

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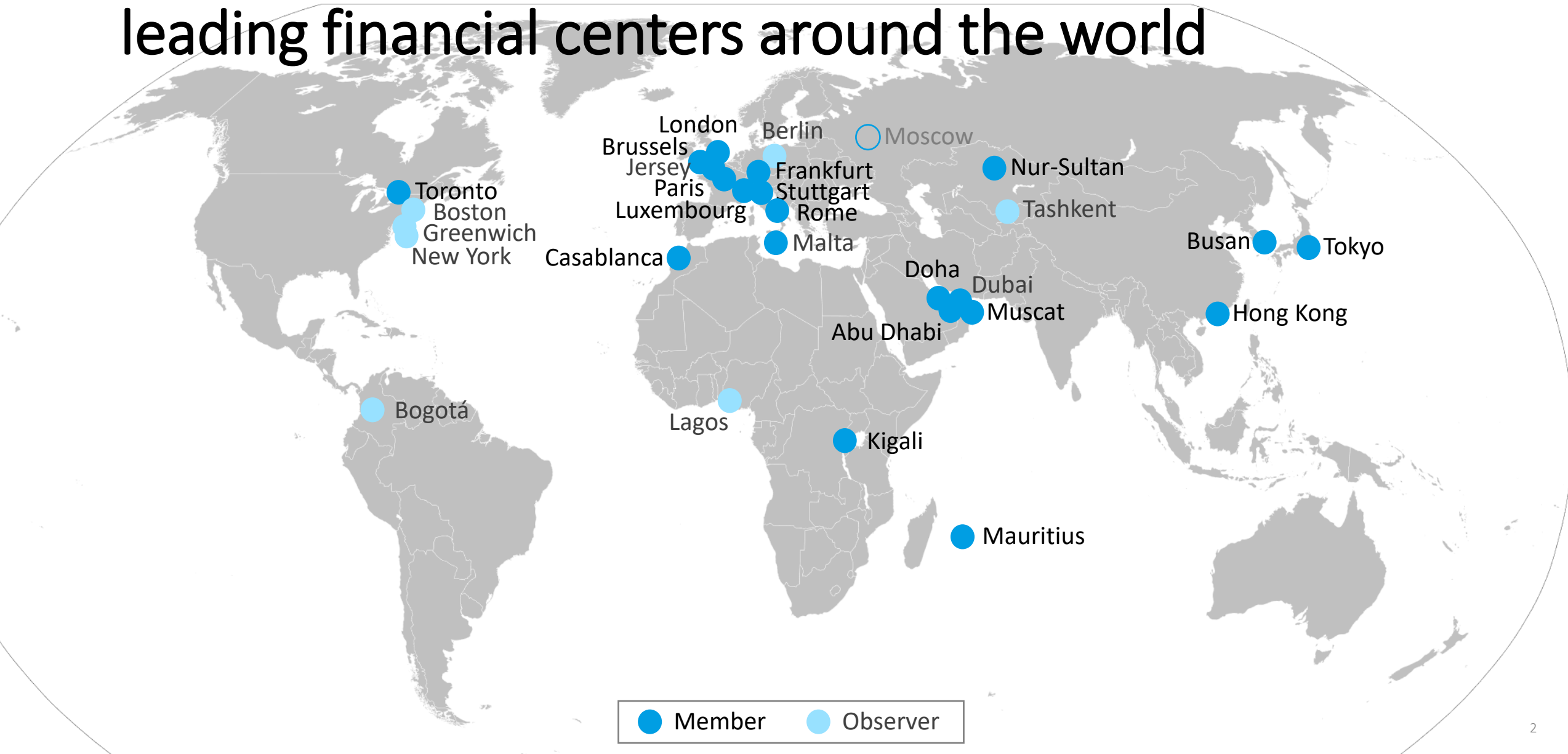
*WAIFC facilitates cooperation between financial centers,  
exchange of best practices and communication with the general public.*

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## **YOUNG ACADEMIC AWARD 2022**

**SUMMARY**

# We organize the collaboration between leading financial centers around the world



# Mission and Objectives

**Financial centers are key to sustain economic growth.** They provide the infrastructure for investment and savings that drives entrepreneurial endeavors and economic growth throughout industries and communities. They contribute more and more to sustainable development and to improving financial literacy. They embrace innovation in finance and actively contribute to developments in that space.

That's why WAIFC aims to **share best practices** and cross fertilization between International Financial Centers and to develop the dialogue with the Public Authorities at the international level.

## WAIFC Objectives

- WAIFC promotes international financial centers on a global scale via media and other partners.
- WAIFC shares best practices and communicating jointly.
- WAIFC works closely together with knowledge partners, e.g., consulting firms, universities, research institutes.

**WAIFC is project-driven** and each project is sponsored by one or more financial centers. The value of WAIFC and for the sponsors is in the success of those projects.



# Young Academic Award



**Young Academic  
Award**

Award for the best three academic research papers globally on financial centers, the future of finance, or key topics like sustainable finance.

The winner is awarded € 3,000, the runners-up €2,000 and €1,000.

Furthermore, we invited the winner and the runners-up to present their paper at our Annual General Meeting 2022 in Casablanca in October, with travel expenses being paid.







OCTOBER 21, 2022 – CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

**Celebration of the WAIFC Young Academic Award winners**





# Tristan Caballero-Montes

Université de Mons, Centre for European Research in  
Microfinance (CERMi), Brussels, Belgium

***Integrating Market Conditions into Regulatory  
Decisions on Microfinance Interest Rates:  
Does Competition Matter?***







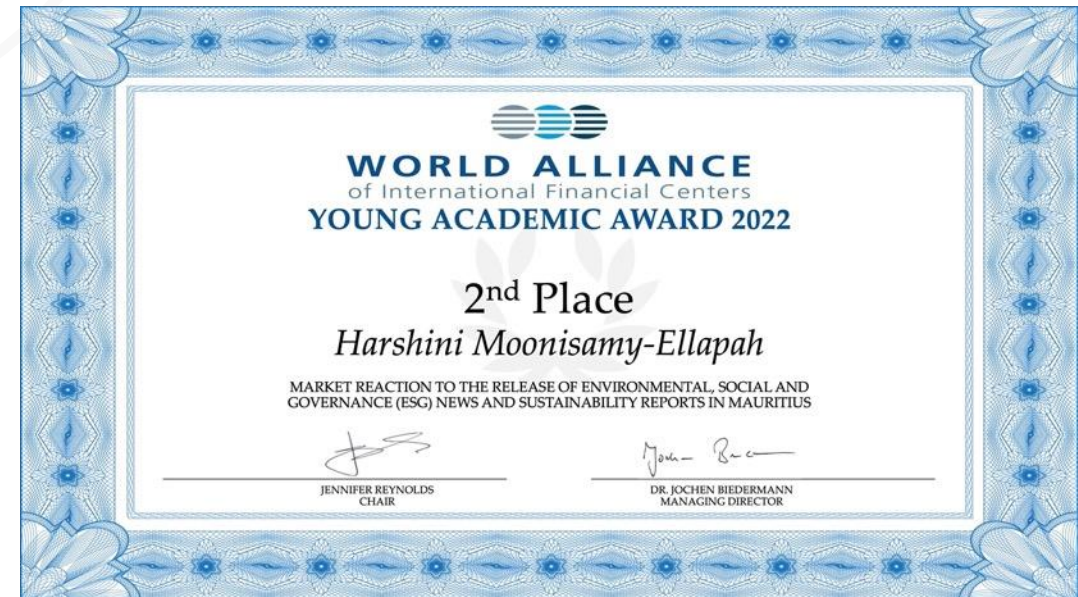




# Harshini Moonisamy-Ellapah

Open University of Mauritius, Réduit, Moka, Mauritius

***Market Reaction to the Release of  
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)  
News and Sustainability Reports in Mauritius***







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# Paul Momtaz

Technische Universität München TUM School of  
Management, Munich, Germany

***Financing Sustainable Entrepreneurship:  
ESG Measurement, Valuation, and  
Performance in Token Offerings***







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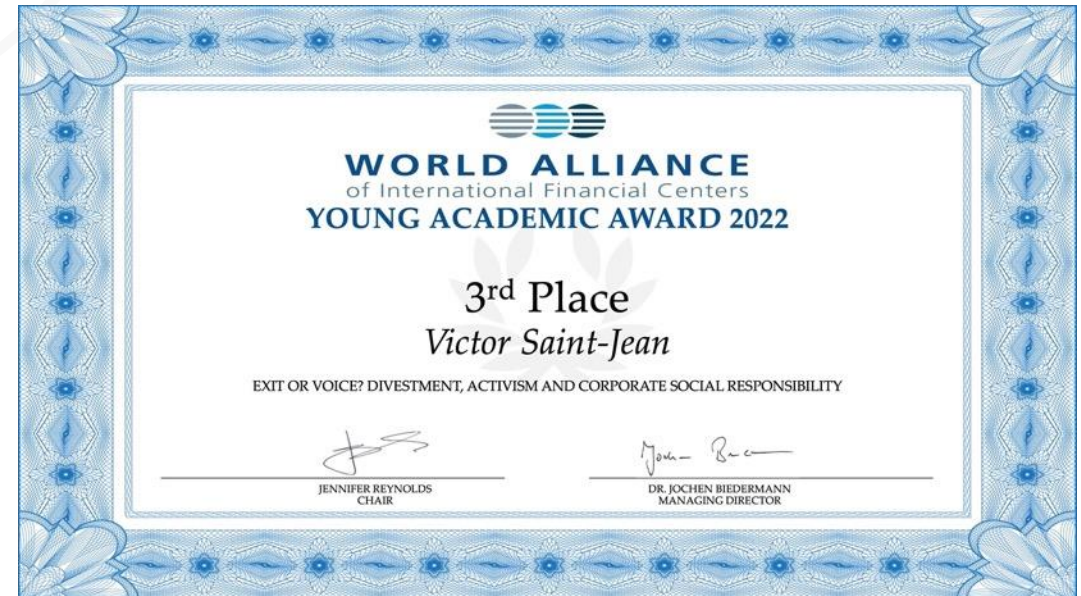




# Victor Saint-Jean

Sciences Po, Paris, France

***Exit or Voice? Divestment, Activism and  
Corporate Social Responsibility***







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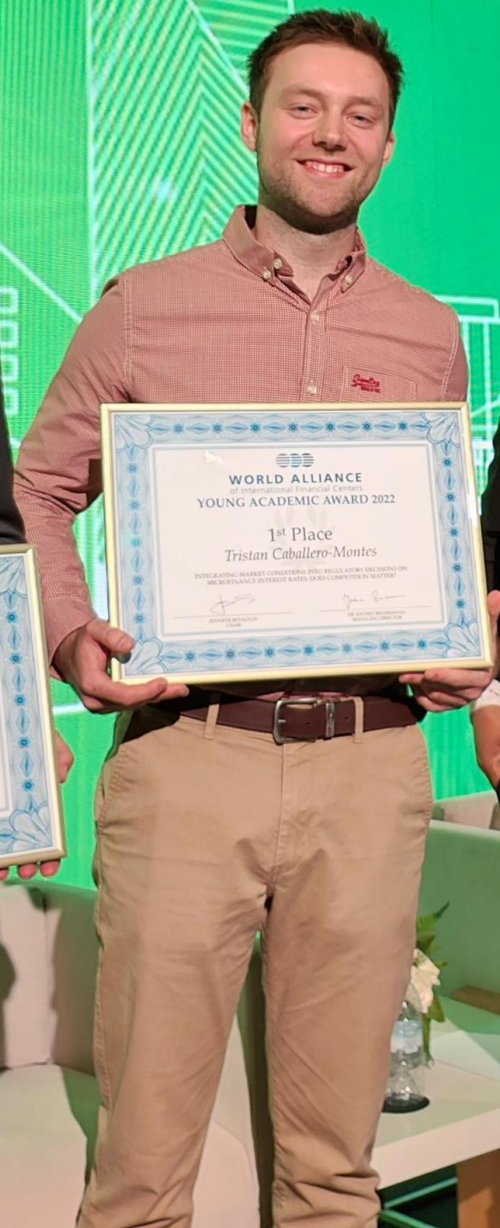


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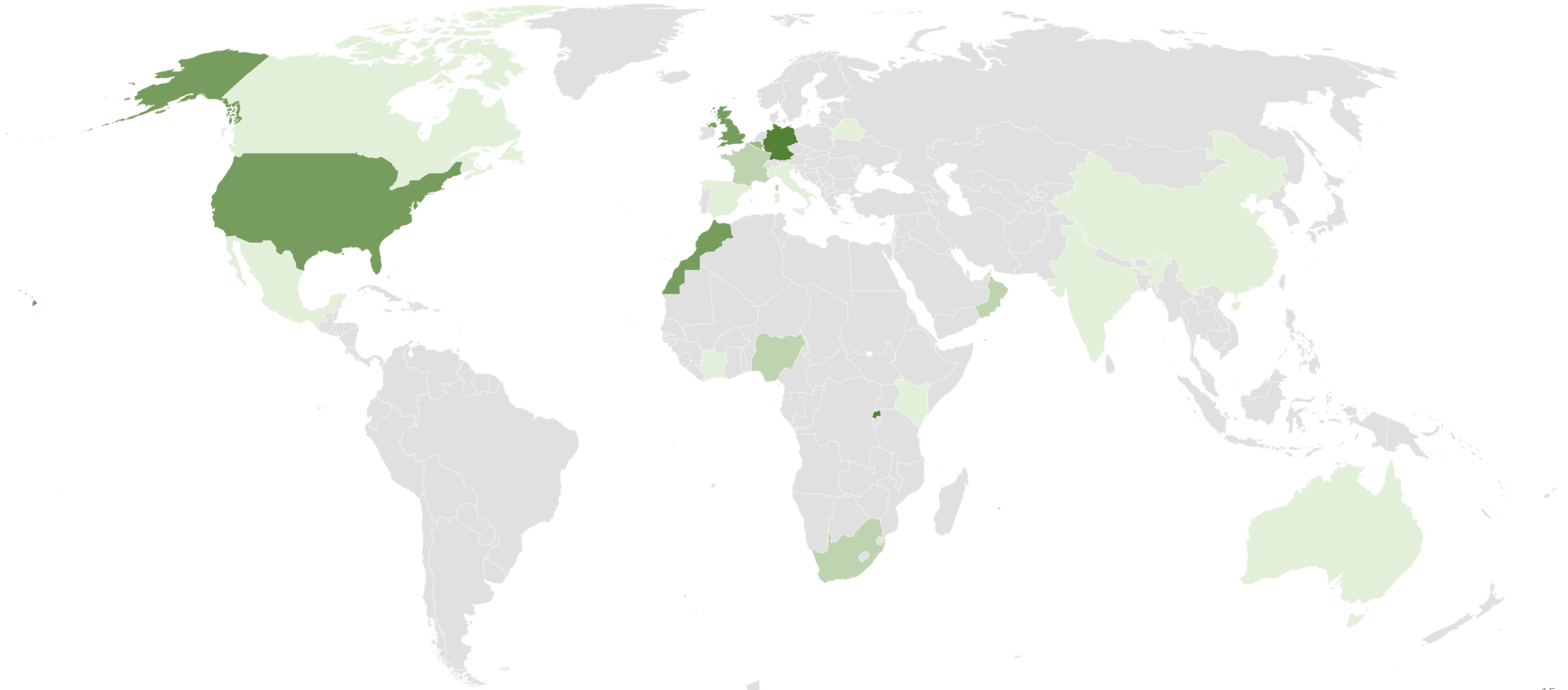


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# Country Heatmap









# Academic Institutions





### Preliminary timeline

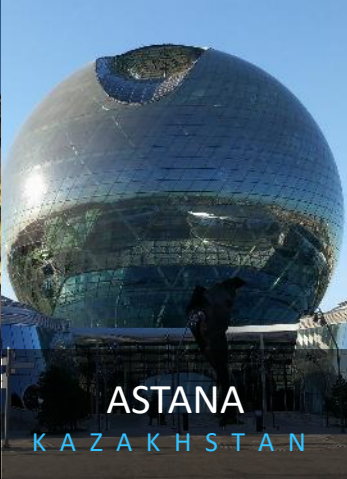
Call-for-paper:	01 Feb 2023
Deadline for applications:	15 May 2023
Deadline for final papers:	15 June 2023
Presentations:	October 2023

# We will be back in 2023





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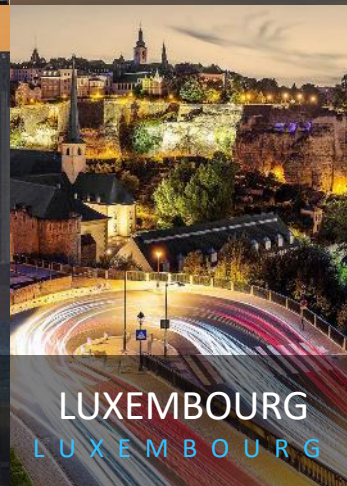
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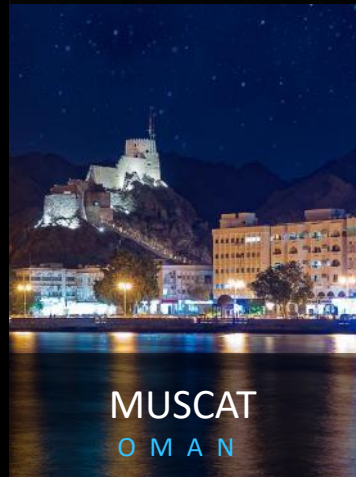
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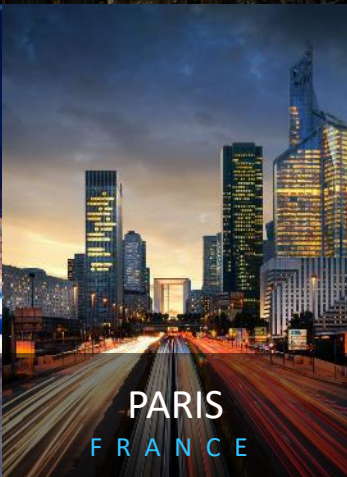
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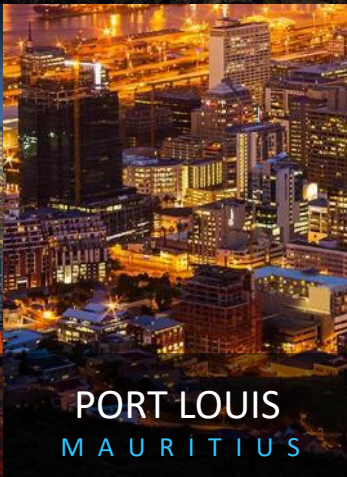
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