Student and researcher mobility - Panorama and challenges

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The number of mobile students is increasing.

Foreign students worldwide and in OECD countries, 2000-12 (Millions)

Africa’s students are highly mobile

Share of enrolled students studying abroad
Share studying within region

North America
Latin America and the Caribbean
South and West Asia
Central and Eastern Europe
East Asia and the Pacific
Arab states
Western Europe
Sub-Saharan Africa
Central Asia

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
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- However, studying abroad may be the only possibility rather than an active choice for some.
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- Several countries with large scientific diasporas provide career planning and financial incentives for return
Thank you for your attention