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The africa initiative and the panafrican conferences on crystallography PCCr

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The IUCr Africa Initiative was founded to develop Crystallography and Structural Sciences in Physics , Chemistry, Geology and Biology in Africa . Crystallography schools have been organized in Cameroon , Ivory Coasts , Morocco and Algeria from 2008 to 2013 . Then thanks to a collaboration with UNESCO , ICSU and diffractometer companies , open laboratory and traveling laboratories concepts have been organized in North Africa , Sub Saharan Africa and South Africa starting during the IYCr . These workshops allow to build a network of African scientists who decided to organize the first Pan African conference on Crystallography (PCCr1) in Dschang (Cameroon , October 2016 , web site http://pccr1-2016.univ-dschang.org/) with more than 200 participants ; this very successful meeting is the first of a series which will be held every 2 years in Africa :PCCr2 will be organized at University of Ghana (see PCCr2 booth at this meeting) . In parallel a steering committee has been setup which should transform into the African Crystallography Association ,AfCA, to bring all African crystallographers together .
This talk will discuss how it was possible and how we see the future .

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