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UNIVERSITIES NETWORK

Worldwide Universities Network

Teamwork Time

Experiments in International Cooperation

Inconvenient Truths in International Engagement

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Opportunities and Threats

Global

- Experimental labs for innovation
- Teamwork for global challenges
- Opportunity for academics and students
- Partnerships in policy development
- Access to agencies and government funding

Local

- Rhetoric rather than reality
- Lukewarm, superficial leadership
- High ambition, low resource
- Administrative obstacles and inertia
- Distrust and deception eroding commitment

Truths - Partnerships

Convenient

- International world
- Future careers
- Global teamwork
- International development
- Pioneer new frontiers
- Global financial stress

Inconvenient

- Interdisciplinary research
- Quality teach and learn
- Costs
- International trust
- Rankings roulette
- Shoot the pioneer