

OVERVIEW OF THE NASAC WATER PROGRAMME

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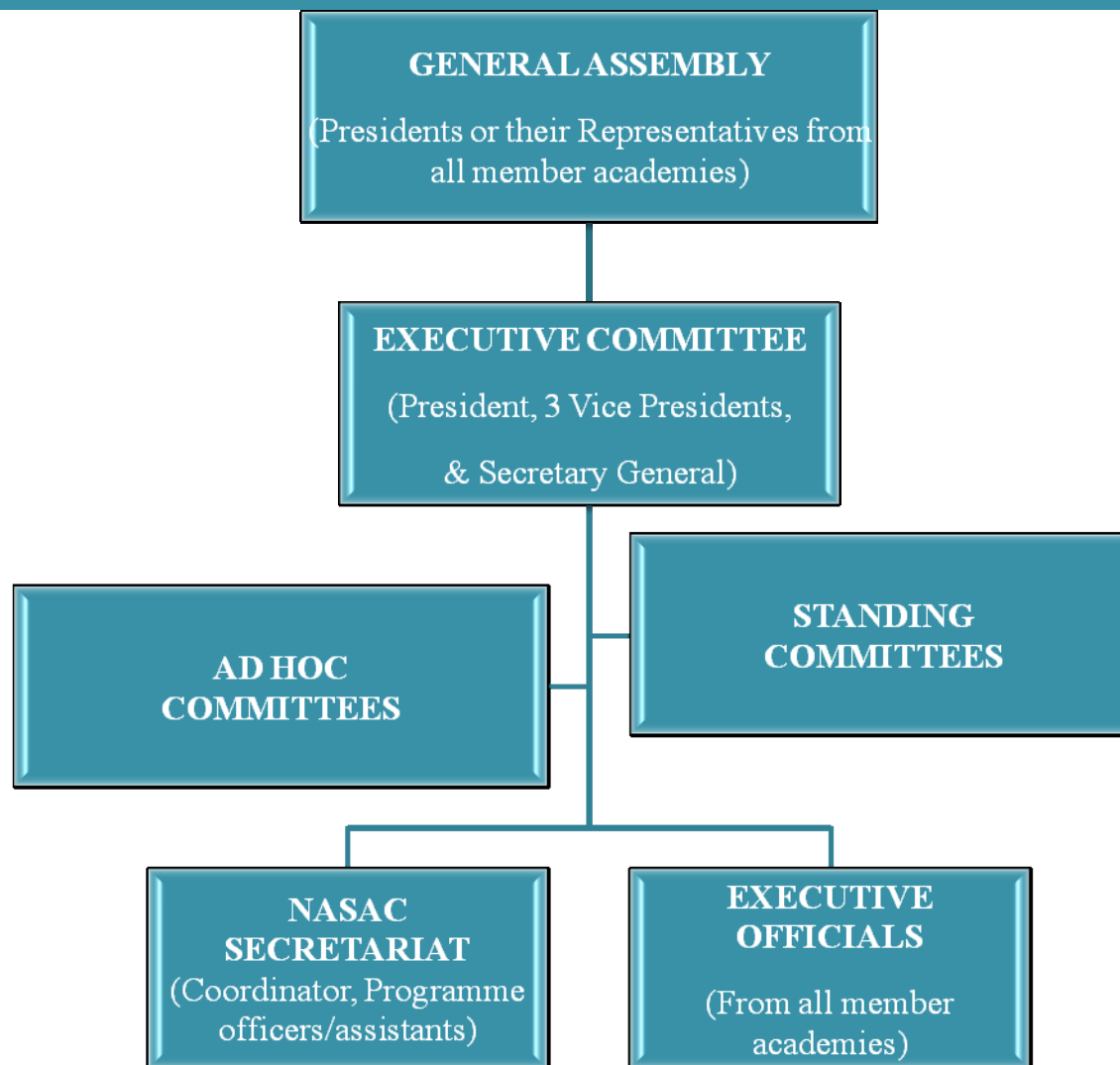
Who we are and what we do

About NASAC: Mission & Members

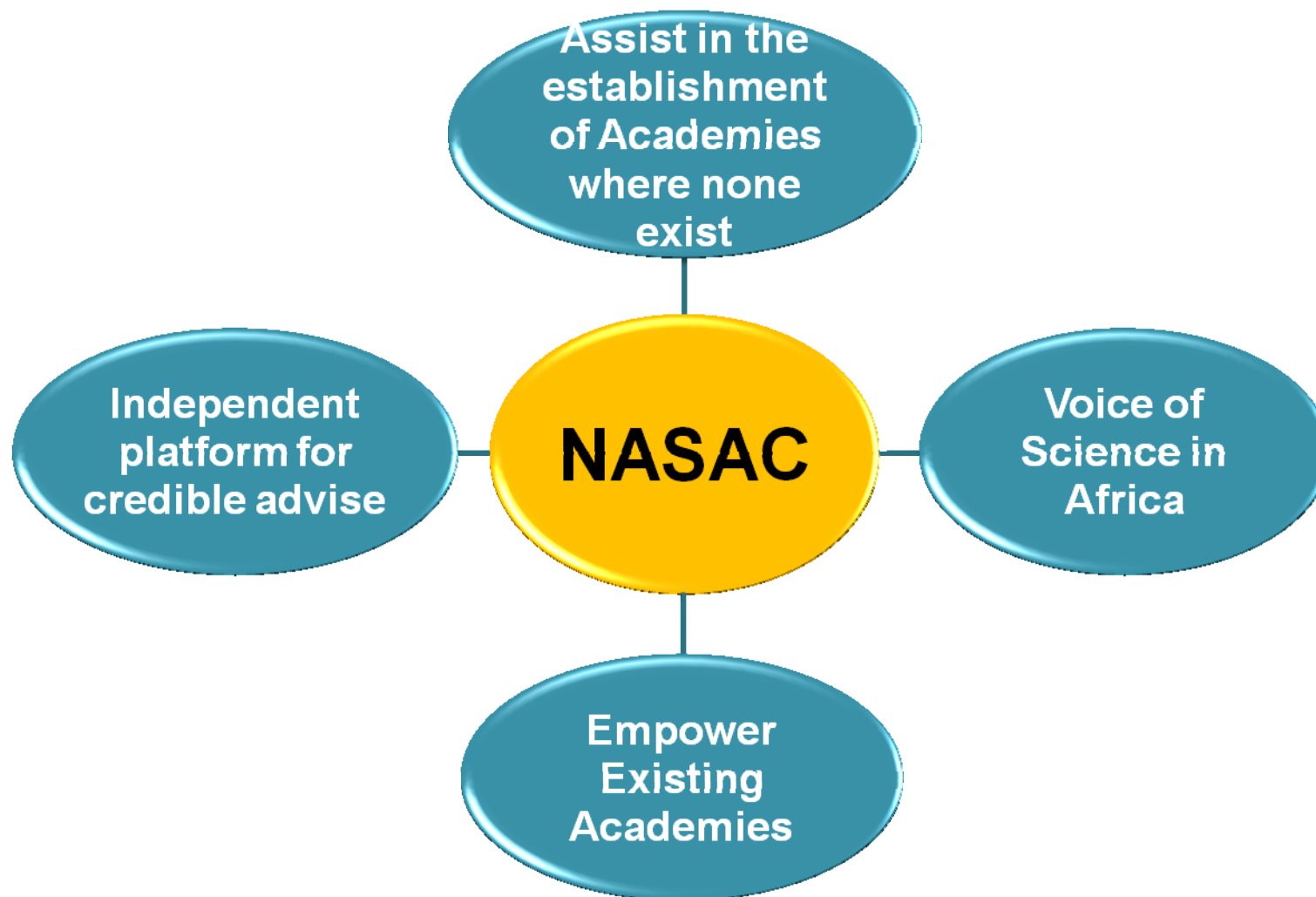
Founded in Dec. 2001 as independent forum for African science academies to “**provide authoritative science advise for policy formulation towards economic, social and cultural development in Africa**”

17 member academies	
Cameroon	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Senegal
Ghana	Sudan
Kenya	South Africa
Mauritius	Tanzania
Madagascar	Uganda
Morocco	Zambia
Mozambique	Zimbabwe
AAS (<i>regional academy</i>)	
Potential members	
Egypt	Namibia

Our Governance Structure



NASAC: What we do



Key successes *(2001-to date)*



- Launching critical flagship programmes on water, women, and science education
- Creation of an independent advisory Expert Group
- Enhanced members' capacities at secretariat level
- Increased of NASAC membership
- Moving towards legal self sufficiency

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Achievements in waiting

After August 2010 meeting



Involve water scientists through:

- ❑ Steering Committee set up – ANSTS, ASSAf, KNAS, CAS, ZaAS, UNAS and NASAC/BAS support
- ❑ Circulated the summary of discussions – lack of data
- ❑ Launched the NASAC Water Programme with lead academies in the regions
- ❑ Commence compilation of regional water status reports and database of experts

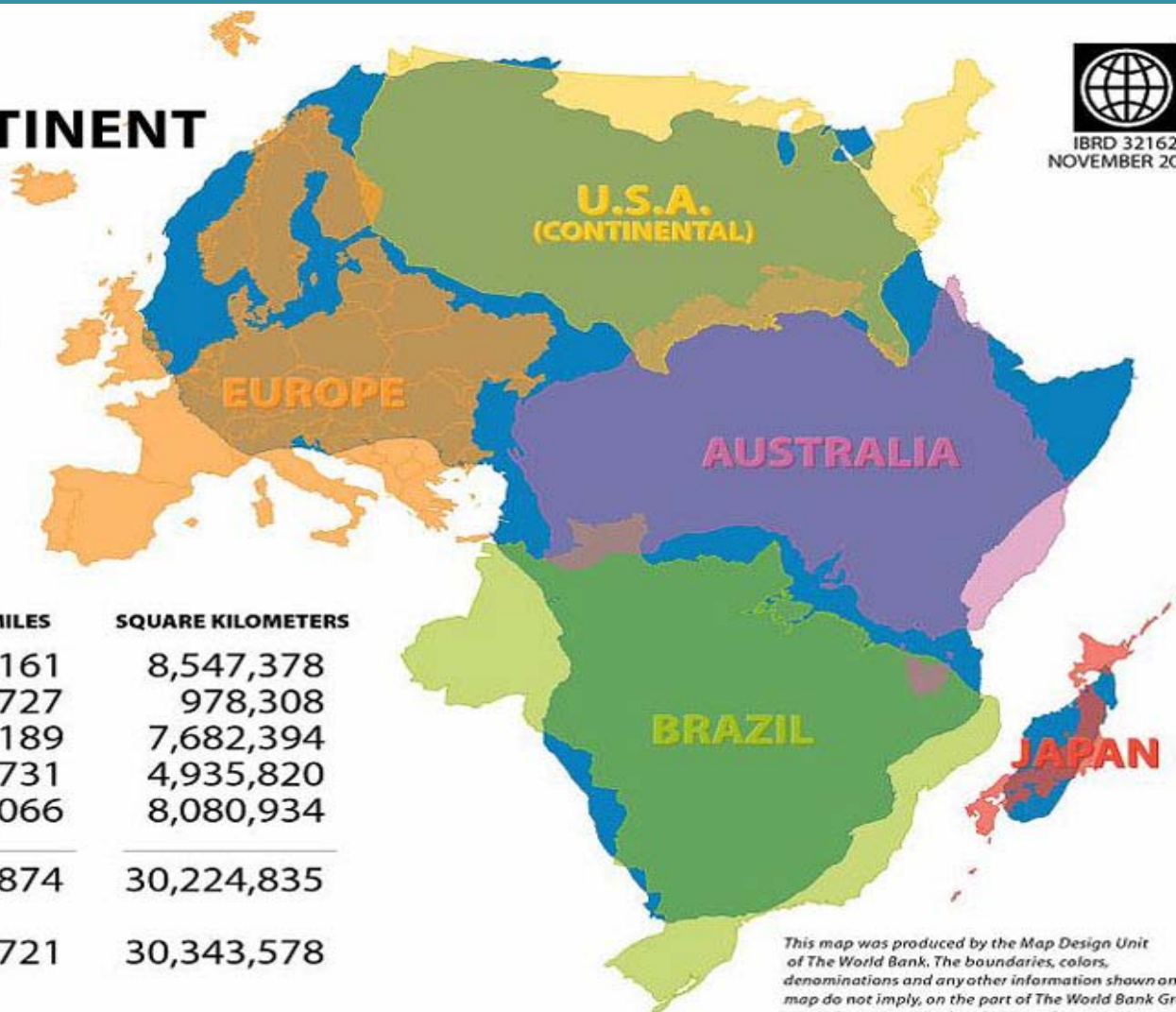
Other initiatives



- Water programme funding through IAP
- Seeking collaboration with the IANAS programme

The task at hand

SIZE OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT COMPARED TO OTHER LAND MASSES



	SQUARE MILES	SQUARE KILOMETERS
BRAZIL	3,300,161	8,547,378
JAPAN	377,727	978,308
AUSTRALIA	2,966,189	7,682,394
EUROPE	1,905,731	4,935,820
U.S.A. (Continental)	3,120,066	8,080,934
TOTAL	11,669,874	30,224,835
AFRICA (including MADAGASCAR)	11,715,721	30,343,578

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Goal: Improved Communication



- Provide simple messages to inform government – hear the voice of water scientists
- Contribute to science, policy and society – being part of the solution through water research
- Participate in local and international fora – articulate programme's contribution
- Seek networking opportunities – Act locally think globally
- Interact with policy and decision makers – enactment of harmonized water policies

Other aims

- Document findings on water in Africa
- Identify strategic partners
- Develop and share expertise on funding opportunities
- Support networking with policy makers (while involving Diaspora scientists)

Collective effort required



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- **See the potential of academies through water programme!**
- **The strength of Networking!**

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