ANSTI and its activities 2008-09

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Overview and What is ANSTI?

Overview

- Why do we need regional cooperation mechanisms?
- What is ANSTI?
- Programme activities
- The management Structure



Why African and Regional Cooperation?

Why regional Cooperation?

- Problems that need regional cooperation
 - Resource Limitations (i.e. the size of the finance, human and infrastructure resource required)
 - Disparity in resource distribution (different institutions and countries are at different stages of development in several areas)
 - Isolation of individuals/ Scientists (Scientific knowledge grows through exchange of ideas)



Rationale for Regional Cooperation

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- Cooperation will enable institutions, governments to overcome the problems highlighted. Such cooperation will have the following benefits:
 - Resource sharing (addresses the problem of disparity in resource)
 - Collective Resource mobilization (enhances the available resources size)
 - Information sharing (addresses the problem of isolation)



Types of Regional Cooperation

Types of Regional cooperation for capacity building:

Regional Centers of Excellence - Represents the pooling together of financial resources in order to establish and manage a regional Institution (e.g ARCT, ARCEDEM, etc)

Regional Networks – represents pooling together of the <u>existing physical and human resources of</u> <u>institutions</u> for the purpose of training (ANSTI, AAU and AAS are examples of this type)



Advantages and Disadvantages of Cooperation through Regional Centres

Cooperation through Regional Centers

Advantages

- High quality residential training
- Good quality control

Disadvantages

- Conflict over control and ownership
- High cost- expensive
- Highly specialized



Advantages and Disadvantages through Networks

Cooperation Through Regional Networks

- Advantages
 - Low Cost
 - Variety of training in different disciplines
- Disadvantages
 - Poor quality control

What is ANSTI?

African Network of Scientific Technological Institutions, (ANSTI) is an organ of cooperation that embraces African Institutions engaged in University-level training and research in the fields of science and technology.

ANSTI was established in 1980 by UNESCO through the help of two donors:-

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
The Government of Germany

The Goal of ANSTI

ANSTI's aim is to develop high-level human resource capacity to undertake research and training in relevant areas of science and technology.

The Mission of ANSTI

To promote active collaboration among African Scientific Institutions for the purpose of training and research in relevant areas of science and technology

ANSTI members

Current Number of member Institutions?

184 member institutions in 37 countries in sub-Sahara Africa



Strategic Objectives of 2008-09

- To strengthen the staff of science and engineering training institutions.
- To facilitate the use of African Scientists in the Diaspora to strengthen teaching and research in science and engineering in universities.
- To promote the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the delivery of science and engineering education.
- To facilitate the sharing of scientific information and strengthen the coordinating mechanism of the Network.
- To strengthen research activities in relevant areas of Science & Technology.
- To provide a forum for the discussion of strategic issues in science and engineering education (including issues of quality and relevance).



Activities of ANSTI

ACTIVITIES

- Award and administration of post-graduate training fellowships;
- Monitoring of post graduate fellowships;
- Award of staff exchange fellowships (visiting professorship);
- Development of web-based database on Diaspora scientists;
- Travel grants for Diaspora scientists;
- Sub-regional training workshop on e-content development;
- Award and administration of conference grants;
- Publication and dissemination of science and technology information.



Small grants programme

	Post Graduate Awards	Staff Exchange	Conference grants	Travel grants for Diaspora scientists
2008	Eight (8)	Four (4)	25	Three (3)
2009	Eleven (11)	Six (6)	30	Two (2)

FIG. 1 <u>Geographical Distribution of</u> Postgraduate Fellows (1994-2008)

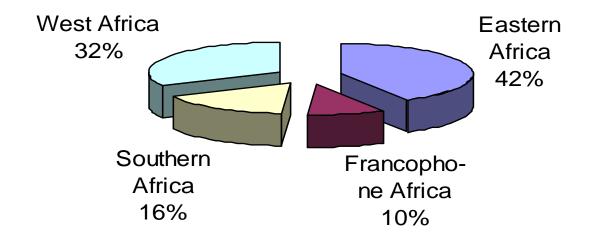
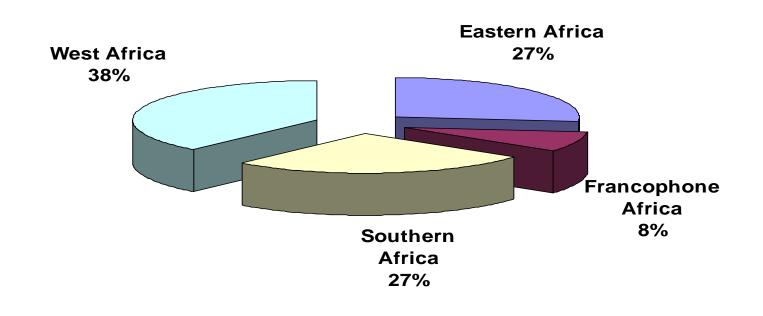


FIG. 2 <u>Geographical Distribution of</u> <u>Fee Paying Members (1994-2008)</u>



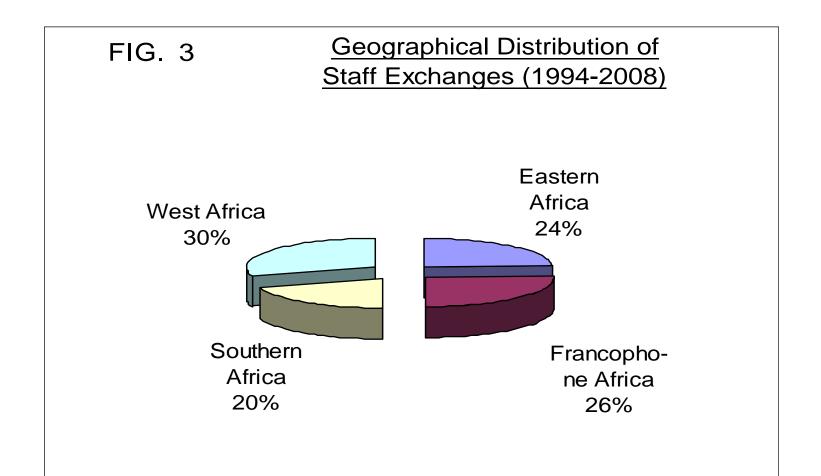
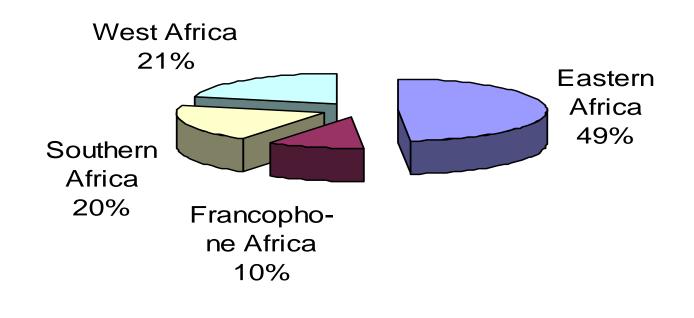


FIG. 4 <u>Geographical Distribution of</u> Conference Grants (1994-2008)



Training Workshops

ICT regional training workshop in 2008



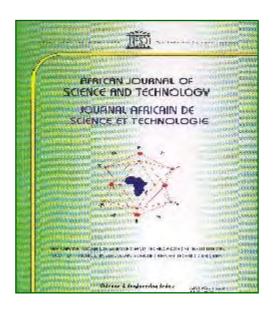
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Publications

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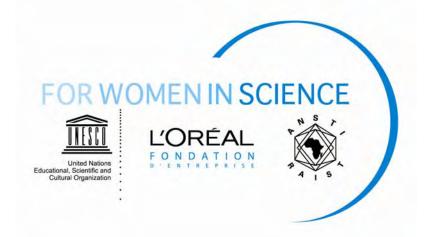


Publications





Leadership in discussion of strategic issues in training and research in African Institutions



NEW INITIATIVE

L'OREAL-UNESCO REGIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Partners:

- L'Oreal Corporate Foundation
 - L'Oreal South Africa
- UNESCO Regional Office for Science & Technology in Africa
 - The African Network of Scientific & Technological Institutions (ANSTI)

ANSTI MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



Members include

- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Representatives from UNESCO, UNDP, ECA, OAU
- Representatives of Donor community
- Representatives of Member institutions
- Representative of Federation of African Organization of engineers (FAOE)

Ad hoc Committees

National Coordinating Institutions

SECRETARIAT



Members of the Governing Council

- Chairman Prof George Magoha, Vice-Chancellor UoN and representative of AAU
- Vice-Chairman Prof Fred Otieno, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Durban University of Technology
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- Member Prof. (Mrs.) Francisca Okeke, University of Nigeria
- Member Prof. Edias Mwenje, National University of S&T, Zimbabwe
- Member Prof. Vincent A. Makerere University, Uganda
- Member Dr. A. Mandu-Jeffrey, University of Botswana
- Member Prof. Paul Vitta
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- Member Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo representative of Africa Union
- Member Engr. F. Atume representative of FAOE
- Member Prof. J.G.M. Massaquoi Director UNESCO/ ROSTA
- Member ANSTI Coordinator (vacant)
- Member Mr. B. Wanyama Host Country representative
- Member Christophe Hansert Donors Representative



Membership

• Currently 184 in 37 countries.

ANSTI Secretariat Team



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Thank you all