2nd Africa-UniNet General Assembly

17-19 October, Egerton University

Agenda

09:15 – 09:30 **Opening remarks**

09:30 – 09:45   **New member institutions**- presentation and official acceptance

09:45 – 10:00 **Statutes of the Austria Africa UniNet** – a summary

10:00 – 10:45 **Election** Feb. 2023 – Jan. 2025

Country Representatives
Board
President and Vice-President

10:45 – 11:00 **Any other business**

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Strategic discussion and way forward**

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1. Opening Remarks

Opening remarks

- Africa-UniNet President Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU) and
- Vice-President Nzula Kitaka (Egerton University)

SASTE – Supporting African Science and Tertiary Education

- Post doc program from a private donor

- Up to 12 to 24 months research stay in Austria

- Agriculture Forestry, Water Management and Renewable Resources

- High impact in the region and to translate in new findings and products

- Preferred countries are from the Sub-Sahara Africa

- PhD earned outside Austria, there is an age limit

- Applicants must hold a position at an African Institution

- 1400 Euro/month plus up to 450 Euro/month for housing

- 3 to 4 grants are foreseen, deadline 30 Nov. 2022

2. New member institutions

Presentation and official acceptance of new member institutions

Discovering the future

Univ.-Prof. Dr. phil. Heinz Faßmann, President of the Academy

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– Founded in 1847

– Statutory Mission to „promote science in every way"

– Learned Society

– Research Performing Institution

– Fostering Talent & Knowledge Transfer

– International Research Partnerships

25 Research Institutes

- Archaeology and Classical Studies
- Asian Studies and Social Anthropology
- Historical Sciences
- Cultural Research
- Social Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics, Physics, Space Research and Materials Science
- Technology Assessment

Looking forward to Africa-UniNetworking opportunities: exchange of researchers, development of joint activites, events and project applications.

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Key Research Areas:

- **Austrian and international development policy and cooperation**

- **Education and development**

- **International Trade Policy and Global Value Chains**

- **Private Sector Development (PSD) and Industrial Policy**

- **Raw materials and development**

- **Stakeholder participation, process support and moderation**

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Selected Research Projects

- **Microcredit and the Empowerment of Women in Kenya**
(Twinning Project with Institute of Social Ministry in Mission, Tangaza College/Nairobi, 2013-2014)

- **Perspectives for export-oriented industrial policy strategies for selected African countries: case studies Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Tunisia**
(ÖFSE project in cooperation with various local cooperation partners, 2016 – 2018)

- **African-owned firms building capabilities in global value chains (AFRICAP)**
(cooperation project with Center of Africa economies, Roskilde University, 2016 – 2018)

- **The economic and social effects of the EU Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with Tunisia on the Tunisian agriculture sector**
(cooperation project with Observatoire Tunesien de l'Economie, 2020 – 2022)

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Why ÖFSE wants to join Africa UniNet

As a foundation dedicated to development research, ÖFSE seeks to cooperate with academic institutions in Africa in order to **jointly contribute to the strengthening of academic institutions and research in Africa with a particular focus on sustainable development**.

In addition, ÖFSE is interested in **jointly carrying out research projects** in fields that are **relevant to sustainable development** such as economic and trade policy, industrial development policy and global value chains, resource management, development and education policy.

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Decision on new member institutions

- Official acceptance of new member institutions by the General Assembly

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Announcement:
The new members accepted via online resolution 2021/2022

- Academy of Fine Arts Vienna
- Babcock University
- Busitema University
- Cadi Ayyad University
- Cape Peninsula University of Technology
- Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréné
- Graz University of Technology
- Gulu University
- Medical University of Graz

- Nnamdi Azikiwe University
- Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg
- Redeemer's University
- University for Development Studies
- University of Abuja
- University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol
- University of Ghana
- University of Sao Tome and Principe

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3. Budget

Annual Membership Fees
African Institution 500 Euro, 1500 Euro Austrian Partners

- Membership fees

	2020	2021	2022	Total
Membership fees	42.750,33 €	48.617,22 €	56.721,63 €	148.089,18 €
Honoraria	-11.916,00 €	-5.706,00 €		-17.622,00 €
sub-total				130.467,18 €

4. The Statutes of the "Africa-UniNet"

General Assembly and Country Representatives

- Each Africa-UniNet member institution is represented by one person (Africa-UniNet Representative)

- Africa-UniNet Representatives from the same country elect a Country Representative and a Deputy

- All members entitled to attend the General Assembly can be elected

- Only the Country Representatives have the voting right for the Board

Tasks of the General Assembly (examples)

- Monitoring the compliance with the Africa-UniNet statutes and adapting them as necessary

- Defining the network's strategic direction and an annual work program

- Deciding on the admission of new members

- Taking cognizance of the annual budgets and the annual account, taking cognizance of the annual report

- Deciding on other matters or activities presented to the General Assembly in the agenda that is sent out

- Resolution about the discontinuation of the Network, deciding on the amount of membership fees based on a proposal from the Board

Holding the General Assembly

- The General Assembly will take place once a year, alternating between Austria and in Africa. / Online resolutions

- Quorum: President or the Vice-President and at least 50% of the voting members are present

- All members who have paid their annual membership fee are entitled to participate and vote.

- Resolutions in the General Assembly shall be passed by a simple majority of votes. Exceptions are the amendment of the statutes and the discontinuation of the network, which require a two-thirds majority
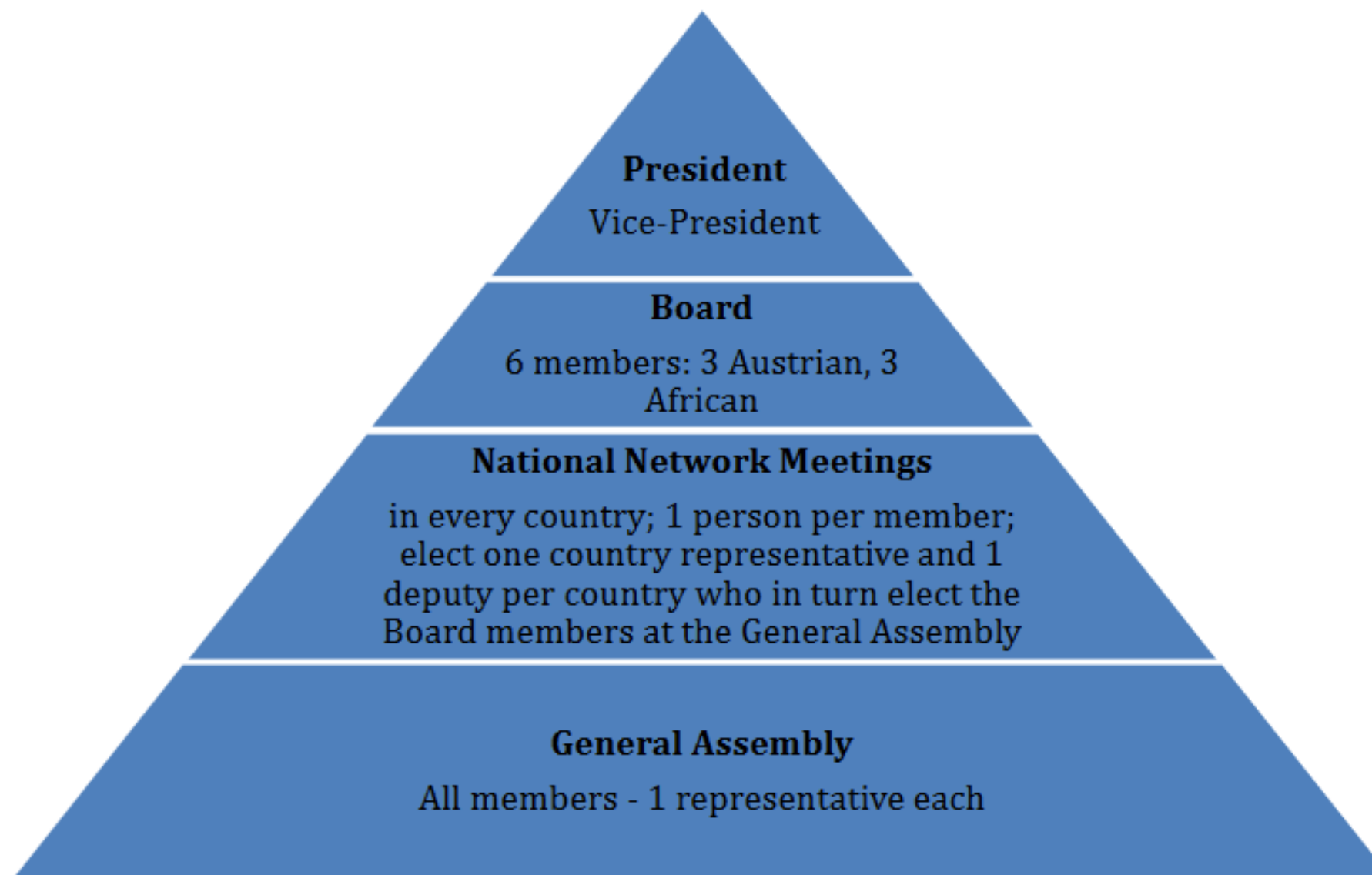
Africa-UniNet Board

- The Board consists of 6 members of the General Assembly who are elected for a period of 3 years by the Country Representatives in the General Assembly

- Diversity (gender) and geographical balance (eastern, western and southern Africa) shall be ensured

- As the Network is funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), 3 Board members are elected among the Austrian members

- Board meetings can also be held online / as a video conference.

Tasks of the Africa-UniNet Board

- Election of the Africa-UniNet President and confirmation of the Africa-UniNet Vice-President by the Board members

- Advising the President

- Preparing the decisions for the General Assembly; e. g. on the admission of new network members or changes in the membership fees

- Preparing proposals for the network strategy and the annual work programs

- Submission of proposals for the network's thematic orientation as well as special network activities according to the funding guideline of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).
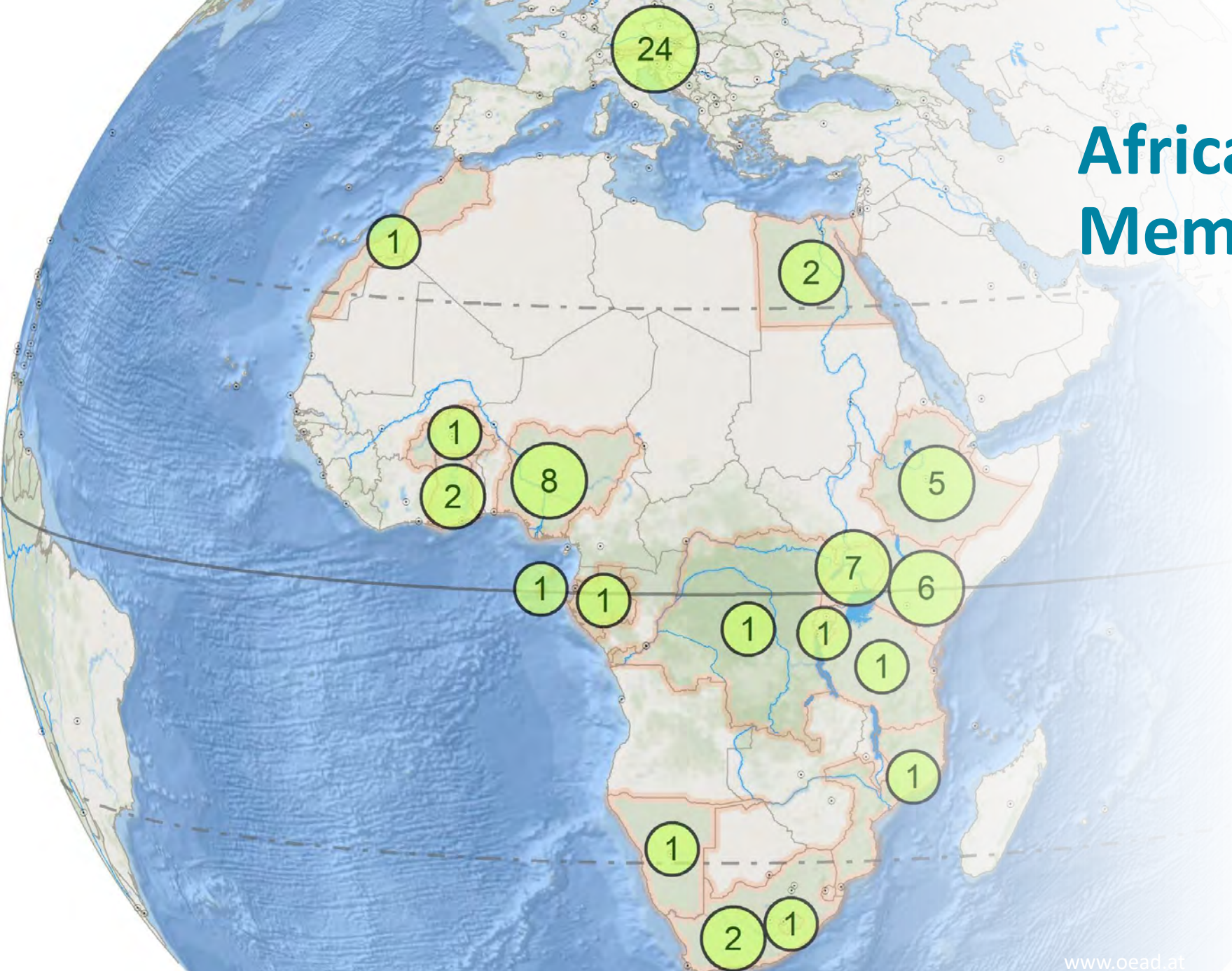
Tasks of the President and Vice President

- Official representative of Africa-UniNet

- Coordination of the network in technical and strategic terms

- Chairing the board and the General Assembly

- Strategic planning and coordination of the public image

- Preparing proposals for the network strategy and for the annual work program in consultation with the Board

- Contacts and coordination with other relevant networks

- Submission of proposals for the network's thematic orientation with the Board and within the limits of available resources and funding

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Africa-UniNet Member Institutions

- 66 institutions are official members

- 24 member institutions in Austria

- 42 member institutions in 17 different countries in Africa

Esri, Garmin, GEBCO, NOAA NGDC, and other contributors

5. Election of the Country Representatives (2023 – 2025)

Country Representatives as of February 2023

- **Austria (24+2 members)**

Anke Bockreis (University of Innsbruck)

Hubert Hasenauer (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna)

- **Burkina Faso (1)**

Adama Oueda (Université de Ouahigouya)

- **Burundi (1)**

Victor Barantota (Hope Africa University)

- **DR Congo (1)**

Kanigula Mubagwa (Université Catholique de Bukavu)

- **Egypt (2)**

Elsayed El-Sharkawy (Suez University)

Country Representatives as of February 2023 (ctd.)

- **Ethiopia (5)**

Anegagregn Gashaw Ferede (Debre Tabor University)

- **Gabon (1)**

Ayôla Akim Adegnika (Centre de Recherches Médicales de Lambaréné)

- **Ghana (2)**

Courage K.S. Saba (University for Development Studies)

Deputy: Raymond A. Atuguba (University of Ghana)

- **Kenya (6)**

Benedict Mutua (Kibabii University)

Deputy: Joel Onyango (ACTS)

- **Lesotho (1)**

Moeketsi Mpholo (University of Lesotho)

Current Country Representatives

- **Morocco (1)**

Fatima Zohra Iflahen (Cadi Ayyad University)

- **Mozambique (1)**

Constancio Machanguana (Universidade Zambeze)

- **Namibia (1)**

Jane Masiiwa Misihairabgwi (University of Namibia)

- **Nigeria (8)**

Christian Anieke (Godfrey Okoye University)

Deputy: Abdulkarim Sabo Mohammad (Federal University Dutse)

Current Country Representatives

- **São Tomé and Príncipe (1)**

Miclay Dos Reis Pereira Carvalho (University of Tomé and Príncipe)

- **South Africa (2)**

Tawana Kupe (University of Pretoria)

Deputy: Tasmeera Singh (Cape Pensinsula University of Technology)

- **Tanzania (1)**

Zena Mnasi Mabeyo (Institute of Social Work)

- **Uganda (7)**

Patrick Musinguzi (Makerere University)

Deputy: Mary Kaggwa (Kyambogo University)

Africa-UniNet General Assembly 31.1.2020 in Vienna

1st General Assembly, January 2020 in Vienna © Christof Gruber

6. Election of the Board (2023 – 2025)

Election of the Board Members (alphabetical order)

Candidates from African countries:
- Christian Anieke (GOU, Nigeria) *(West)*
- Nzula Kitaka (EU), Kenya *(East)*
- Zena Mabeyo (ISW, Tanzania) *(South)*

Austrian candidates
- Anke Bockreis (UIBK)
- Belachew Gebrewold (MCI)
- Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU)

- Election of the Western African representative
- Election of the Eastern African representative
- Election of the Southern African representative
- Election of the Austrian representatives

Elected Board Members of Africa-UniNet (as of February 2023)

- Univ.-Prof. Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU, Vienna, Austria), President

- Prof. Nzula Kitaka (Egerton University, Kenya), Vice-President

- Dr. Zena M. Mabeyo (Institute of Social Work, Tanzania)

- Prof. Christian Anieke (Godfrey Okoye University, Nigeria)

- Prof. Dr. Belachew Gebrewold (Management Center Innsbruck, Austria)

- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Anke Bockreis (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

Election of President and Vice-President

- Election among the Africa-UniNet Board
- Announcement in the General Assembly after the coffee break

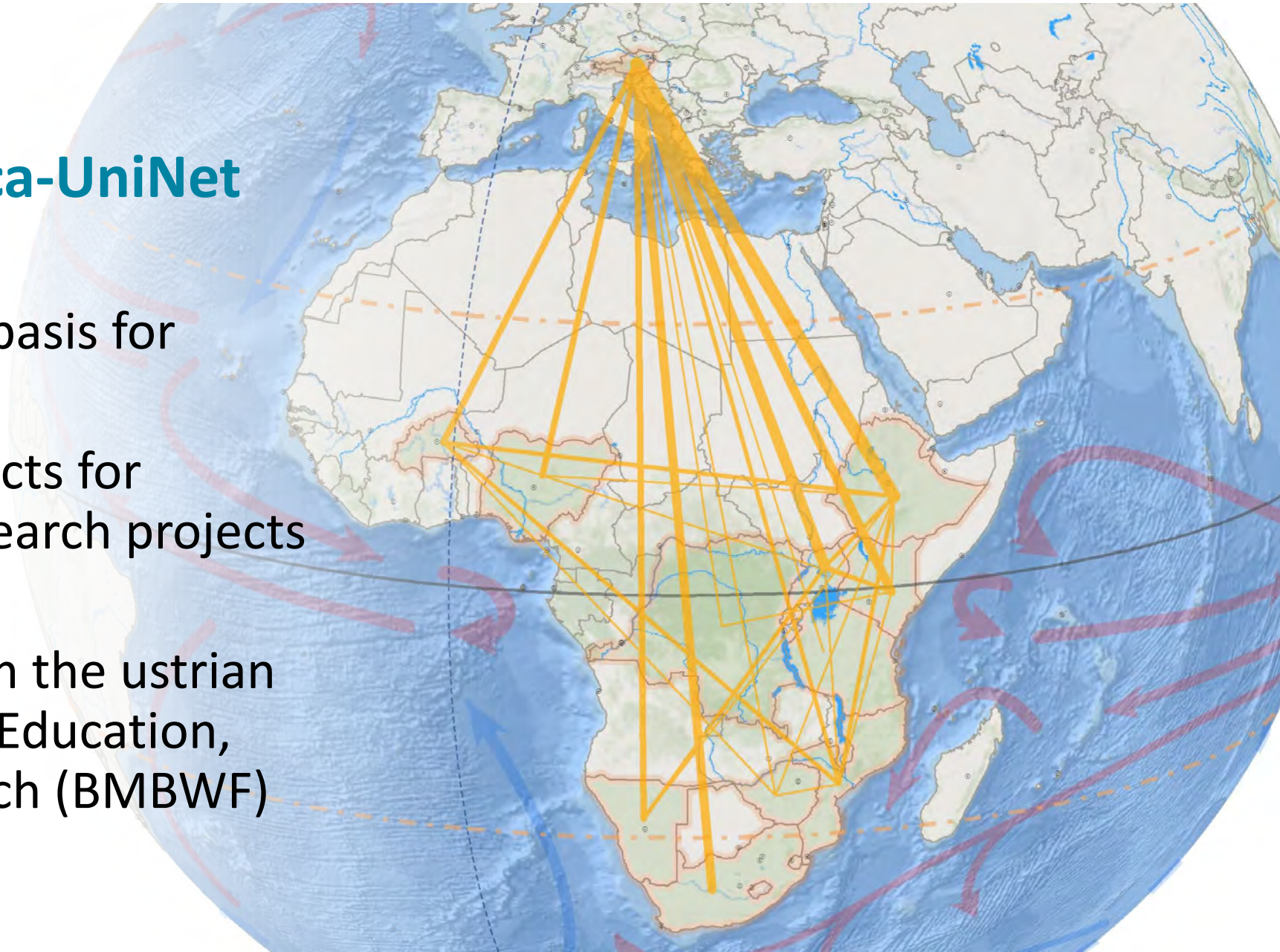# Elected President and Vice-President

- President Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU)
- Vice-President Nzula Kitaka (Egerton University)

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7. Strategic discussion and way forward

Moderators: Africa-UniNet Board

Objectives of Africa-UniNet

- create a long-term basis for cooperation

- promote new contacts for innovative joint research projects and education

- Funding comes from the ustrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)

3rd Africa-UniNet call

- Open from 1 September 2022 – 30 November 2022
- All active member institutions are eligible to participate
- International research cooperation
- Mobility costs, equipment
- Duration: 1-2 years

Find your partners at our meeting

Network and projects per country
Member countries as of 19.09.22 (Background)

Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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Discussion concerning the future of the Africa-Uninet

We form groups working on the following topics

1. **Experiences:** the development of the network, are there any obstacles what should be improved
2. **Governance and Size:** How large should the network grow, should we establish thematic areas, what should be funded, how can we improve the outreach
3. **Funding:** Where doe we see additional funding opertunities for the network or a spin off for our partners (EU, Erasmus, Donor, etc.)
4. **Activities:** At which level should we operate: Networking, Research, Education, third mission etc.
5. **Future:** How do we see the network in 5 to 10 years, which benchmark can we set as goals
6. **Activities within the countries:** Local impact of the network, funding from local organizations, activities, conferences etc.

Any other business

- Next General Assembly: September 2023 in Vienna, Austria

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