

**THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
AFRICAN SCIENCE ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE  
(ASADI III)  
DAKAR – SENEGAL, 12-14 NOVEMBRE 2007**

**DECLARATION OF DAKAR  
ASADI III**

## **WE,**

Members of the science Academies of Africa and the UN National Academy of Sciences, the Royal Society of Canada, Scientists from different corners, Policy Markers, Representatives of Development Partners and the Civil Society, Parliamentarians and Local Communities' representatives meeting in Dakar, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007, for the Third Annual International Conference of the African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI) on the theme: **Water and Health;**

- I. **Aware** of the prominent role of access to drinking water, sanitation, management of water related disasters and catastrophes in the areas of health and economic and social development of our countries, particularly those of Africa;
- II. **Aware** of the accompanying role Science Academies play in identifying, developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating governments' development policies and programs;
- III. **Aware** of the role Science Academies play as an inter face between Science and the various components of the Society;
- IV. **Acknowledging** African countries' willingness and efforts to attain the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs), and the International Community's endeavour to address these issues;
- V. **Rewarding** the eminent role played by ASADI to build capacities of African Science Academies and to strengthen their effective collaboration;

## **RECOMMEND**

1. The continuation of African Science Academy capacity building program.

2. Supporting the creation and operation of new African Science Academies
3. Advising public and private authorities for the development and implementation of Science and research policies.
4. Enhancing the capacities in the area of training for African officials and scientists in water resources in collaboration with african agencies as is the case with the African Ministerial Council on Water.
5. Greater water resource management (inventory, access, protection and use) through an increased mobilization and more efficiency in the utilization of scientific, technical, institutional and financial resources,
6. More collaborative work and dialogue among stakeholders in shared water resource management
7. Prevention and management of water related disasters planning, programming and budget allocation mechanisms as one the development priority areas.
8. Better management of water borne diseases
9. Development of a communications strategy adapted to the promotion of the role of science in development.
10. Creation of a monitoring mechanism on ASADI III outputs.

Done in Dakar, on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

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