

Statute of the Japan-Africa Scholars Network (JASNET)

Objectives

The Japan-Africa Scholars' Network (JASNET) is a multidisciplinary network of researchers and academics that provides a platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas on advancement of research and academic activities in African Studies in general. In particular, it networks with African scholars with academic experience in Japan.

Its objectives are as follows:

1. Exchanging information among African scholars, researchers, and students with experience at Japanese academic institutions
2. Promoting research capacities and activities by its members in Japan and in Africa
3. Providing information to prospects coming to Japan from Africa for studies and research
4. Supporting the African academic and student community in Japan

Activities

Its activities are as follows:

1. Creating an internet arena for the members
2. Creating and maintaining a website to share information on academic events, funds, and research activities related to Africa
3. Holding general meetings
4. Holding research meetings
5. Publishing an online newsletter

Structure

In order to manage the network, JASNET is structured as follows:

1. The steering committee
 - A) A chairperson, an executive secretary, and three to five members of the network constitute the steering committee.
 - B) Their term of service is four years (renewable).
 - C) The members of the steering committee are selected in the general meeting.
2. The secretariat
 - A) The secretariat office is based at the Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University (CAAS).
 - B) An executive secretary and two to three officers constitute the secretariat.

- C) Their term of service is four years (renewable).
 - D) The members of the secretariat are selected in the general meeting.
 - E) The secretariat conducts the daily work of JASNET, i.e., managing its website and internet arena for members.
3. General meeting
- A) All JASNET members attend the general meeting.
 - B) One third of the registered membership, including those who have sent the letter of attorney, forms the quorum for the meeting.
 - C) The decisions of the meeting are made by majority vote.
 - D) Online voting system may be utilized.

Membership

1. Membership is open to those who fall into one or more of the following categories.
 - A) African students who are/were affiliated to an academic institution in Japan
 - B) African researchers who are/were engaged in academic activities in Japan
 - C) Alumni of the Division of African Area Studies, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University
 - D) Faculty members of the Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University
 - E) Researchers who are, and who have been, members of Kyoto University.
 - F) Other scholars recommended by the JASNET steering committee
2. Membership will be by application.
3. The steering committee will examine the application and approve the membership.
4. The steering committee can suspend the persons whose conduct violates the policy of JASNET and recommend further dismissal actions to the general meeting.
5. Membership is free of charge

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