



DECLARATION OF DAKAR ASADI III

"WE, the members of the science academies of Africa and the U.S. National Academies, the Royal Society of Canada, scientists from different corners of the world, policymakers, representatives of development partners and the civil society, parliamentarians, and local community representatives, meeting in Dakar, Senegal, from the 12th to 14th of November, 2007, for the Third Annual International Conference of the African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI III) on the theme of water and health,

– AWARE of the prominent role of access to drinking water, sanitation, and management of water-related disasters and catastrophes in the areas of health, economic, and social development of our countries, particularly those of Africa,

– AWARE of the accompanying role science academies play in identifying, developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating governments' development policies and programs,

– AWARE of the role science academies play as an interface between science and the various components of society, and

– ACKNOWLEDGING African countries' willingness and efforts to attain the U.N. Millennium Development Goals and the international community's endeavor to address these issues,

HEREBY RECOMMEND:

1. the continuation of the African science academy capacity-building program.
2. support for the creation and operation of new African science academies.
3. advising public and private authorities on the development and implementation of science and research policies.
4. enhancing 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 increased mobilization and more-efficient 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 disaster planning, programming, and budget allocation mechanisms as one of the development priority areas.

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8. better management of waterborne diseases.
9. development of a communications strategy to promote the role of science in development.
10. creation of a monitoring mechanism on ASADI III outputs."

Read on the 14th November, 2007, at ASADI III closing ceremony by the **Honorable Jennifer Namyangu Byakatonda**, senior minister in charge of water resources and member of parliament, Uganda.