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Africa Convenient Means of Transport



The True Size of Africa

A small contribution in the fight against rampant *Immappancy*, by Kai Krause
Graphic layout for visualization only (some countries are cut and rotated)
But the conclusions are very accurate: refer to table below for exact data

COUNTRY	AREA x 1000 km ²
China	9.597
USA	9.629
India	3.287
Mexico	1.964
Peru	1.285
France	633
Spain	506
Papua New Guinea	462
Sweden	441
Japan	378
Germany	357
Norway	324
Italy	301
New Zealand	270
United Kingdom	243
Nepal	147
Bangladesh	144
Greece	132
TOTAL	30.102
AFRICA	30.221

In addition to the well known social issues of illiteracy and innumeracy, there also should be such a concept as *"immappancy"*, meaning *insufficient geographical knowledge*.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose *"2-3 billion"* and *"largest in the world"*, respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as *Mercator*).

A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of *Africa*. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the *USA, China, India, Japan and all of Europe..... combined!*

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Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World
Sources: Britannica, Wikipedia, Almanac



Most of the World fits into Africa; hence, Air is most suitable transport means for sustainable development of African economies

- Aviation Safety results
- Main Impediment

Partnership in Safety Improvement to Trigger a Virtuous Cycle



Africa Started Safety Improvement



**Head of States endorsed
Safety Targets set by
Ministers in July 2012**



- 3 Regional runway safety seminar conducted
- States gained 11 to 35% EI
- SSCs resolved in 3 States

The Roadmap

- Reduce runway related accidents and serious incidents by 50% by the end of 2015.
- Reduce controlled flight into terrain (CFIT) related accidents and serious incidents by 50% by the end of Dec 2015.
- Reduce Loss of Control related accidents/serious incidents by 50% by the end of 2015
- Resolve existing SSCs by July 2013;
- Resolve newly identified SSCs within 12 months
- Increase EI of all African States to world average by the end of 2017
- Certify all International Aerodromes by the end of 2015
- Implement SSP and SMS by 2015
- Require African airlines to complete IOSA by 2015

**Global Partnership: Strategic Vision, focus on
implementation of Africa Safety Improvement Roadmap**

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