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Regional Capacity Development Workshop for National Coordinators of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network in Sub-Saharan Africa and International Orientation Session for new ASPnet Coordinators

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GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT



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A global network – Name, mission, objectives

Name:

UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet)

Mission:

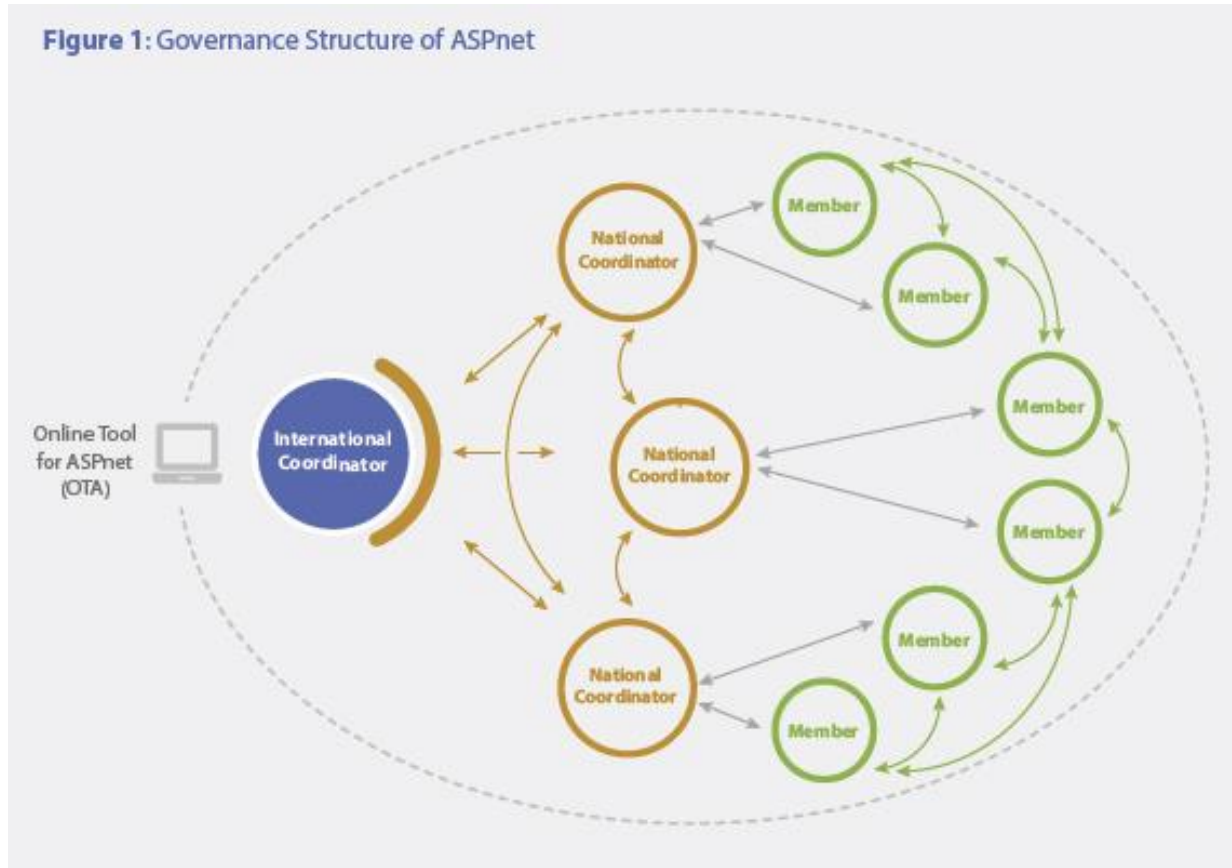
- ✓ Emphasize the 4 pillars of education:
 - Learning to Know
 - Learning to Do
 - Learning to Be
 - Learning to Live together



Objectives:

- ✓ Contribute to the achievement of the **SDGs**
- ✓ Focus on **Target 4.7** of **SDG 4**

The governance structure



- OTA is the platform that connects the **3 key actors** of ASPnet with each other

The Role of the International Coordinator

International Coordinator at UNESCO

Responsible for:

- Global Coordination & Management
- Providing strategic, technical and quality-assurance guidance to the National Coordinators
- Certifying membership to ASPnet
- Facilitating collaboration between countries and regions
- Assuring the visibility of the network as an agent for change

The Role of the National Coordinator

National Coordinator is appointed by National Commission for UNESCO

Responsibilities:

- **Oversee operation and management** of ASPnet, including quality assurance, at country level
- **Link ASPnet schools** with national authorities and UNESCO, and with other schools
- **Support development and implementation** of ASPnet activities in the country
- **Relay information** from UNESCO to the members
- **Report** the countries' ASPnet activities to UNESCO

Member Schools

Member Schools are the main actors of ASPnet

Responsibilities

- Develop and **implement innovative** activities
- **Share** their experiences with their National Coordinator and with other schools in their country and internationally for:
 - mutual learning & showing good practices
 - mobilizing their communities
 - raising awareness on GCED & ESD
 - widening the impact of ASPnet



Membership

Who can become a member of ASPnet?

- All public or private schools recognized by national authorities
- All levels of schools:
 - ✓ pre-primary
 - ✓ primary
 - ✓ secondary
 - ✓ TVET
 - ✓ TTI
- Formal and non-formal institutions

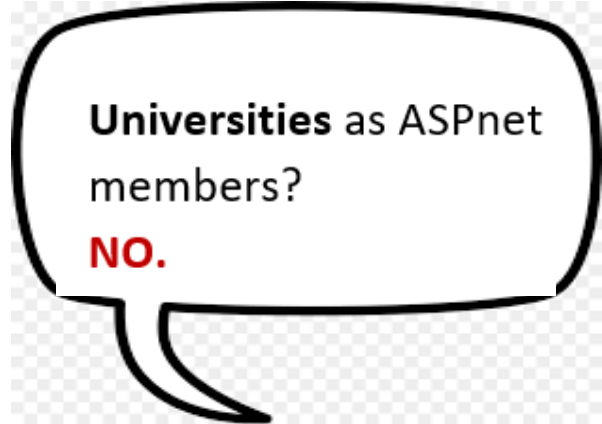
Duration fixed: 3 - 5 years

Renewable membership:

- if conditions are fulfilled

Verification means:

- Annual member's report
- Visits or other monitoring and/or evaluation measures



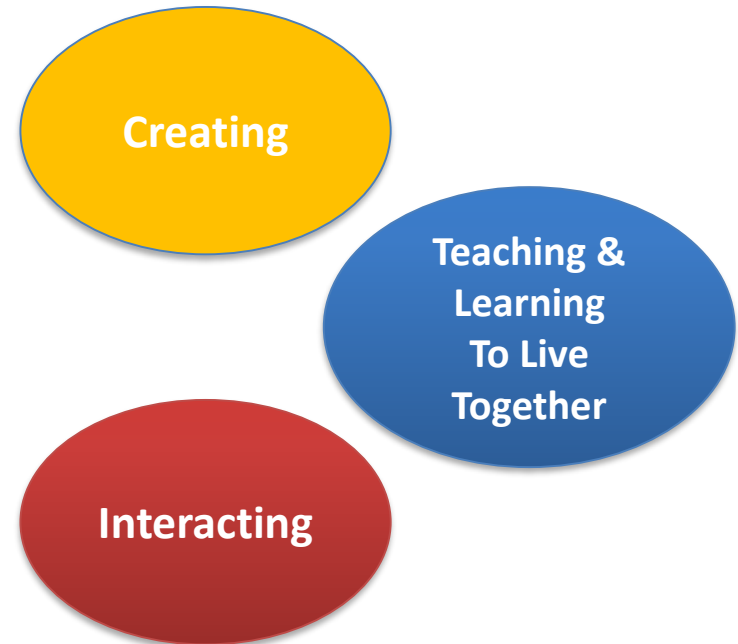
Universities as ASPnet members?

NO.

Criterion

The main membership criterion is:

- **Voluntary commitment** of the school community to promote UNESCO's values and ideals:
 - use **innovative** and participatory methodologies and approaches
 - provide safe, sustainable and **inclusive** learning environments
 - **interact** with other schools



Requirements

A set of clear requirements / *Minimum standards* for member schools to assure quality

- submission of **annual work plan** and **report**
- celebration of at least **2 United Nations days**
- participation in **at least 1 global or regional activity** proposed by UNESCO
- communication and interaction:
 - display a **visible sign of ASPnet** membership
 - **Inform their school community** about ASPnet
 - Share and update their **information on OTA** at least twice every year



Admission Process

1. Schools must [apply online on OTA](#)
 2. A preparatory period of at least **one year** is recommended
 3. Evaluation and recommendation to UNESCO by National Coordinator
3. Approval & Certification:
- **Membership is granted** and certified exclusively by UNESCO
 - UNESCO sends **signed original certificate** to the National Coordinator
 - **Officially certified schools :**
 - are included in the global UNESCO ASPnet Directory
 - receive from UNESCO a login and tutorial for the use of OTA
 - are called **ASPnet members**



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