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Presentation to the
Parliamentary
Portfolio Committee
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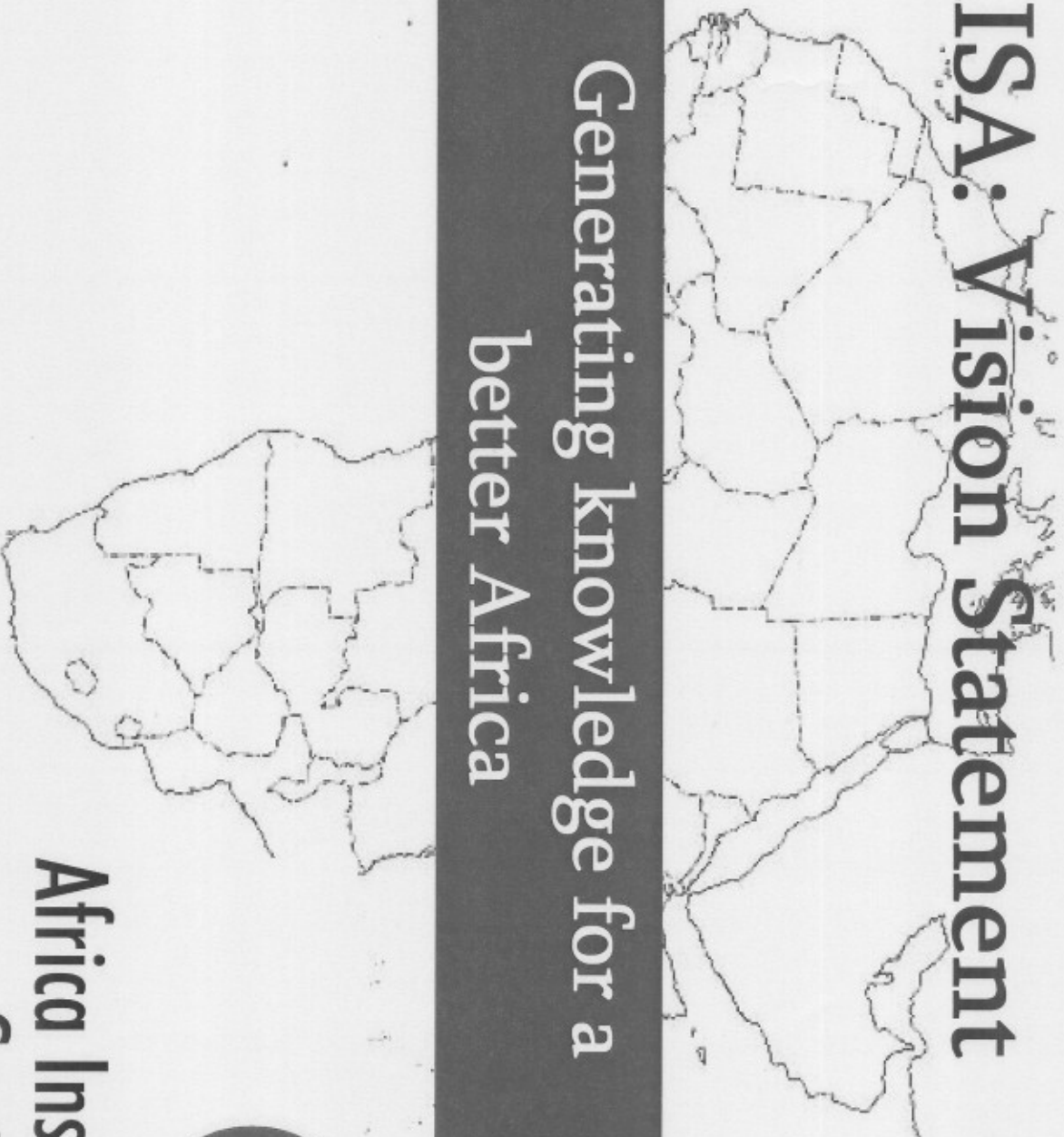
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Annual Report 2005/2006

AISA: *V*ision Statement

Generating knowledge for a
better Africa



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AISA: Mission Statement



AISA is an independent Pan-African institution that works towards:

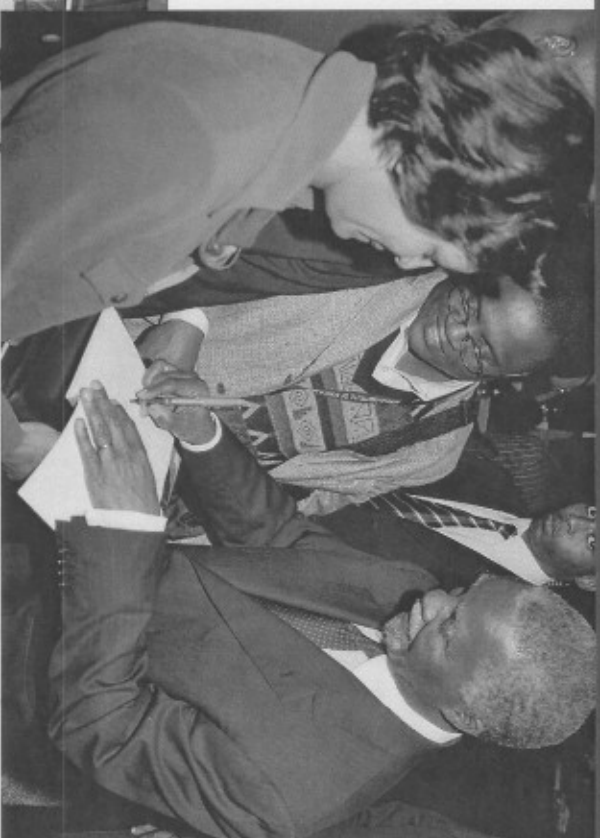
- **Promotion of research excellence**
- **Dissemination of information**
- **Empowerment**
- **Policy support**
- **Partnerships for the peace, development and prosperity in Africa**



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Development through Knowledge

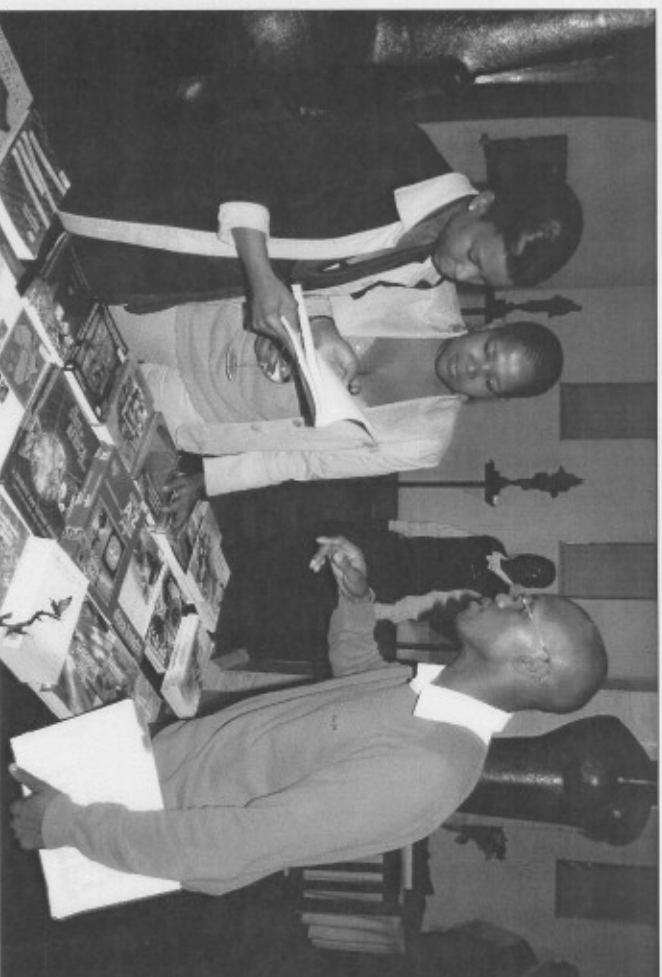


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AISA Strategic Objectives 2005 & Beyond

- Maximise the relevance, effectiveness, and capacity of AISA's research



- Increase contribution to cutting-edge research and inform policy formulation



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AISA Strategic Objectives 2005 & Beyond (cont.)



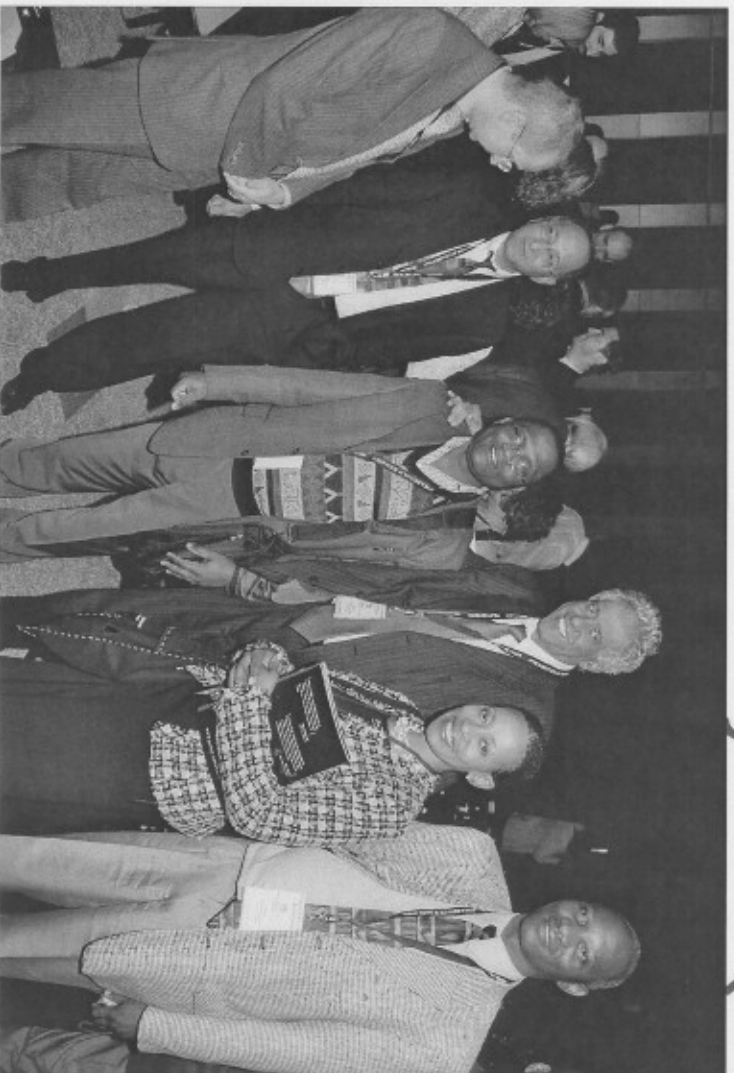
- Enhance AISA's impact and create African awareness at all levels

- Optimise the documentation and dissemination of knowledge



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AISA Strategic Objectives 2005 & Beyond (cont.)



- Ensure return on investment (ROI) and increased revenue, to further enhance AISA's capacity to deliver on its mandate

- Position AISA as a platform for public debate and discourse on African affairs



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Research Divisions' Achievements

- AISA's research output for 2005-06 has shown a marked improvement over the 2004-05 financial year.
- AISA is at the forefront of South African research organisations with fieldwork across the continent, representing the institutionalised centre-piece of research activity expected of all researchers.
- Increase shown in the form of fieldwork-based research as recommended by *AISA's Institutional Review* in 2004.
- Researchers produced policy-related papers and presented the results of their research at conferences, seminars and briefings



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Research Divisions' Achievements (cont.)

- **Minimum of two fieldwork assignments per researcher**
- **Funding dependent on rigorous assessment of the academic merit and alignment to AISA's mandate**
- **Eight researchers were awarded funding for fieldwork research in Nigeria, Cameroon, Mozambique, Kenya, DRC, among other countries**



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Programmes Division

- The division comprises:
'Global Governance', 'Development and Self-Reliance' and
'Peace, Democracy and Security'
- Networking with high level governmental, NGO, and African representatives
- Fact-finding missions with senior national political leaders, as advisors to the APRM
- Researchers support AISA's central mandate to produce contemporary research findings on Africa
- Presentations of policy-orientated issues, at conferences and seminars



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Programmes Division (cont.)



- Addressed Parliamentary Portfolio Committees, and briefed the Pan African Parliament (PAP) on its oversight role
- Participated in the media as speakers and experts on contemporary African problems
- Researchers have also provided briefings on African topics of specific interest to diplomats and foreign delegations
- Other research topics: 'Peace and Conflict Trends', 'Indigenous Institutions in Governance', 'HIV/AIDS', 'Sudan's Foreign Policy', 'Darfur Conflict', 'UN Reform', and 'African Diaspora'



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