### **Africa calls for map to show continent's true size**

The African Union (AU) wants people to stop using the most widely used map that shows Africa as being small. The map was created in 1569. In the 18th century, it became the international map for sailors. It is now the world's most widely used map. However, countries far from the Equator look larger than they are, while countries closer to the Equator look smaller. The AU wants a map that shows the correct size of Africa, and of other continents and countries.

The AU spoke to Reuters about the map. It said Africa is the world's second-largest continent, but the map did not show this. The non-profit organization Africa No Filter agreed. It said Mercator map was "misinformation…and it just simply has to stop". The group Speak Up Africa wants people to use the 2018 Equal Earth map. On this map "Africa appears 15 times larger than Greenland, as it actually is". This shows the correct size of countries.

**Homework:**

Write a full sentence answer for each question below.

1. When was the world's most widely used map created?
2. Who used the world's most widely used map in the 18th century?
3. How do countries far from the Equator look on the widely used map?
4. What map does the Speak Up Africa group want people to use?
5. What is Africa 15 times larger than?