# A STATUS REPORT

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# EXPECTATIONS FOR THE AIMS-IMAGINARY MEETING

- [ ] A RARE CHANCE TO **GET TOGETHER EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD** INCLUDING A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES (**SENEGAL, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, GHANA, SOUTH AFRICA, SUDAN, COTE D'IVOIRE**)

- [ ] TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF EXTREME **IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATHEMATICS** UNDERSTANDING AND EDUCATION IN THESE COUNTRIES

- [ ] TO DISCOVER WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OTHER COUNTRIES

- [ ] TO **SHARE EXPERIENCES** IN TEACHING AND COMMUNICATING MATHEMATICS IN AFRICA

# THE BIRTH OF MATHEMAFRICA.ORG

☐ NOT A BLOG, BUT A **BLOGGING PLATFORM**

☐ **FACILITATING ACCESS AND A VOICE** TO THOSE IN AFRICA WHO CURRENTLY MAY NOT HAVE AN EASY PLACE TO READ ABOUT AND WRITE ABOUT MATHEMATICS

☐ **WE DO NOT WANT TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO SAY** OR WRITE ABOUT, BUT GIVE THEM AN EASY PLACE TO DO SO AND BE **HEARD BY A BIG AUDIENCE**

☐ **MULTI-LINGUAL, MULTI-BLOGGER**

# PURPOSES OF MATHEMAFRICA

- ☐ **INSPIRE** YOUNG PEOPLE

- ☐ EDUCATE ABOUT THE **RELEVANCE OF MATHEMATICS**

- ☐ ALLOW A **COMMUNITY TO FORM**

- ☐ **INFORM ABOUT DISCOVERIES** IN AND OUTSIDE OF AFRICA

- ☐ GIVE A **SHOWCASE FOR ROLE MODELS**

- ☐ COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE **HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS IN DIFFERENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

- ☐ **PUBLICISE** EVENTS

# BLOG FUNCTIONALITY

- ☐ WE WANT THE PLATFORM ITSELF TO BE AS MULTILINGUAL AS POSSIBLE - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TRANSLATE BOTH THE FRAMEWORK AND CONTENT IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUES - FRAMEWORK IS KEY.

- ☐ ANYONE WHO WANTS TO WRITE CAN CONTACT US AND WE WILL SET THEM UP

- ☐ WE WANT MARGINAL POLICING, THOUGH A REPORTING SERVICE SHOULD BE INCLUDED

- ☐ BLOGGERS CAN DECIDE ON THEIR OWN COMMENT POLICIES

# MOVING FORWARD

☐ CONTACTING <span style="color:red">MATHEMATICAL SOCIETIES</span> AROUND AFRICA

☐ CREATING A <span style="color:red">NETWORK</span>

☐ ALLOWING OTHERS FREEDOM TO MOVE THE PLATFORM IN THE DIRECTIONS THEY SEE AS USEFUL

☐ FINDING CURRENT STAR MATHEMATICIANS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES (FOR INSTANCE, IN SOUTH AFRICA <span style="color:red">MAMOKGETHI PHAKENG</span>)

☐ OPENING IT TO THE PUBLIC VERY SOON!