

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 — UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Africa at its true scale

For over a century, the Mercator projection made Africa look barely bigger than Greenland. The UN just voted to end that.

Before — Mercator

Standard since 1569, still used on most online maps.



After — Eckert IV

Equal-area projection adopted by France for its official maps.



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Greenland (2.17M km²) looks about the same size as Africa on Mercator. In reality, Africa (30.4M km²) is roughly **14 times bigger**.

THE VOTE

164 votes for, 1 against (United States), 6 abstentions. The “Correcting the Map” resolution is non-binding: it encourages equal-area projections (Equal Earth, Eckert IV) without banning Mercator.

WHY KOUSH IS TALKING ABOUT THIS

Koush exists for the same reason: making visible what dominant representations have long minimized — maps, but also tech directories and African AI search.

Sources: Fortune, Euronews, The Irish Times (09/05/2026) — details and links at koush.app/new-africa-map