The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) is responsible for the following areas in the Nordic region:

1. Promoting research on social, political and economic developments in Africa by conducting its own high-quality research, acting as a focal point and catalyst for Nordic research on Africa, stimulating research on Africa in the Nordic region and promoting cooperation and contacts between Nordic and African researchers.

2. Disseminating advanced and relevant information based on research about modern Africa and African conditions. The Institute is to conduct an active policy dialogue and the information is to be made available to decision-makers in the Nordic region.

3. Monitoring and making available literature and other electronic and physical information carriers of relevance for research, study and information on modern Africa. The Nordic Africa Institute is to provide a library with lending, reference and information services. Ordinance (2008:1443).

Leadership

Section 2
The authority is led by an agency head.

Organisation
Section 3
The Institute has a programme and research council that has two members and one alternate from each of the five Nordic countries. An additional member represents Uppsala University Library.

Section 4
(Entered into force on 1 February 2009.)
The Programme and Research Council is to:

1. act as an advisory council under Section 9 of the Government Agencies Ordinance (2007:515) and follow, and function as an advisory body for, the activities of the Institute;

2. specify the direction of the Institute’s research, and especially of its research programmes;

3. make recommendations for appointments of research associates and senior researchers at the Institute; and

4. prepare other important matters referred to the Council by the Director. Ordinance (2008:1443).

Appointments and commissions

Section 5
The Director of the Institute is an agency head.

Section 6
The members and alternate members of the Programme and Research Council are appointed by the Government for a fixed term upon notification by each Nordic country. At least one of the members shall represent their country’s research environment. The Programme and Research Council appoints its chair from among its members.

Section 7
When the Institute announces vacancies, it shall also do so in Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway.

Staff disciplinary board

Section 8
The Institute is to have a staff disciplinary board.

The applicability of certain ordinances

Section 9
The Nordic Africa Institute is to apply the Staff Representatives Ordinance (1987:1101).
Appeals

Section 10
The Institute’s decisions in matters concerning the allocation of grants or other financial support are not subject to appeal.