

# AFRICA SOIL LABORATORY NETWORK - AFRILAB



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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- PRIORITIES AND NEEDS
- PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NASOLANS
- SURVEY RESULTS – GLOSOLAN INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

# PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

- HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
  - In person trainings on:
    - ✓ Equipment
    - ✓ Health and safety
    - ✓ Quality control
    - ✓ Generation of local PT samples
    - ✓ Broad interpretation of soil fertility/fertilizer recommendation
  - Regional laboratory – to support the above needs and serve as reference for the region

# PRIORITIES AND NEEDS cont.

- Financial resource mobilization
  - ✓ This is necessitated by the need to run projects; at national or regional level

# PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NASOLANS

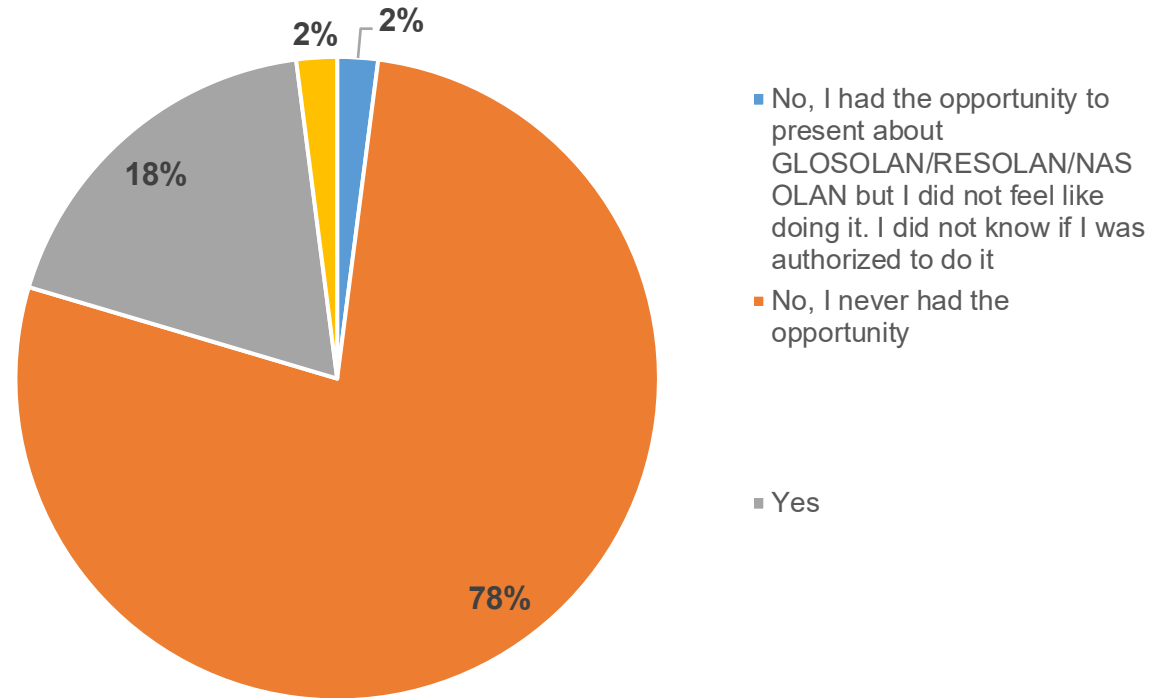
THOUGH THE REGIONAL NETWORK IS THREE YEARS OLD IT STILL HAS THREE CATEGORIES OF NASOLANS:

- Established: e.g. Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Botswana
- Under establishment: e.g. Niger
- Not established yet (different reasons/circumstances)
  1. Low number of laboratories operating in the country
  2. Communication problems
  3. Lack of knowledge
  4. Need of financial resources

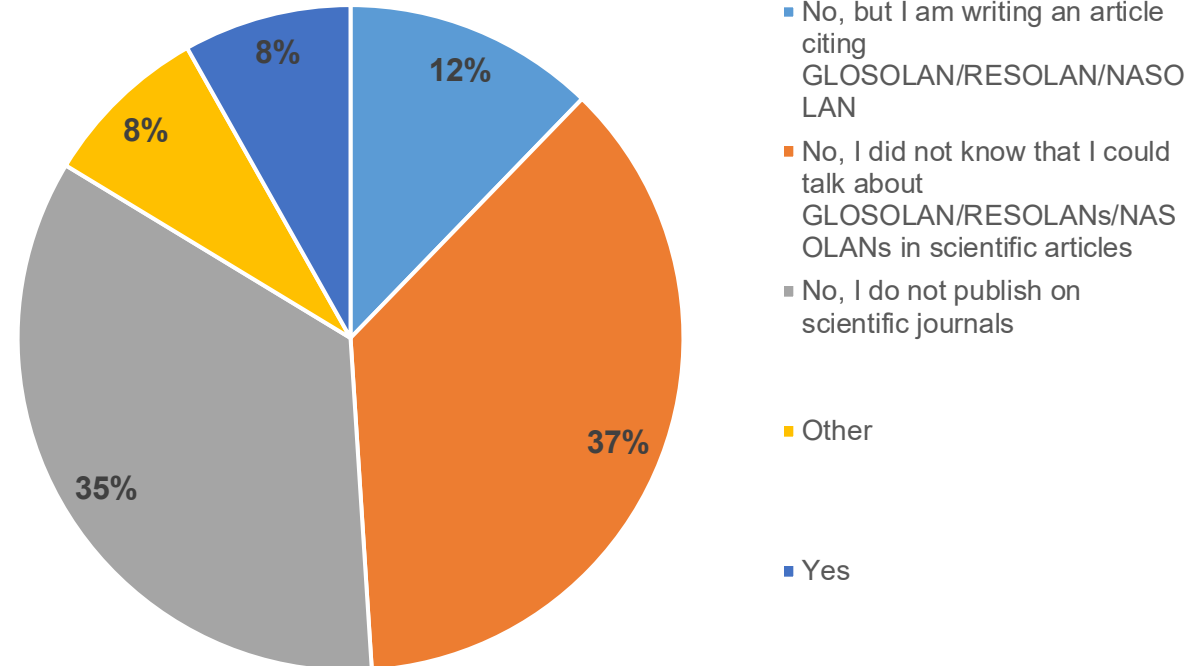
# COMMUNICATING THE NETWORKS

- SURVEY ON ACTIVITIES OF LABORATORIES
  - Advertising at conferences/meetings
  - In article publications
  - Informed technicians
- The results of the survey are discussed in the following slides:

# Have you ever advertised GLOSOLAN and RESOLANs/NASOLANs at international meetings/conferences?

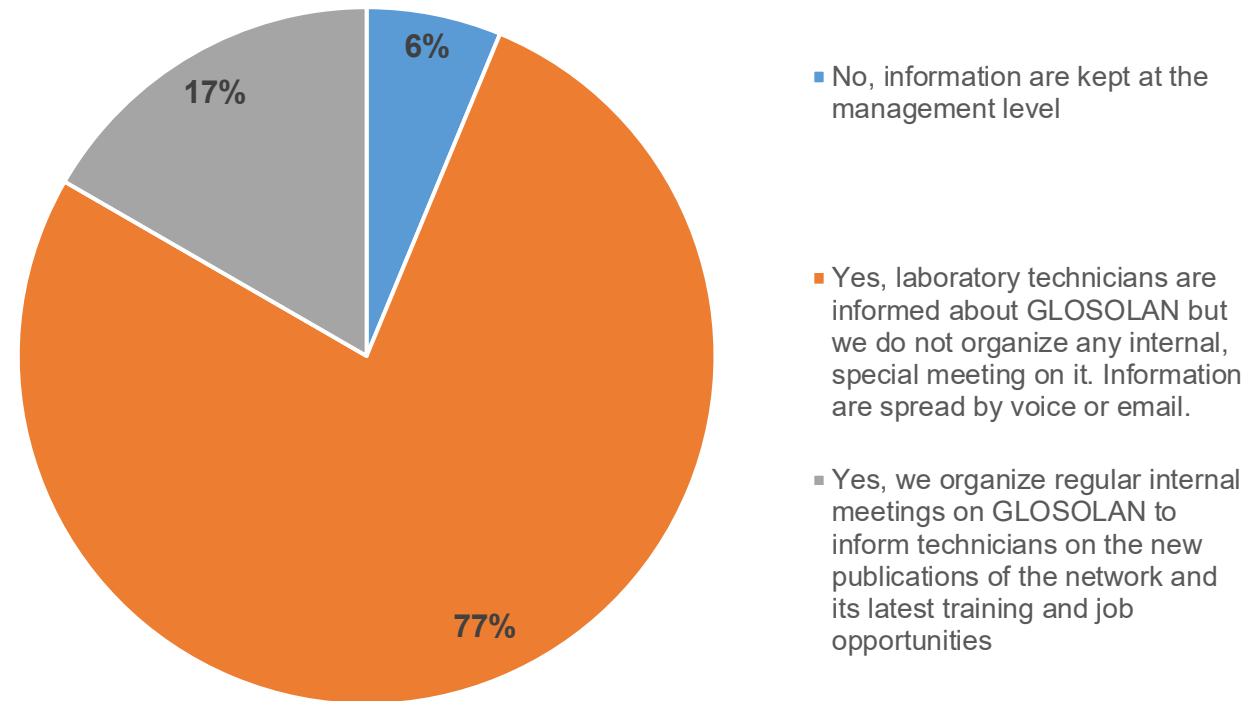


# Have you ever discussed GLOSOLAN and RESOLANs/NASOLANs in articles published on national and/or international journals?





# Are technicians at your laboratory informed on GLOSOLAN activities?



# CONCLUSSION

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Physical meetings
2. Regional exchange visits
3. Capacity building of office bearers
4. Provision of office equipment, where funds permit
5. Regional visits by governances



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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

