

Mapping activities at the Open Access Week 2010

An updated picture of the way
Open Access is presently developing worldwide
(with particular attention to Africa)



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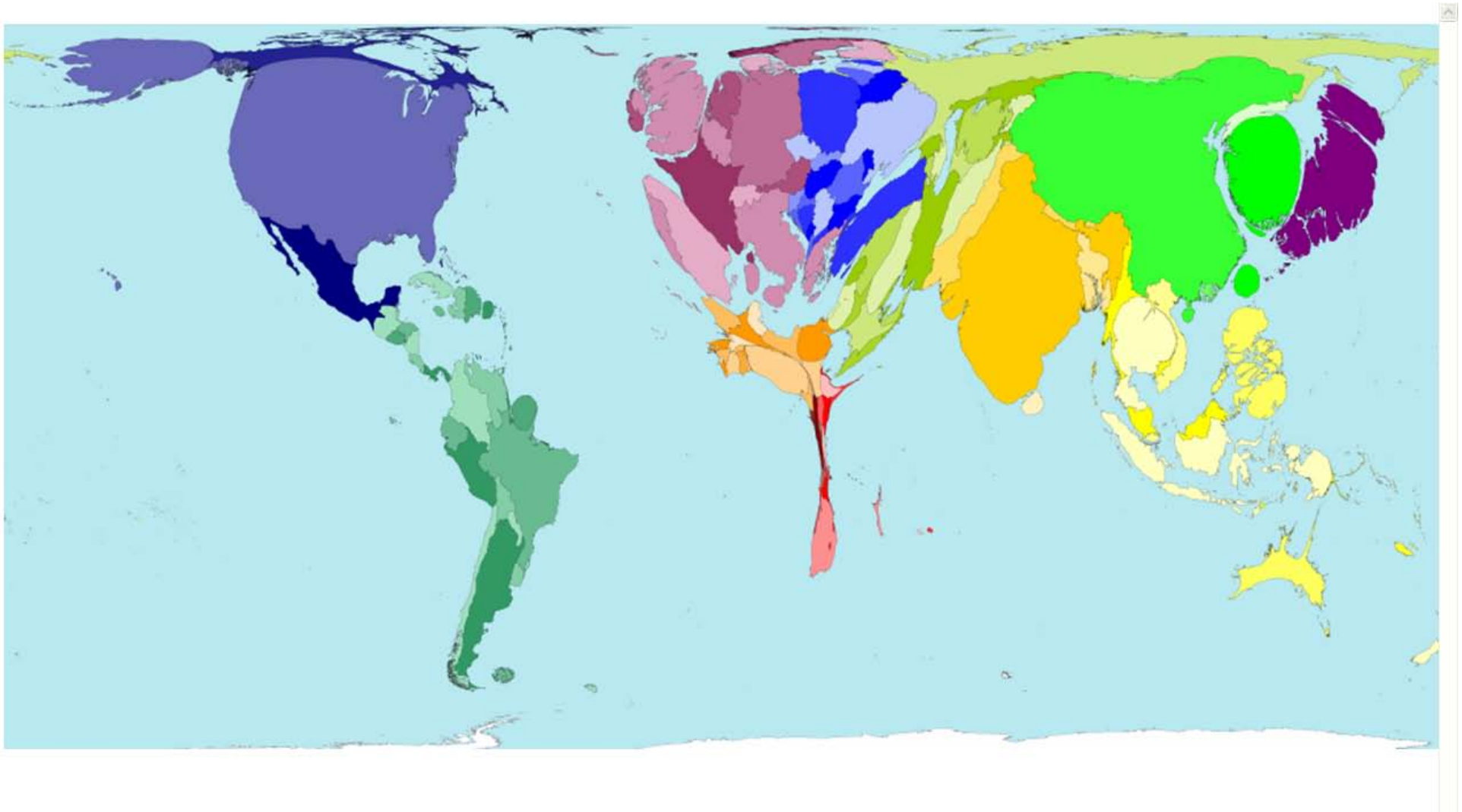
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After the **1st Open Access Africa conference** was held last Nov 10-11th at Jomo Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya, we were checking values in Africa for some important Open Access-related indicators at worldmapper.org, such as:

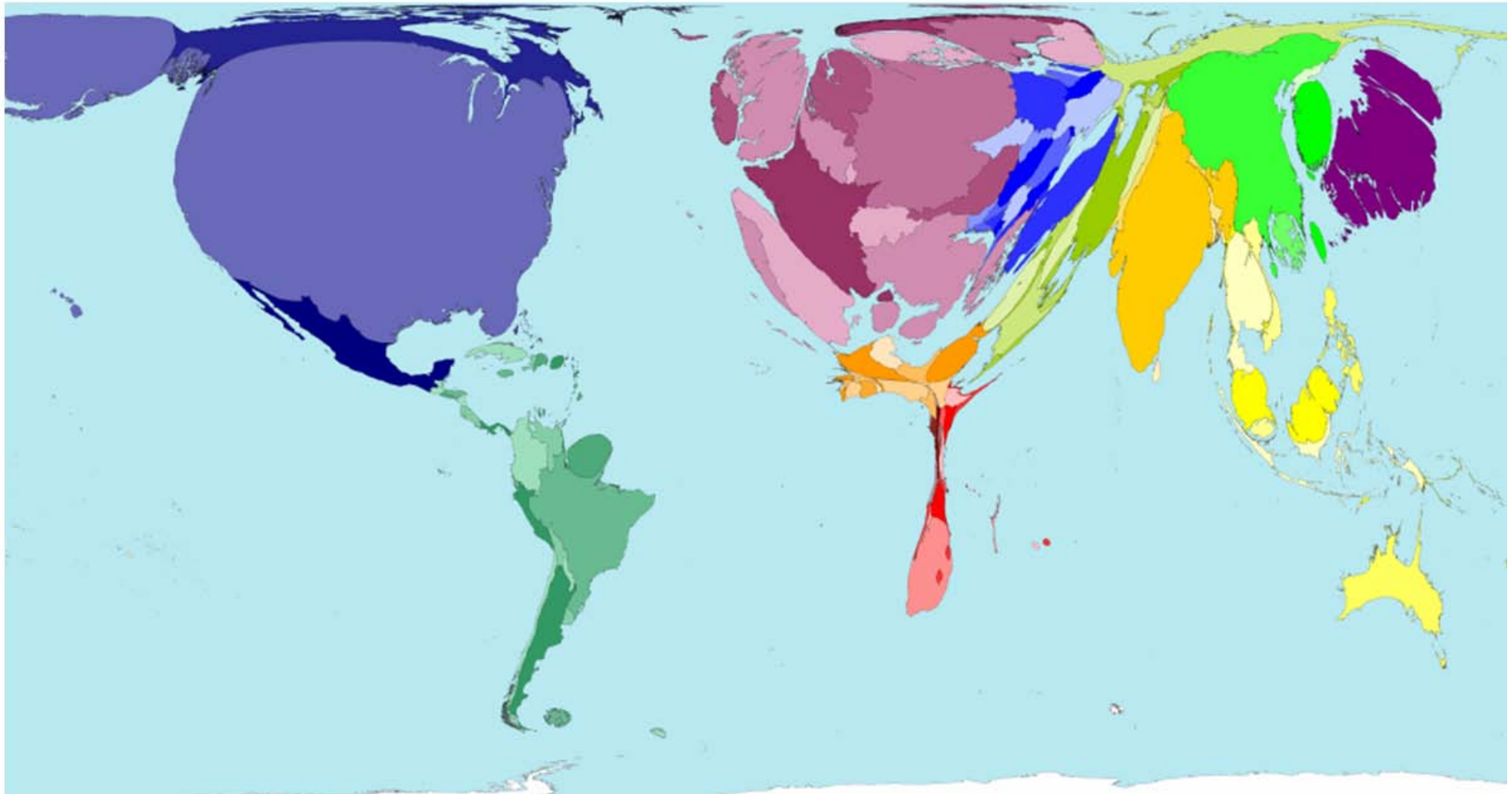
- Tertiary education (2002)
- Tertiary education spending (2001)
- Science research (2001)
- Internet users (2007)



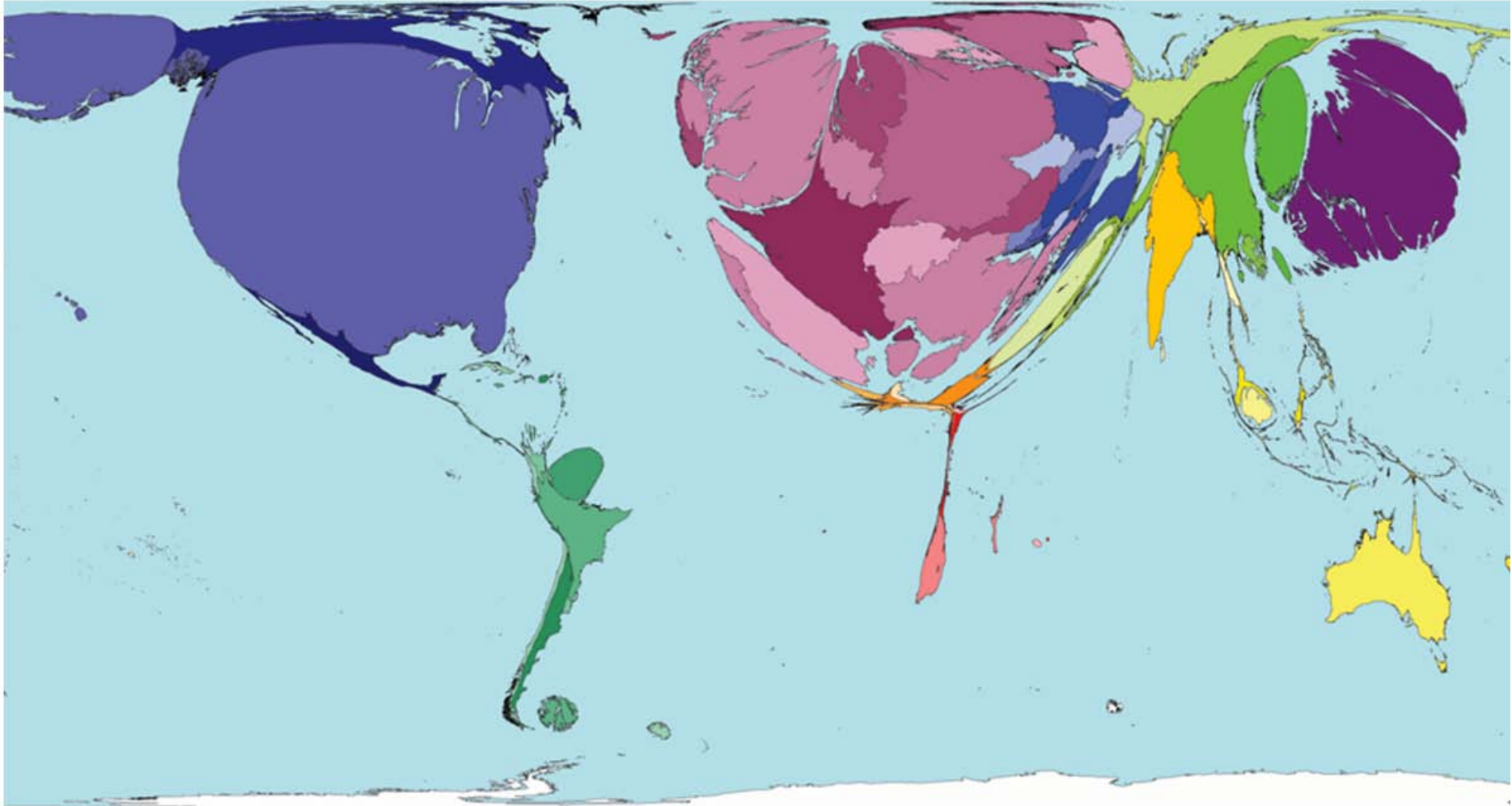
“Territory size shows the proportion of **people worldwide enrolled in tertiary education**, who live there” (Worldmapper)



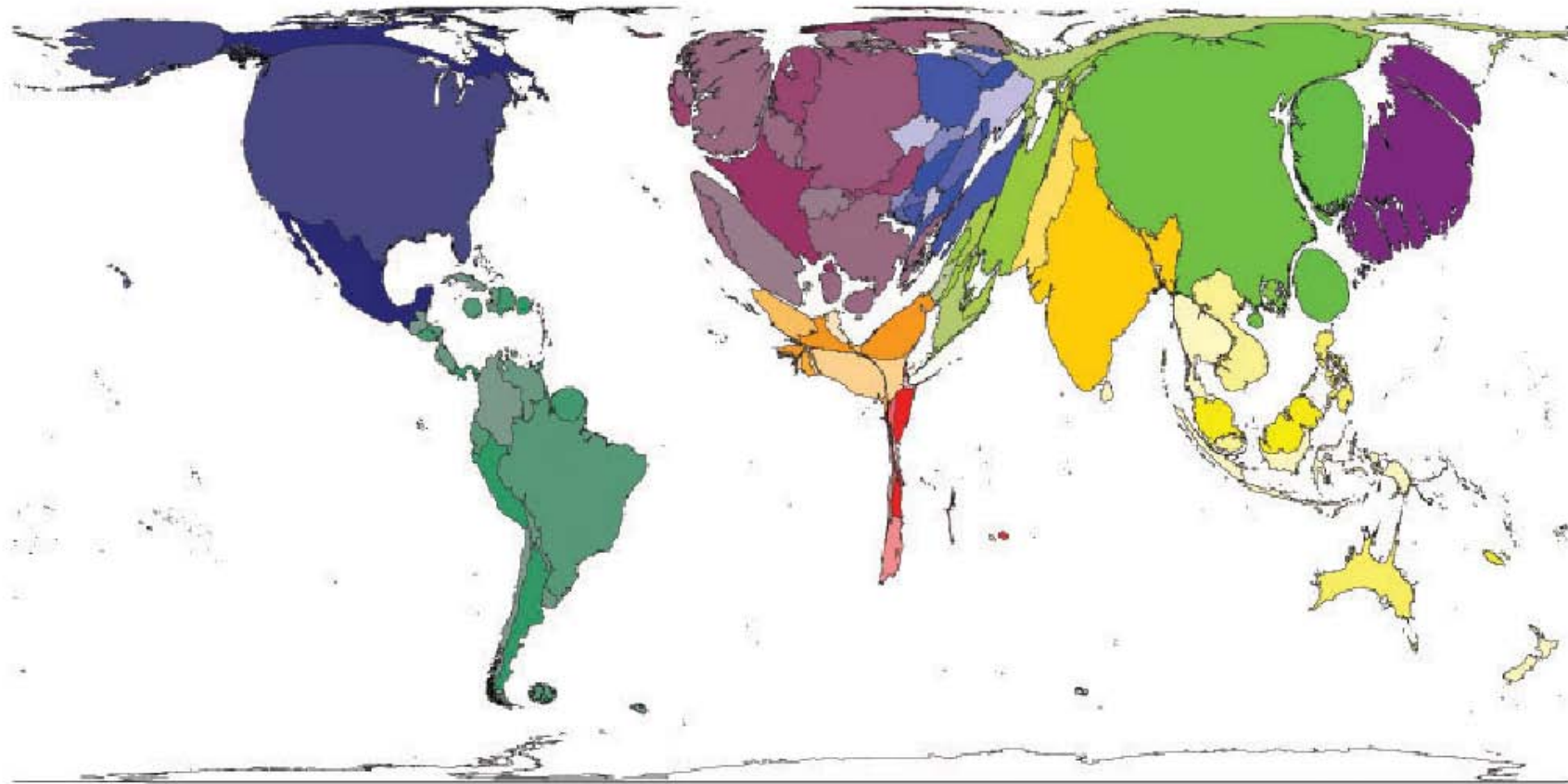
“Territory size shows the **proportion of all spending on tertiary education worldwide** that is spent there, when measured in purchasing power parity US\$” (Worldmapper)



“Territory size shows the proportion of **all scientific papers published in 2001** written by authors living there” (Worldmapper)



In terms of Open Access development in Africa, this is probably the most worrying one...



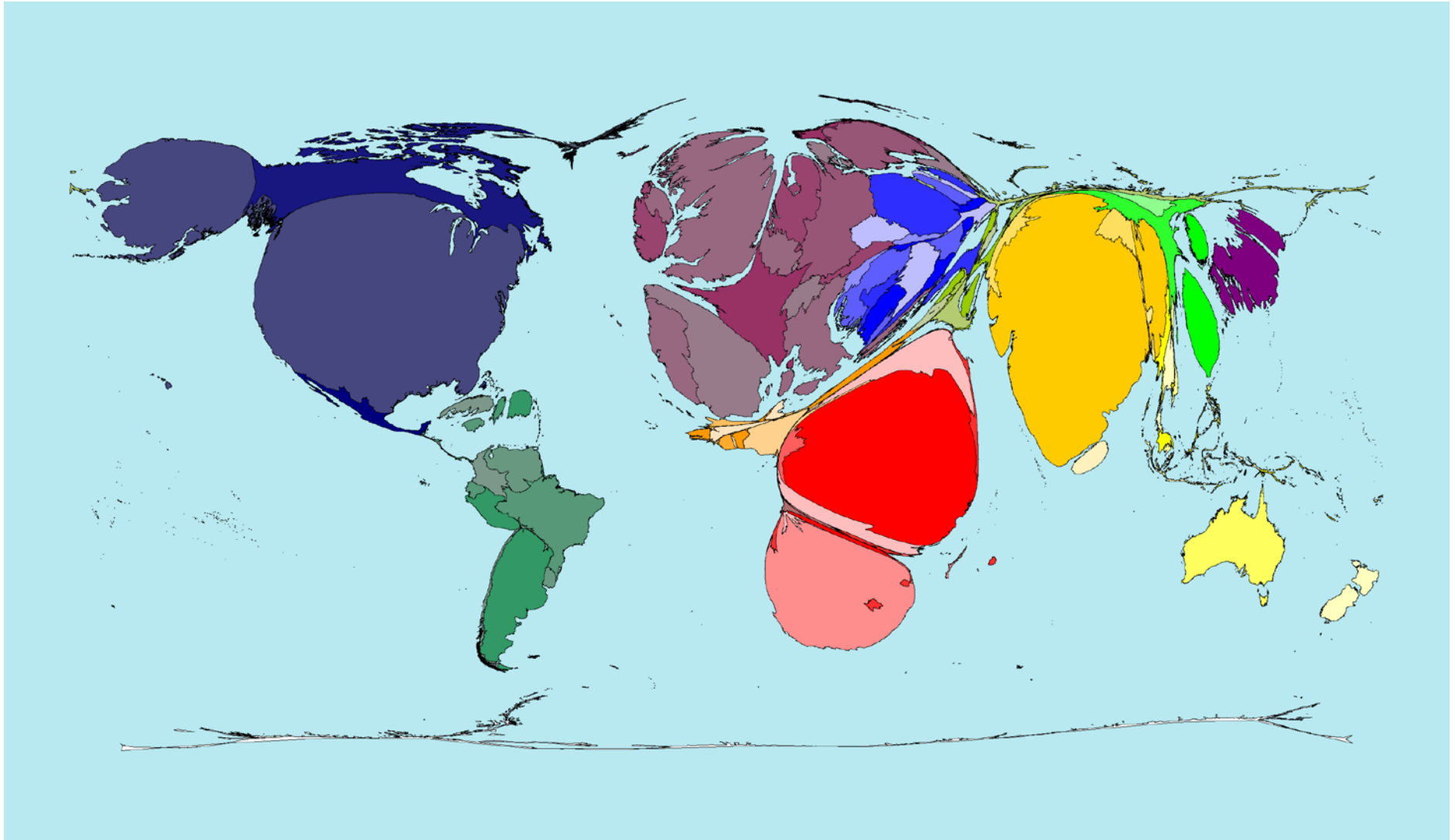
Internet Users Year 2007

All these indicators being quite bad-looking except for South Africa, it should also be noted that survey dates are not too recent for any of them. Things may be nevertheless starting to change a bit in Africa with regard to Open Access, therefore we thought we might try to find a map which would reflect real recent evolution of Open Access development in the world. This is what we tried:

Number of activities by country along the SPARC-organised 4th edition of the Open Access Week (Oct 18-24th, 2010)



And this is what we got...



Open Access promotion and dissemination activities in developing countries should now materialise in a growing number of operating repositories with a critical mass of locally-based research contents which may come of use for solving problems that affect the whole society in those countries.

Prospects do not look bad at all when looking at this one last map!

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