

ACPAC's role in strengthening accountability in international parliaments

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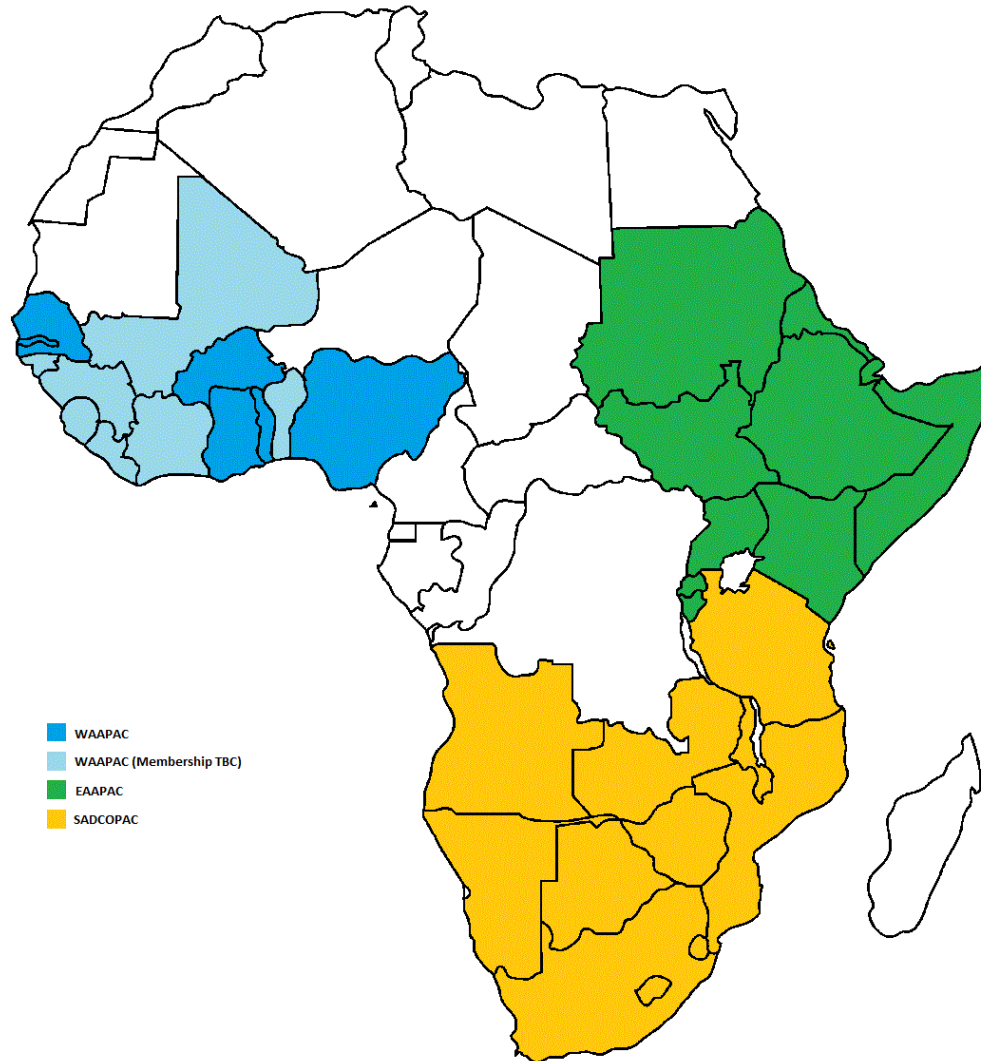
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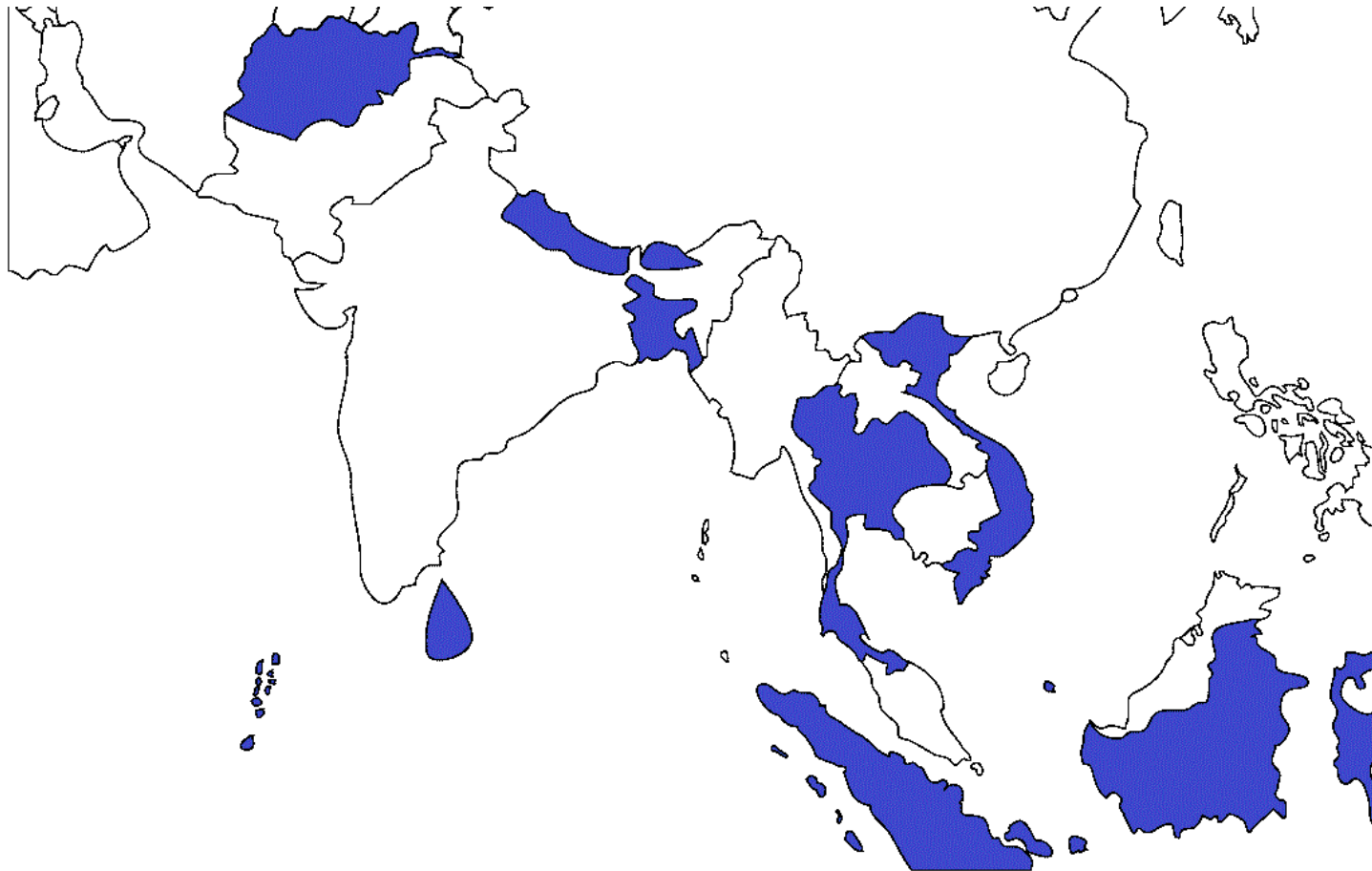
Growth of regional PAC Councils

- EAAPAC – Eastern Africa
- WAAPAC – Western Africa
- SADCOPAC – Southern Africa
- South Africa's association including provisional PACs
- ARAPAC – Asia
- Potential Pacific PAC council

African Regional PAC Councils



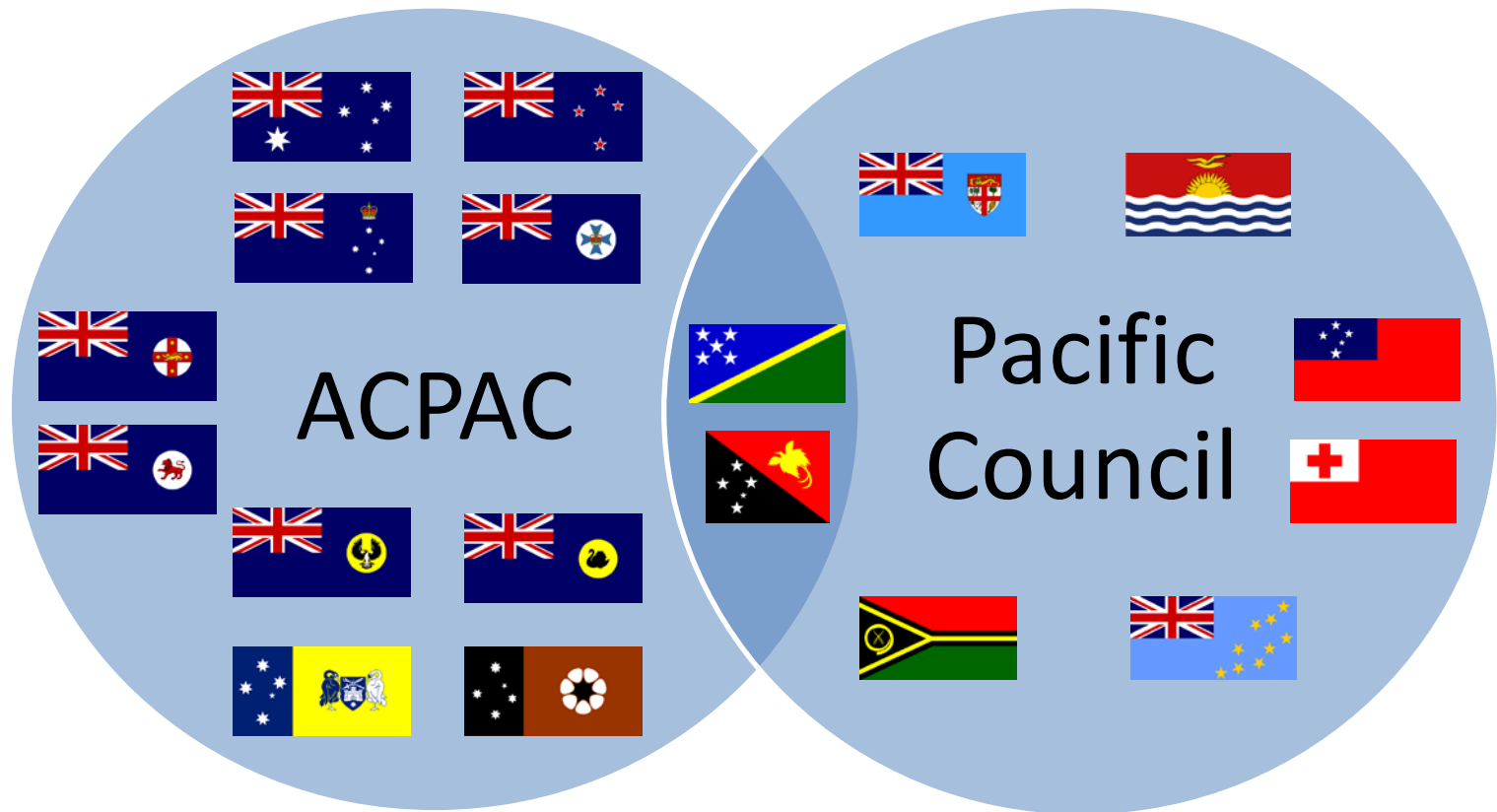
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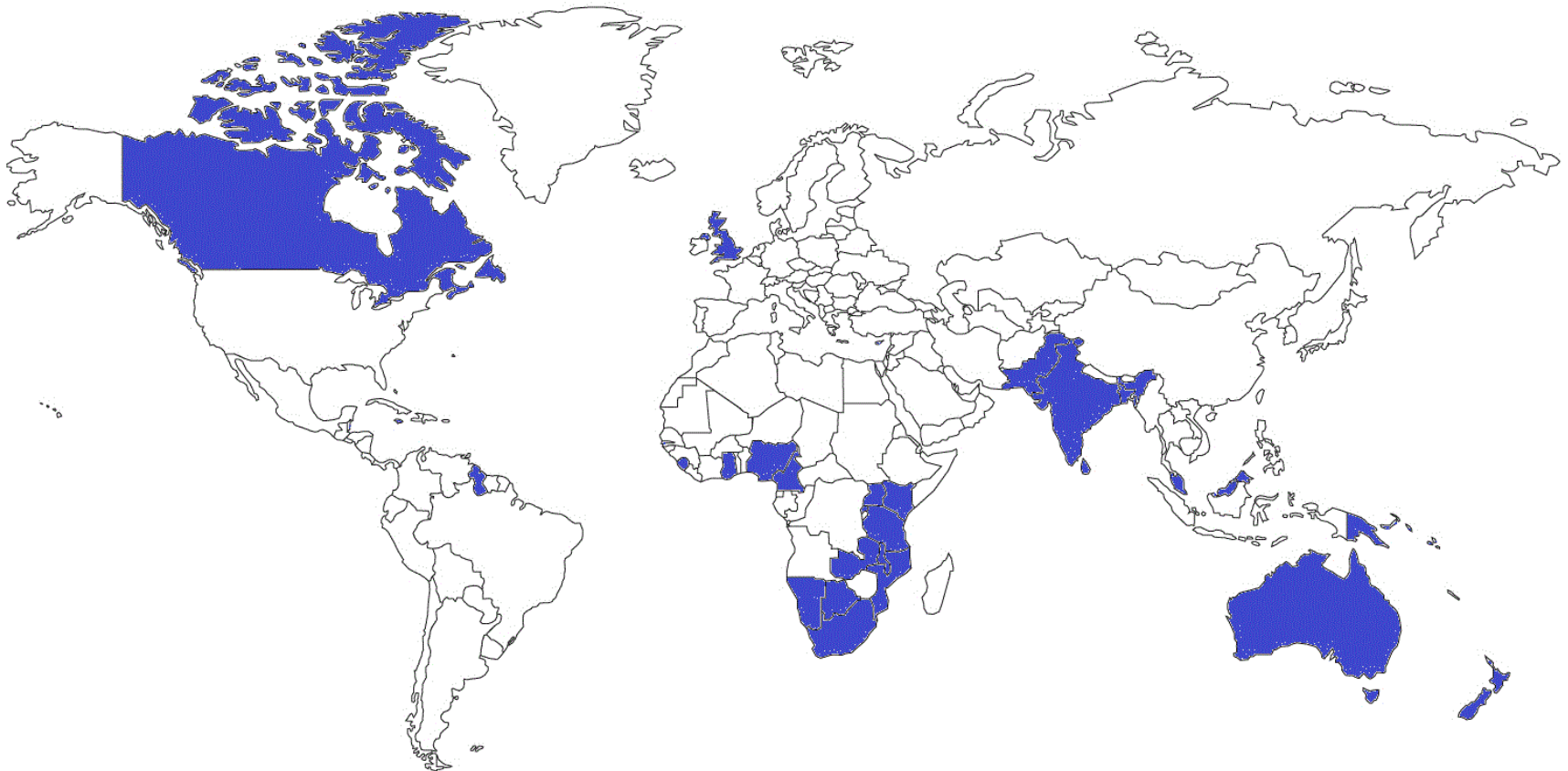
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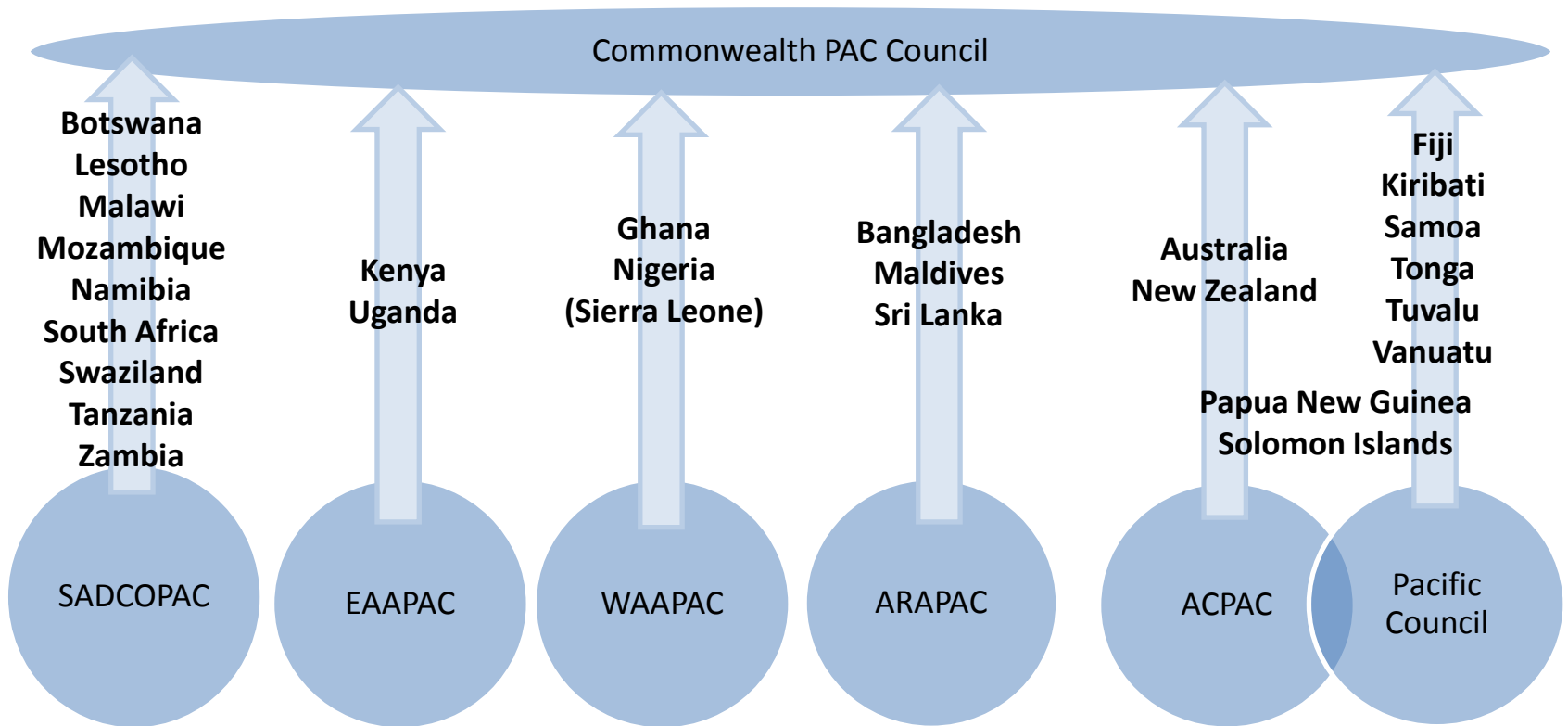
A South Pacific PAC Council



Potential Commonwealth PAC Council



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CHOGM Communique

- Commonwealth body would overlap all PAC Councils
- Communique aims to ensure all Commonwealth members agree to the fundamental requirements of a PAC

Recent JCPAA interactions

- Seven week secondment of an officer from the Indonesian PAC
 - Planning
 - Performance objectives
 - Reporting
- Secondment of an officer from the PNG PAC
- Engagement with Afghanistan

State level engagements

- Workshop in Kiribati with ACT PAC Secretary
- WA-Cook Islands reciprocal visits
- Tongan PAC Chair visit to South Australia in 2011
- Courses held at Deakin University
- Various activities by the Centre for Democratic Institutions

Why ACPAC should engage

- Its experience is sought after
- Responsibility to support regional councils succeeding
- Cross-over in ACPAC membership and membership of a Pacific council
- While there are benefits, costs must also be considered

An international engagement strategy

- Based on CPA twinning where applicable
- Australia and New Zealand to manage non-Pacific approaches
- ACPAC to directly approach other regional councils

Discussion

- PAC-PAC contact with CPA twins
- In what other ways can we build international collaboration?
- For those who have been beneficiaries of capacity building, what worked? What didn't?