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**Vision**

SAA envisions an African continent free of AIDS, TB, Malaria, and emerging infections, where the communities are empowered, with no stigma and discrimination against PLHIV, key populations and their families and where there is social justice, and equity to accessing treatment, care, and support.

**Mission**

An African-led and owned organization that collaborates with other national, sub-regional, regional, continental, and international organizations and partners, to promote and institute policies and promote research to support governments' national responses and approaches to fight HIV and HIV co-morbidities as well as emerging viral infections across the continent.
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History of SAA

The Society for AIDS in Africa was founded in 1989 at the fourth International Symposium on AIDS and Associated Cancers in Africa (now ICASA) held in Marseille France by a group of African scientists, activists, and advocates in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The establishment of the Society was the effect of the agitations of some African scientists for the conference to be organized on the African soil. These agitations had begun the previous year (1988) at the third meeting in Arusha, Tanzania. The conference had until then been organized outside the African continent. The cause of these scientists was supported by the then Director of WHO, Peter Piot.

At the 1990 conference held in DR Congo, an executive committee was established to oversee the establishment of the society and to coordinate subsequent ICASA meetings. The society was then officially registered in Nairobi, Kenya.

Founding members of the SAA were: Prof. Mboup from Senegal, Prof. Kaptue from Cameroon, Dr. Sam Okware from Uganda, Prof. Soyinka from Nigeria, Prof. Kadio and Prof. Gershey-Damet from Cote d’Ivoire, Dr. Patrick Kenya and Dr. Owili from Kenya, Dr. M Pelle from Congo Brazzaville, Dr. Kalenganyi and Dr Kapita from DR Congo, Prof. Mhalu from Tanzania, Prof. Luo from Zambia, Prof. Latif from Zimbabwe, Dr. Abdulrahman Sow from Mauritania, Dr. Kanki P from USA, Prof. Abdellah Benslimane from Morocco, Dr. Fatia Mohamoud from Sudan and Prof. Ahmed Zrbi from Tunisia.

The first election of regional delegates was held in October 1990 in Kinshasa, DR Congo. The selection was done according to the WHO regional classification of sub-Saharan Africa namely, Region 1, Region 2, Region 3 and Emco.

- The first elected representatives of Region 1 were: Prof Soulemane Mboup from Senegal, Prof Femi Soyinka from Nigeria, Prof A. Kadio and Dr. Gershy-Damet from Cote d’Ivoire.
- The elected representatives of Region 2 were: Prof L. Kaptue from Cameroon, Dr. Dundu Malaki Owili from Kenya, Dr. Pierre Mpelle from Congo Brazzaville and Dr. Karengenyi of the former Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo).
- In Region Three, the representatives were: Prof. Fred S. Mhalu from Tanzania, Prof Nkandu Luo from Zambia and Prof. L. Latif from Zimbabwe.
- In Region 3 (EMCO), the elected representatives were: Prof. Abdellah Benslimane of Morocco who later became the first president of SAA, Dr. Fatia Mohamoud from Sudan and Prof Ahmed Zrbi from Tunisia.

Also involved in the formative process of the society were Prof. K. Kallings from Sweden, Prof. Peter Piot and Dr. Abdulrahman Sow from Geneva, Dr. Patrick Kenya and Dr. N. Angata from Kenya who later became the first Secretary General of SAA.

During the SAA inaugural meeting in Kinshasa, Nairobi was selected as the SAA secretariat headquarters and the society was officially registered there.

At the Morocco meeting in 1993, a unanimous decision of biennially organized ICASA was adopted by the SAA council. ICASAs were held biannually before the Morocco meeting. The first biennial ICASA was thus held in Kampala in 1994 and thereafter in Cote d’Ivoire in 1997, Zambia in 1999, Burkina Faso in 2001, Kenya in 2003, Nigeria in 2005 and Senegal in 2008, Ethiopia in 2011, South Africa in 2013, Zimbabwe in 2015 and Cote d’Ivoire in 2017.
Before relocating to Ghana as the permanent secretariat the SAA moved from Nairobi to Abuja, Nigeria as a functional secretariat. Then on the recommendation the board, on 28th May, 2009, the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) relocated the permanent headquarter/secretariat. Operations then commenced in Accra, Ghana. The Society is registered under the company Act (2019; 992) with registration number CG05032016 and Tax Identification Number (TIN) C0007043759. With the status of an International NGO, SAA is registered under the Department of Social Welfare (DSW/4466).
SAA GOVERNING COUNCIL, (2022 - 2025)

Hon. Dr. David Pagwesese Parirenyatwa
- President

Prof. Mohamed Chakroun
- Vice President

Dr. Aliou Sylla
- Secretary-General

Dr. Nonhlanhla Ignatia Ndlovu
- Deputy Secretary-General

Prof. Morenike Ukpong
- Treasurer

Hon. Wamala Florence Nambozo
- Deputy Treasurer

Dr. Eléonore Ilunga Ina Mutombo
- Member

Dr. Emmy J. Chesire
- Member
SAA Board Election Procedure

Executive board members are elected to serve a four year term. To be eligible, the candidate must:

- Be a registered and active member of SAA for three (3) consecutive years
- Have attended at least three past ICASA's.
- The candidate must have a minimum of 5 years work experience in the field of HIV/AIDS, STIs, Sexual & Reproductive Health or other related issues
- Elections are conducted electronically and transparently with all active members of SAA, casting their vote for a candidate within their regions.
- The SAA electorate is grouped into five regions across the African continent: Northern Region, Southern Region, Eastern Region, Western Region and Central Region.
- Seven (7) presidents elected.

There has been seven(7) consecutive batches of board members and the current board constitute the 7th batch of SAA Board Executives.
Strategic Plan of SAA (2023 - 2027)

Executive Summary

Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) is a Pan African non-for-profit organisation founded in 1989 by a group of African Scientists activists and advocates in response to the HIV epidemic. The organisation envisions to end the HIV and AIDS as a pandemic and mitigate the impact of other emerging diseases in Africa.

SAA is also dedicated and committed to promoting research on HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and carrying out high level advocacy to fight these diseases and other emerging infections through the strengthening of the health systems in Africa.

SAA develops a new strategic plan to help focus on its activities since the most recent SP 2017-2021 with extension 2022 lapsed. This strategic plan provides a detailed strategic direction and its implementation covers the period between 2023 – 2027. The process of developing this strategic plan included setting up a steering committee to provide oversight role and guide the strategic planning process which was carried out in three phases:

- The review of relevant documents, including workplans, annual reports and reports from ICASA conferences organized within the last 6 years, in addition a (SWOT) analysis of SAA conducted by members of the 2023-2027 Strategic Planning Committee, the members of SAA, the previous and current Board of members, trustees and board of directors, staff and other key stakeholders using a participatory approach.
- The preparation of the Draft Strategic Plan 2023-2027 using the information gathered in the first phase which was then shared among SAA's members, Board of Directors and key stakeholders for their comments and inputs.
- The third and final phase was the validation after the feedback received from the draft SP from 2nd phase.

The Goal of SAA is to contribute towards the UNAIDS goal and the AU catalytic framework of achieving the 95-95-95 targets by 2025, ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030 in Africa, contributing to the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and facilitating the strengthening of the health systems in Africa towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals for health.

..........................OUR VISION.................................

The Vision of SAA is an African continent free of HIV, TB and Malaria, promptly and equitably responding to emerging infectious diseases and their debilitating effects, with no stigma and discrimination against PLHIV, key and vulnerable populations and with active political commitment to the Abuja Declaration.

..........................OUR MISSION.................................

SAA's Mission is to collaborate with other national, regional and international organizations, donors and other partners to institute policies and promote research and knowledge to supports African governments’ national responses and strengthens the health systems to control and mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and other emerging infections.

........................The Guiding Principles and Core Values........................

The seven principles that guide the actions of SAA for the next five years are:
- Information sharing
- Independent
- Not-for-profit
- Respect for Human Rights and Dignity
- Accountability and Achieving results
- Building Partnerships and Establishing Strong Networks
STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR 2023 – 2027

Based on results of the SWOT analysis, stakeholder validation meetings and in line with the organization’s mission and stakeholder expectations, SAA’s strategic direction for the next five years will be built on the gains made in the last five years. The organization will therefore focus on:

i. Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections by organizing webinars, seminars and conferences and convening high level regional meetings in Africa.

ii. Developing SAA’s mandate as a platform and opportunity to tackle other emerging and re-emerging infections such as COVID-19, Ebola, Lassa Fever, Monkeypox in Africa.

iii. Building strong partnership with governments and health institutions in Africa towards strengthening the health systems.

iv. Advocating for domestic resource mobilization for the HIV, tuberculosis and malaria response as well as response to other emerging infectious diseases in Africa with the aim of preventing reduced funding for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

v. Broadening partnerships with research institutions, international bodies, pharmaceutical companies, regional networks and key civil society organisations working on human rights and gender issues in the five African regions to facilitate community-led responses.

vi. Focusing on creating spaces for adolescents and young people to share opinions and participate in decision-making on HIV, tuberculosis and malaria prevention and response in Africa.

THEMATIC AREAS AND STRATEGIES

This strategic plan was developed to address its weaknesses and obstacles and harness its strength and opportunities to achieve the organisation’s goal, vision and mission. The thematic areas and activities are aligned with the vision and mission of SAA.

SAA will meet its strategic objectives by implementing programmes and projects across the following three strategic thematic areas:

A. Institutional capacity and governance systems strengthening

B. Strategic partnerships and advocacy for health systems strengthening

C. Research, knowledge management and strategic information sharing

In addition to the general population, the target population will include key and vulnerable groups including adolescents and persons with disabilities. These populations are often left out in discussions that inform policy formulation and review and programme development.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

SAA’s strategic objectives have been captured under three thematic areas as focus as follows:

A. Institutional Capacity and Governance Systems Strengthening
   1. Mobilize financial resources for SAA to implement the activities in the Strategic Plan
   2. Expand the focus of SAA to other emerging infectious diseases
   3. Increase SAA’s visibility and membership
   4. Finalize the acquisition of the land and plan for building of the SAA Secretariat
Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy for Health Systems Strengthening

5. Collaborate with institutions to strengthen health institutions and civil society organisations in Africa to respond to and manage infectious diseases.

6. Strengthen partnerships and collaborations with Governments, research institutions and international bodies to respond adequately to HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections in Africa.

7. Advocate for resource mobilization to prevent and respond to HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections in Africa.

Research, Knowledge Management and Strategic Information Sharing

8. Harness and disseminate evidence-based information on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections’ management and control for Africa

9. Expand focus of activities to include sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and non-communicable diseases.

10. Strengthen SAA’s organizational capacity to undertake effective communication and knowledge management on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.

Various keys activities will be implemented in order to achieve the above mentioned strategic objectives.

Expected Results

We intend to reach within the five years coming the results as follows:

1. Sustainable and increasing financial resources for SAA to implement the Strategic Plan.

2. Strengthened institutional capacity and governance structure of SAA.

3. Increased visibility and membership of SAA.

4. Increased number of Governments, research institutions, international bodies and community partners working with SAA on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections response in Africa.

5. Improved quality of engagement of civil society organisations with the governments in Africa or beyond for accountable management and control of infectious diseases.

6. Effective dissemination of evidence-based information on the management and control of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.

7. Increased activities on social and behaviour change among adolescents and young persons, sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and non-communicable diseases.

8. Improved communication and knowledge management on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, other emerging infections response to strengthen the health system in Africa.
Finalize the acquisition of the land and plan for building of the SAA Secretariat

A. Institutional Capacity and Governance Systems Strengthening

SAA’s strategic objectives have been captured under three thematic areas as focus as follows:

1. Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections in Africa.
2. Based on results of the SWOT analysis, stakeholder validation meetings and in line with the organization’s mission and strategic objectives, SAA develops a new strategic plan to help focus on its activities since the most recent SP 2017-2021 with extension.
3. Collaborate with institutions to strengthen health institutions and civil society organisations in Africa to respond to and manage infectious diseases.
4. Increased number of Governments, research institutions, international bodies and community partners working with SAA on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections response in Africa.
5. Effective dissemination of evidence-based information on the management and control of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.
6. Improved quality of engagement of civil society organisations with the governments in Africa or beyond for accountability and achieving results.
7. Improved communication and knowledge management on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, other emerging infections.
8. Increased visibility and membership of SAA.
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i. Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.

1. Sustainable and increasing financial resources for SAA to implement the Strategic Plan.
2. Increased visibility and membership of SAA.
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4. Strengthen SAA’s organizational capacity to undertake effective communication and knowledge management on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.
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Dignitaries and Speakers of past International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)

The ICASA conference is usually graced by the presence of high-profile guests of honor and presidents of countries in Africa and beyond.

Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal, ICASA 2008, Senegal
H.E. Mr. Meles Zenawi, Late Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, ICASA 2011, Ethiopia
George W. Bush Jr., Former President of USA, ICASA 2011, Ethiopia
Kgalema Motlanthe, Deput President of South Africa, ICASA 2013, South Africa
Cde. Emmerson. D. Mnangagwa, Vice President of Zimbabwe, ICASA 2015, Zimbabwe
Alassane Ouattara, President of Ivory Coast (Côte d’Ivoire), ICASA 2017, Côte d’Ivoire
Filipe Nyusi, President of Mozambique, ICASA 2019, Rwanda
Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, ICASA 2019, Rwanda
Strategic Plan of SAA (2023 - 2027)

The Strategic Plan of SAA (2023 - 2027) is designed to achieve SAA’s mission and vision by focusing on the following strategic areas:

A. Institutional capacity and governance systems strengthening

- Strengthened institutional capacity and governance structure of SAA.
- Increased visibility and membership of SAA.
- Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.

B. Strategic Partnerships and Advocacy for Health Systems Strengthening

- Building strong partnership with governments and health institutions in Africa towards strengthening the health system in Africa.
- Developing SAA’s mandate as a platform and opportunity to tackle other emerging and re-emerging infections.

C. Research, Knowledge Management and Strategic Information Sharing

- Effective dissemination of evidence-based information on the management and control of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and other emerging infections.
- Increased activities on social and behavior change among adolescents and young persons, sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and non-communicable diseases.
- Focusing on creating spaces for adolescents and young people to share opinions and participate in regions to facilitate community-led responses.

We intend to reach within the five years coming the results as follows:

- Increased activities on social and behavior change among adolescents and young persons.
- Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections response in Africa.
- Effective dissemination of evidence-based information on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other infections' management and control for Africa.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased visibility and membership of SAA.
- Strengthened institutional capacity and governance structure of SAA.
- Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections.

The seven principles that guide the actions of SAA for the next five years are:

- Respect for Human Rights and Dignity
- Accountability and Achieving results
- Building Partnerships and Establishing Strong Networks
- Transparency and Openness
- Innovation and Thinking Outside the Box
- Equity and Social Justice
- Efficiency and Effectiveness

SAA is also dedicated and committed to promoting research on HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and carrying out high-quality research and development. The organization envisions to end the HIV and AIDS epidemic and to significantly reduce the incidence of tuberculosis and malaria.

The Vision of SAA is an African continent free of HIV, TB and Malaria, promptly and equitably responding to emerging infections.

The Mission of SAA is to collaborate with other national, regional and international organizations, donors and other partners to achieve the vision.

The Guiding Principles and Core Values

- Respect for Human Rights and Dignity
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- Equity and Social Justice
- Efficiency and Effectiveness

STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR 2023 – 2027

The Strategic Focus for 2023 – 2027 is to achieve the organization’s goal, vision and mission. The thematic areas and activities are aligned with the vision to achieve the targets by 2025, ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030 in Africa, contributing to the Africanagenda for health and development and strengthening the health system in Africa.

The five thematic areas for the next five years are:

1. Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections response in Africa.
2. Strengthening institutional capacity and governance structure of SAA.
3. Increasing visibility and membership of SAA.
4. Mobilizing the continent to invest in the control of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections response in Africa.
5. Effective dissemination of evidence-based information on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other emerging infections’ management and control for Africa.

ICASA Best Abstract Award Recipients (2015-2021)

- Khanyisile Mngomezulu, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Simon Pierre Boni, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Kudzai Hlahla, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Olumide Abiodun, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Adekunle Emmanuel Idowu, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Kennedy Michael Ngowi, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Zivai Mupambireyi, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
- Katherine Merrill, WHO Regional Director for Africa, ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa
ICASA Best Abstract Award Recipients (2015-2021)

Karen Webb,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2000.
TRACK E – HEALTH SYSTEMS,
ECONOMICS & IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE, ICASA 2019

Dr. Abdou Padane,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2500.
TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE
(BIOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS),
ICASA 2017

Nodjikouambaye Zita Aleyo,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2500.
TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT AND CARE, ICASA 2017

Ms. Idah MOKHELE,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2500.
TRACK C – EPIDEMIOLOGY & PRE-
VENTION SCIENCE, ICASA 2017

Ms. Carmélita Sidoine Acakpo,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2500.
TRACK D - LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS,
SOCIAL SCIENCE & POLITICAL
SCIENCE, ICASA 2017

Mr. Kennedy GATHU,
RESEARCH GRANT OF $2500.
TRACK E – HEALTH SYSTEMS,
ECONOMICS & IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE, ICASA 2017

Dr. Almoustapha I. MAIGA,
TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE
(BIOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS),
ICASA 2015

Dr. Tadesse T. Mekonen,
TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT AND CARE, ICASA 2015

Dr. Tajudeen OYEWALE,
MB;BS, MPH, PhD,
TRACK C – EPIDEMIOLOGY & PRE-
VENTION SCIENCE, ICASA 2015

Mr. Yao Hyacinthe Koffi,
TRACK D - LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS,
SOCIAL SCIENCE & POLITICAL
SCIENCE, ICASA 2015

Tichaona Nyamundaya,
TRACK E – HEALTH SYSTEMS,
ECONOMICS & IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE, ICASA 2015
Other Activities

Apart from its major activity ICASA, the Society partners with other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to organize scientific symposia and fora with the aim of mitigating against the impact of HIV/AIDS and ending the pandemic by 2030, and other emerging diseases as well as strengthening the health system in Africa.

Mulungushi Conference Center, Zambia, 2014
Under the Auspices of SAA and SWAA
Theme: ADOLESCENTS, SRHR AND HIV IN AFRICA: TIME TO ACT

3rd SAA Scientific Symposium In 2016, La Palm Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana
Theme: AFRICA’S PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGING VIRAL INFECTIONS: LESSONS FROM HIV/EBOLA AND THE OUTLOOK FOR ZIKA & LASSA"
THEME: DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION: INCREASING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM: TASK-SHIFTING AND VIRAL LOAD TESTING: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY ACTORS AS PARTNERS

OUTREACH FOR ADOLESCENT ORPHANS HIV+ FOR RESILIENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
The Society for AIDS in Africa, in partnership with the government of Ghana, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA Ghana), the Canadian High Commission organized a donation exercise at the Adentan Municipal Assembly - Accra, Ghana
2020 World AIDS Day – SAA Activity

In commemoration of World AIDS Day 2020, the Society for AIDS in Africa, the custodian, and organizer of the largest HIV/AIDS Conference in Africa; the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) embarked on a Blood donation exercise with 37 Military Hospital, Accra - Ghana.

African governments told to improve tax for HIV control

Accra, Oct. 15 - 16 2019, Angel Hill Hotel. The Society for AIDS in Africa and Accountability International, an African Civil Society Organisation (CSO) have urged African governments to improve mobilisation of tax from citizens especially, middle to high income earners to control HIV infections.

This will bridge the gap of 20 percent global funding for HIV, and help the continent to meet the UNAIDS 2020 and 2030 targets of fighting HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Institutional Memory

21 conferences in 30 years - International Conference on AIDS & STIs in Africa (ICASA)

- ICASA is rotated amongst the Anglophone and Francophone countries in Africa.
- Host countries usually bid for the right to host the conference and during this time members across the five regions: Northern Region, Southern Region, Eastern Region, Western Region and Central Region, cast their votes and the emerging country signs an MoU with the SAA secretariat to host the conference.
Strong Structure Framework (SSF)

ICASA Director with President Mokgweetsi, BOTSWANA

With President Kagame, RWANDA

ICASA 2021 Signing of the MOU by Prof. John Idoko (former SAA President) Dr. Sandile Buthelezi (DG-NDoH) and Dr. Sandile Tshabalala (KZN HoD Health, representing DG OTP)
Can we implement the Strong Structure Framework without Passion and Knowledge from the leadership?

SAA Ultramodern Headquarters Project

To sustain SAA’s activities both in country and Africa at large, plans are far advanced with the establishment of the SAA Ultramodern headquarters project. Be on the look out for the launch of the project and call for support towards the realization of the project.

Projections of the Ultramodern Headquarters

- We envisage owing an International TV and Radio Station Programme which will aid broadcast activities of SAA, advocate, and host programs exclusively to strengthen the health system in Africa.
- An ultramodern conference facility with 500 room capacity.
- A dialysis and Fitness Centre to support people with nephrological conditions.
- Office spaces for rent and guests’ house.
Financial Status of SAA

SAA budgets and Accounts are all managed in Accra, Ghana. SAA’s total Asset as at 31st December, 2020 amounted to $2,842,585.52

Impact On Both Local And International Communities

- Impact on health Systems
- Social Cultural Impact
- Academic Impact
- Economic Impact
- Visibility of the Host country of ICASA

One of the largest HIV and health conference in Africa from 8000-15000 delegates biennially
Key Staff of SAA & Consultants

Luc Armand H. Bodea
SAA Coordinator/ ICASA Director

Mad. Clemence Assogba
Head of Admin / Finance

Fidelis Elikplim Dei-Tutu
Accountant

Chris Kwesi Nuatro
Marketing / Partnership Officer

Gordon Tambro
Programme Officer

Marie – Noëlle Atta
Senior Asst. Marketing / Partnership

Leslie Sodjinu
Operations / Procurement Officer

Emmanuel T. Kuadzi
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IT Officer

Lillian Yeboaa Oteng
Admin/Finance Assistant

Julius Kofi Mortsi
Virtual & Social Media Assistant

Ziberu Abdul Manaf
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Augustine Nyarko Vasco
Transport Officer

Derick Ayitey
Transport Officer

Samuel Agbesi
Consultant
The Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) is privileged to announce its new membership portal. Kindly follow the link to register as a SAA member or renew your membership:


Membership Benefits

- Access SAA database
- Access a personal page in the member’s area where other members can be contacted
- Be part of various ICASA committee
- Access latest information on upcoming SAA conferences
- Participate in the pre-selection of ICASA host countries
- Receive Frequent electronic membership update with the latest news
- Get an Opportunity to decide the membership of the SAA governing council election
- Get 5% discount on forthcoming ICASA for SAA paid registered members
- Access all past ICASA Abstracts

For more information, please visit www.saafrica.org
REGISTRATION OPENS ON

1ST MARCH 2023