



SOCIETY FOR AIDS IN AFRICA

Organizer of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)

PROFILE



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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 Zribi 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. Gershey-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. Karenganyi 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 Zribi 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 GOVERNANCE SYSTEM (1989- 2025)



Prof. **BENSILMAN**
(1990 - 1995)



Dr. Pierre Kilebou **MPELE**,
DR Congo (1995 - 2005)



Prof. Femi **SOYINKA**,
Nigeria (2005 - 2009)



Prof. Robert **SOUDRE**,
Burkina Faso (2010 - 2013)



Dr. Ihab **AHMED**,
Egypt (2014 - 2017)



Prof. John **Idoko**,
Nigeria (2017 - 2021)



Hon. Dr. David **Parirenyatwa**,
SAA President (2022-2025)

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 support African governments' national responses and strengthen the health systems to control and mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and other emerging infections.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS



Prof. Robert Soudre
Burkina Faso



Dr. Meskerem Grunitzky
Ethiopia



Prof. Sheila Tlou
Botswana



Dr. Ihab Ahmed
Egypt

SAA STRATEGIC PLAN (2022 - 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.

SAA BOARD EXECUTIVES

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.

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



Dr. Emmy J.
Chesire



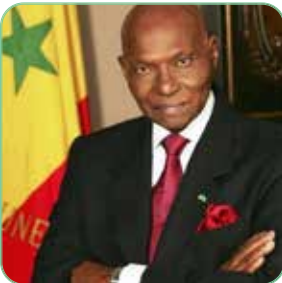
Member



FOUR GENERATIONS OF SAA BOARD: From the left, rof. Robert Soudre, Dr. Ihab Ahmed, Prof. John Idoko, Mrs. Sahra Guleid, Mr. Luc Bodea, Mr. Niyi Ojuolape, Hon. Dr. David Parirenyatwa, Ms Amissa Bongo and Prof. Tandakha Ndiaye Dieye

SOME 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*

SOME DIGNITARIES AND SPEAKERS OF PAST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND STI IN AFRICA (ICASA)



Kgalema Motlanthe,
*Deputy President of South Africa,
ICASA 2013, South Africa*



Cde. Emmerson. D. Mnangagwa,
*Vice/President of Zimbabwe,
ICASA 2015/2023, Zimbabwe*



Alassane Ouattara,
President of Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), ICASA 2017, Côte d'Ivoire



Paul Kagame,
*President of Rwanda, ICASA
2019, Rwanda*



Filipe Nyusi,
*President of Mozambique, ICASA
2019, Rwanda*



Mr. Michel Sidibé,
*Executive Director, UNAIDS,
ICASA 2013 South Africa &
ICASA 2017, Côte d'Ivoire*



Dr. Babatunde-Osotimehin,
*Executive Director, UNFPA,
ICASA 2017 Côte d'Ivoire*



Dr. Julitta Onabanjo,
*Regional Director East and
Southern Africa, UNFPA
ICASA 2017 Côte d'Ivoire*



Mr. Mabingue Ngom,
*UNFPA Regional Director for
West and Central Africa
ICASA 2017 Côte d'Ivoire*

SOME DIGNITARIES AND SPEAKERS OF PAST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND STI IN AFRICA (ICASA)



Marie-Pierre Poirier,
*UNICEF Regional Director for
West and Central Africa Region
(WCARO), ICASA 2017 Côte d'Ivoire*



**Tedros Adhanom
Ghebreyesus,**
*WHO Director-General,
ICASA 2019, Rwanda*



Winnie Byanyima,
*UNAIDS Executive Director
ICASA 2019, Rwanda*



Dr. Donald Kaberuka,
*Chair Global Fund HTM (HIV, TB &
Malaria), Special Envoy of the
African Union, ICASA 2019, Rwanda*



**Dr Matshidiso Rebecca
Moeti,**
*WHO Regional Director for Africa,
ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa*



David Mabuza,
*Deputy President of South Africa,
ICASA 2021, Durban, South Africa*



Dr. Angeli Achrekar,
*U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and
Special Representative for Global
Health Diplomacy*



Ms. Leila Pakkala,
*Regional Director, UNICEF East-
ern and Southern Africa
ICASA 2021 South Africa*



Dr. Natalia Kanem,
*UNFPA Executive Director,
ICASA 2023, Zimbabwe*

ICASA BEST ABSTRACT AWARD RECIPIENTS (2023-2021)



**Madame Edwige Hermione
Dagba Gbessin,**

TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE (BIOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS), ICASA 2023



**Dr. Nkazimulo Immaculate
Tshuma,**

*TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT & CARE, ICASA 2023*



Mr. Wayne Otieno,

TRACK C: EPIDEMIOLOGY & PREVENTION SCIENCE, ICASA 2023



Miss. Princess R. Mharire,

*TRACK D: HUMAN RIGHTS,
SOCIAL SCIENCE & POLITICAL
SCIENCE, ICASA 2023*



Dr. Clorata Gwanzura,

TRACK E: HEALTH SYSTEMS, ECONOMICS AND IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE, ICASA 2023



Khanyisile Mngomezulu,

*TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE
(BIOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS),
ICASA 2021*



Simon Pierre Boni,

*TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT AND CARE,
ICASA 2021*



Kudzai Hlahla,

*TRACK C: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
PREVENTION SCIENCE,
ICASA 2021*



Olumide Abiodun,

*TRACK D: LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS
SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL
SCIENCE, ICASA 2021*

ICASA BEST ABSTRACT AWARD RECIPIENTS (2021-2017)



**Adekunle Emmanuel
Idowu,**

*TRACK E: HEALTH SYSTEMS, ECO-
NOMICS AND IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE, ICASA 2021*



Kennedy Michael Ngowi,
*TRACK B – CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT AND CARE,
ICASA 2019*



Zivai Mupambireyi,
*TRACK C – EPIDEMIOLOGY &
PREVENTION SCIENCE,
ICASA 2019*



Katherine Merrill,
*TRACK D – LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS,
SOCIAL SCIENCE & POLITICAL
SCIENCE, ICASA 2019*



Karen Webb,
*TRACK E – HEALTH SYSTEMS,
ECONOMICS & IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE, ICASA 2019*



Dr. Abdou Padane,
*TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE
(BIOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS),
ICASA 2017*



Nodjickouambaye Z. Aleyo,
*TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE,
TREATMENT AND CARE, ICASA
2017*



Ms. Idah MOKHELE,
*TRACK C – EPIDEMIOLOGY &
PREVENTION SCIENCE,
ICASA 2017*



**Ms. Carmélita Sidoine
Acakpo,**
*TRACK D - LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS,
SOCIAL SCIENCE & POLITICAL
SCIENCE , ICASA 2017*

ICASA BEST ABSTRACT AWARD RECIPIENTS (2017-2015)



Mr. Kennedy GATHU,
*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*



Dr. 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"



Collaboration Between SAA And Ghana AIDS Commission, NHARCON at the Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) Theme: “HIV Testing Uptake Behaviour and Associated Context among Female Sex Workers in Ghana”



Collaboration between Peer Review Forum Nigeria in organizing CSO forum meeting, Abuja, Nigeria (2018) 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 RESILIENCEDURING 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.



SECOND EDITION OF THE SAA WORLD AIDS DAY BLOOD DONATION EXERCISE

Over 150 people participated in the programme. All donors were given care package kits for their collaboration. Mr. Luc Armand Bodea, ICASA Director/SAA Coordinator thanked all partners, participants as well as the staff of the Ghana Blood service, Head office, Korle Bu, that took time outside of their various schedules and to partake in such a worthy cause. He emphasized that this exercise would go a long way in saving lives and added that the Society for AIDS in Africa would continue to carry the mantle.



**FULL CIRCLE TAX WATCH FOR MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS –
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP**

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- Dr. [Name], [Title]
- Dr. [Name], [Title]
- Dr. [Name], [Title]
- Dr. [Name], [Title]
- Dr. [Name], [Title]

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- HIV infections in Adolescents: Issues and challenges.
- Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights services and Sexual
- Gender Based Violence.

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Prof. Seni Kouanda
 FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL, SAA, BURKINA FASO - HOST

Prof. Morenike O. Ukpong
 SAA BOARD MEMBER, NIGERIA - HOST

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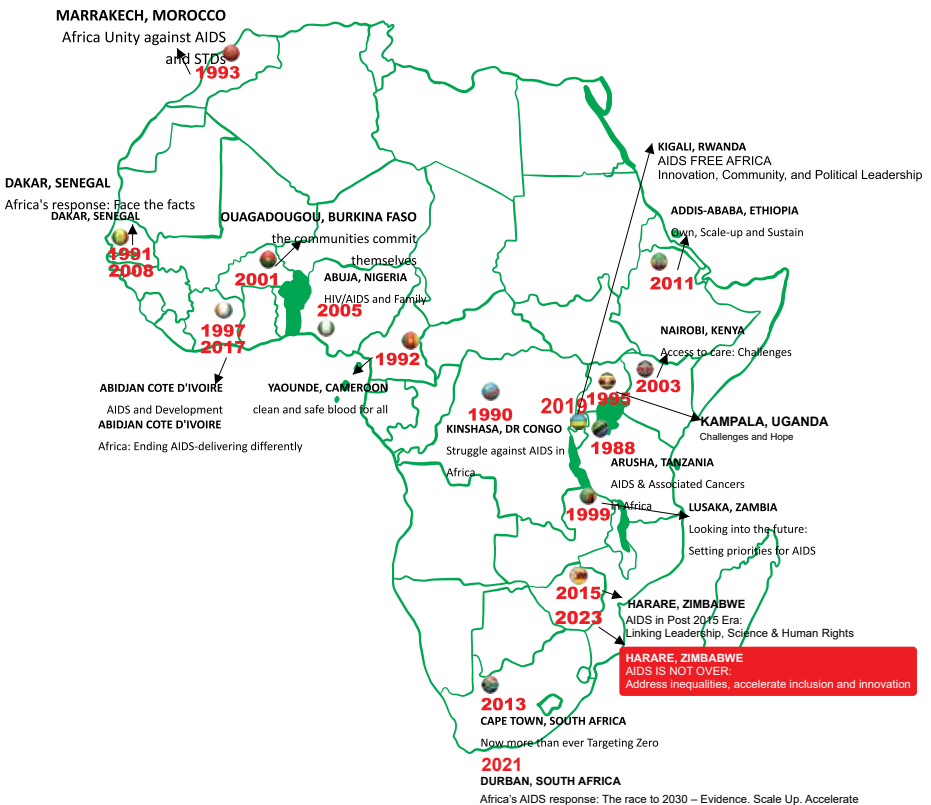
Promoting Healthy Aging and Independence for Older Individuals Living with HIV: The Fourth 95

INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY

22 conferences in 34 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.

HISTORY OF ICASA



STRONG STRUCTURE FRAME- WORK (SSF)



ICASA Director, Mr. Luc Armand Bodea with President Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi, BOTSWANA



Executive Board Members of SAA alongside President Paul Kagame of 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)



ICASA 2017 MoU, COTE d'IVOIRE



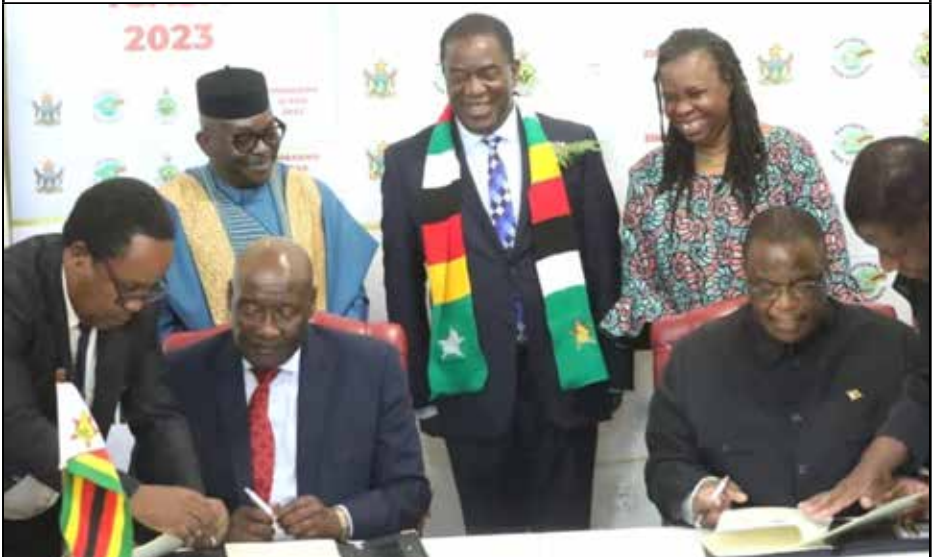
Ethiopian President Girma Wolde-Giorgis with SAA Members during the 16th ICASA Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (ICASA 2011)



ICASA Executive Board Members, meeting with the Minister of Health, Dr. Raymonde Goudou Coffie, Côte-d'Ivoire (ICASA 2017)



President of Zimbabwe, H.E. Emmerson Mnangagwa and the ICASA Director, Mr Luc Armand Bodea - ICASA 2023 assessment meeting



ICASA 2023 MoU, Zimbabwe

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.

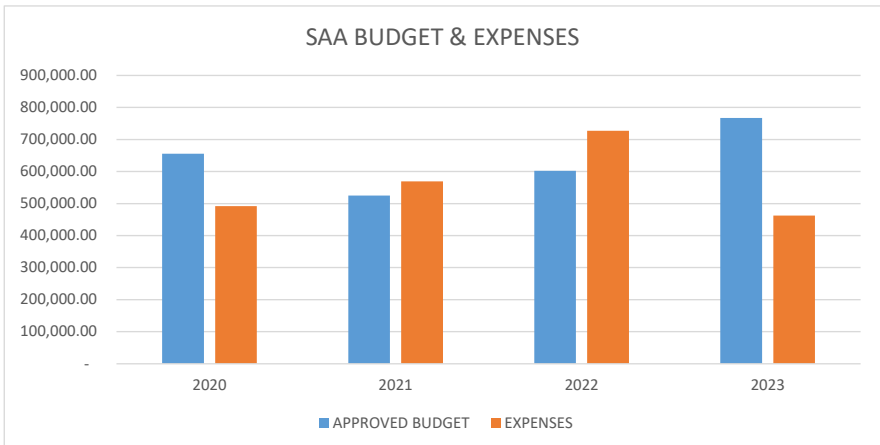
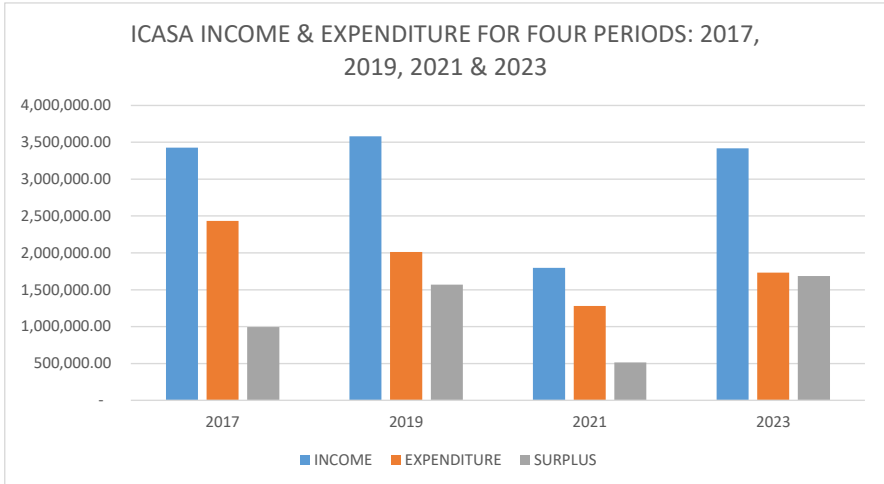
Projections of the Ultramodern Headquarters

- ▶ We envisage owning 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

Accountability and transparency are our guiding principles. PwC has been auditing ICASA account over the years. SAA ensures that we remain account able to our donors, partners, and all stakeholders. The graph below throws light on our income and expenditure.



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 Die-Tutu
Accountant



Chris Kwesi Nuatro,
*Senior Marketing / Partnership
Officer*



Gordon Tambro,
Senior Programme Officer



Marie - Noëlle Atta,
*Senior Satellite / Exhibition
Officer*



Leslie Sodjinu,
*Operations / Procurement
Officer*



Emmanuel T. Kuadzi,
Web/Digital Media Officer



Felix Okley Apana
IT Officer



Julius Kofi Mortsii,
*Virtual & Social Media
Assistant*



Davor Forgive,
*ICASA 2023 Scholarship & Group
Registration Officer*



Augustine Nyarko Vasco,
Transport Officer



Derick Ayitey,
Transport Officer



Imelda Regine Tossa
Administrative Assistant



Samuel Agbesi
Consultant



SAA PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

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ICASA 2023 Conference Highlights



8,118 participants from 105 countries attended ICASA 2023 Zimbabwe



Women represented **45%** of delegates



75% of ICASA 2023 plenary speakers were women



ICASA awarded **200** scholarships to attend on-site and **1,571** to attend the conference virtually. **517** scholarships awarded by host country for on-site attendance.



2,600 abstracts were received



78 abstracts were selected for oral presentation



815 abstracts were selected for poster exhibition



95,606 people were reached through social media posts for the duration of the conference








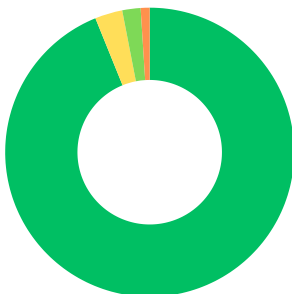
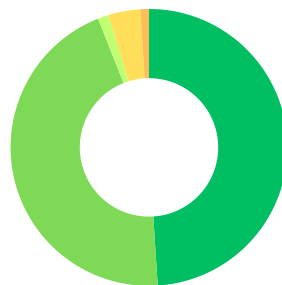
Over **8,481** booth visits to our virtual exhibition booths for the duration of the conference







547 speakers presented at ICASA 2023 Zimbabwe

Gender breakdown of on-site attendance

-  45% women
-  49% men
-  1.25% transgender
-  3.75% did not wish to disclose their gender.
-  1% chose "Other" as their preference.



Breakdown of regional attendance on-site

-  93.87% Sub-Saharan Africa
-  3.08% North and South America
-  2.05% Western and Central Europe
-  1% Asia

Delegate Attendance

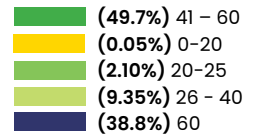
ICASA 2023 convened a total of **8,118** participants from **105** countries. The remaining categories included staff, pre-conference participants, media representatives and in-person exhibitors.

AGE GROUP

Majority of the delegates were between the age ranges of 41 – 60 years (49.7%). Delegates between the ages of 0–20 (0.05%) and 20–25 constituted 2.10%, 26 – 40 years (9.35%) with 38.8% of delegates above 60 years.



Age breakdown (yrs)

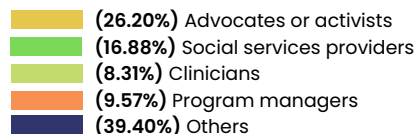


DELEGATES OCCUPATION

In terms of professions, most of the delegates were from the category of advocates or activists (26.20%), health care workers or social services providers (16.88%), clinicians (8.31%), and program managers (9.57%). The researcher community and students constituted 8.56% and 11.84% respectively, showing a drop in participation by researchers (2.58%) and a significant increase for students (6.6%) as compared to the ICASA 2021 South Africa. The data shows a higher response rate from the health care providers and program managers categories as compared to the previous two ICASA conferences where a higher number of delegates were researchers, students, clinicians, and activists.



Breakdown of delegate by occupation





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