

Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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Why do you want to become an ASAF Board member?

I aspire to become a member of the ASAF Board to contribute to a team dedicated to the growth and support of the ASAF community. As a beneficiary of the Erasmus+ program, I have always wanted to help other deserving African students to access similar opportunities. My extensive experience in promoting higher education drives my motivation. Having volunteered with the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) for 8 years, including 4 years as Country Representative, I aim to leverage my leadership skills to enhance the ASAF community and support its mission. I am also inspired by ASAF's vision of fostering connections across borders, cultures, and institutions through international mobility. I believe my experience, enthusiasm, and commitment will add significant value to the ASAF Board and help achieve the association's goals.

What is your vision for ASAF?

My vision is to see ASAF grow into Africa's largest student association, both in membership and impact, by 2026. How will I achieve this?

First, I will enhance ASAF's visibility through effective promotion and outreach across all regions, and especially in Southern Africa, where ASAF awareness is

currently limited. Second, I will leverage my experience as Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) Country Representative to contribute positively to the growth of ASAF, a students' organization that is still in its infancy. I will ensure that ASAF is inclusive and transparent and accommodates all eligible members regardless of background. Together as like-minded individuals, we will build strong relationships that will foster ASAF's growth.

What skills do you bring to the position and what contributions do you want to make?

I bring the following key skills and contributions to the position:

- **Leadership:** I have proven leadership skills through my EMA experience which has equipped me with the ability to guide the ASAF community and I hope to contribute strategic decision making.
- **Communication:** My strong communication skills will allow me to actively engage with ASAF members. My contribution will be to ensure that crucial information such as upcoming events, opportunities and key deadlines are communicated widely and in good time giving an equal chance for all to participate. Additionally, I will ensure that all ASAF voices are heard and valued.
- **Advocacy:** I am passionate about advocacy and to drive growth within ASAF, I will particularly advocate for the community's needs, interests and rights, personally and professionally.
- **Networking and organization:** through my networking abilities, I will contribute to building partnerships that enhance ASAF's visibility, while through my organizational skills, I will ensure that we execute impactful initiatives. I plan to strengthen our community by organizing networking events and forums frequently (at least quarterly) to promote sharing and learning among members.

Why should you be elected as an ASAF Board member?

I believe I should be elected as an ASAF Board member because my first-hand experience as an African student who has benefited from the Erasmus+ program has deeply informed my understanding of our African students' needs. I am dedicated to fostering a robust and inclusive environment within ASAF, ensuring that all members feel valued and supported.

With my extensive volunteer experience, particularly with the Erasmus Mundus Association for 8 years, I have demonstrated my commitment to promoting higher education and student welfare. I have clear goals to enhance ASAF's visibility, particularly in underrepresented regions like Southern Africa, helping to position ASAF as Africa's leading student association by 2026.

My leadership skills, developed over years of service, will allow me to contribute effectively to the board and advocate for our members. I am eager to build strong connections within the ASAF community, creating a supportive network where we can all thrive. Ultimately, I am committed to advancing ASAF's mission and ensuring that we not only grow in membership but also make a significant impact in African higher education.