

## Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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### Why do you want to become an ASAF Board member?

Joining the ASAF board entails taking on leadership responsibilities to assist community from various backgrounds and disciplines. When volunteers help ASAF become the most influential community, it is also an ideal chance for me as an individual to develop expertise that will allow us to successfully wrap up our Intra-Africa project (<https://create-greenafrica.udsm.ac.tz/scholarships/application-for-scholarships>), which has been funded by the EU. I saw some discontent among members with ASAF services, as well as a lack of funds to attend annual events and to exchange experience with peers.

I was motivated to join the team for the purpose to contribute to the resolution of these concerns, which have been the primary causes of members' dissatisfaction. I believe that ASAF has all of the human resources it needs to address these major challenges if the board effectively mobilizes its over 2000 members' untapped resources.

### What is your vision for ASAF?

In the first year of my service to ASAF, I will concentrate on developing methods to make ASAF more participatory and helpful in terms of experience sharing and

maximizing opportunities. I intend to work toward transparency with well-established worldwide collaborative forums. ASAF will host more annual forums, including a scientist's forum, an EU-AUC forum, general forums, and further regional and national forums. This will serve to increase ASAF's influence, and members will be able to engage in many regional and global events. I will collaborate closely with ASAF members, service providers, AUCs, and the EU to ensure that ASAF is more effective and autonomous. By 2026, ASAF will be one of the continent's largest forums, with over 500 members gathering onsite to discuss Africa's future prospects.

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

I have been participated in the Membership Promotion and Activation Task Force, sharing my experiences, and I gave numerous presentations to members about scholarship opportunities and application procedures. My expertise in grant writing, presentation, research, and publication will help ASAF to secure more funds from the global competitions.

**Why should you be elected as an ASAF Board member?**

My experience granting writing for the Intra-Africa project will help ASAF members gain valuable knowledge in accessing EU-funded Intra-Africa projects. we've already won a four years EU-funded Intra Africa project, (<https://creategreenafrica.udsm.ac.tz/scholarships/application-for-scholarships>) making me an ideal fit to the position to connect students on our project with ASAF and EU-funded linked mobility. I will also assist members to apply for Intra-Africa mobility and funds. Experiences from our project will be shared with ASAF colleagues for peer learning and future collaboration