

Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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Why do you want to become an ASAF Board member?

Since 2019, it has been an honor for me to be part of such a respectful and luminous platform as ASAF. My humble experience with ASAF began 5 years ago now, as an active member, board member and also representative of my region. I then understood that ASAF was interested in African students and their study and mobility experiences. Bringing together Africa's potential and brightest is therefore one of my humble objectives within ASAF, which is more than an organization and more than a forum.

Over time, ASAF has become like a family, and today I want to make this family bigger and its geographical area wider than ever before. One of my ultimate concerns, too, is to bring ASAF closer to other students all over Africa, in order to gather new scholarship holders who are experiencing their current mobilities. Finally, I would like to become a member of the ASAF Board because I want our organization/platform to become the first and best known throughout Africa.

What is your vision for ASAF?

Make ASAF bigger and better known than before. Like OCEANS and EMA, ASAF's ground must be larger. My humble vision is to look for solutions and strategies to make ASAF

even better known among the various African universities in order to add new alumni to our network. Today, there are many students who have already benefited from a scholarship in Europe or Africa, but are not part of our ASAF community.

My vision is also to continue a series of pilot projects that I had already started as a member of the first interim Board: a project in Morocco to promote Erasmus+ scholarships to students. A second pilot project in Dakar, the Senegalese capital. Then in Tanzania too, at the University of Dar Es-Salaam, and finally in Morocco at a second university.

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

- **Public speaking, languages, communication:**

Far from claims and false truths, I'm just a student-researcher trying to share information with African students in their African universities. Communicating with others is one of my assets, if I may say so. Apart from the fact of speaking in front of an audience, the languages I speak make my job easier in a way. French and English enable me to communicate easily with the members of the Board (which is responsible for preparing all strategic and political issues for ASAF). My language skills (Eng, Fr, Ar, etc...) enable me to be in continuous collaboration with working groups, committees and co-ambassadors: my experience with the first interim board, can in no way be calf bridles. This ability enables me to succeed in the pilot projects we can carry out in North African countries (you can also return to my profile to see two different examples of projects carried out in Morocco for students) and in different regions throughout Africa (you can find on my profile the different projects carried out with ASAF: in

Morocco, Senegal, Tanzania). What I can guarantee on my part is respect for tasks and their duration: such as managing all ASAF activities at continental level within a precise timeframe, in collaboration with the other board members.

Why should you be elected as an ASAF Board member?

- **Respecting specific roles:**

Firstly, I understand that I have to represent ASAF at continental and global level, and that I will also be one of the main interlocutors with the European Union and the African Union. I am also aware that Board decisions are taken collegially. So, it's a group effort (mutual and internal collaboration is still necessary). All members are the point of departure and arrival before any decision is taken. Staying in direct contact with the various parts of ASAF is paramount. My role as head of a department is to succeed in my specific tasks, but also to ensure that the various activities on behalf of ASAF are in line with ASAF's overall strategy. I also intend, if I get the chance, to continue this series of pilot projects already carried out in various African universities, and to collaborate with new universities.