

Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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Why do you want to become an ASAF Board member?

Dear members of ASAF,

I come to you with the ambition of continuing the work begun over the last two years within our organization, focusing on three key priorities:

1. Consolidate and operationalize ASAF's structures: It is essential to finalize the internal organization and make all our structures fully operational. This will enable each member to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by our network while guaranteeing efficient and transparent management.
2. Promote and disseminate scholarship opportunities across the continent and beyond: Access to quality education is a fundamental pillar of Africa's future. Reinforcing the dissemination of information on EU-funded scholarships is a priority to widen access to these resources for young Africans, whether in rural or urban areas.
3. Strengthen members' capacities and improve their employability: ASAF must play a key role in the acquisition of essential skills for its members, whether through training, workshops or partnerships with institutions and businesses. This will not only

make our members more competitive on the labour market, but also contribute to the socio-economic development of their respective countries.

ASAF is a big family, and it is crucial to preserve this unity around the issues that affect our continent. Access for all to quality education, skills development and equal opportunities must be at the heart of our actions.

Our vision is clear: to make ASAF a key player in educational and professional development in Africa.

What is your vision for ASAF?

My vision for ASAF

I see ASAF becoming a truly pan-African forum, a place where each member's voice is not only heard but also valued. My ambition is to transform ASAF into a legally constituted organization, capable of forging strategic partnerships with institutions and organizations that share our values. These collaborations would create new opportunities for all our members while strengthening our impact on the continent.

My objective goes beyond simply promoting scholarships funded by the European Union. It's also about highlighting the achievements of our members, celebrating their successes and actively contributing to their professional development. ASAF must become a driving force in the careers of its members, supporting them at every step of the way and giving them the tools, they need to succeed and flourish.

In short, my vision for ASAF is that of a solid, united, and truly pan-African network, where each member can develop, prosper, and contribute to the future of Africa.

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

With over 10 years' involvement in associations, I have solid expertise in organisational management, leadership and coordinating diverse teams. I have

demonstrated my ability to plan and organise events effectively, conduct relevant training courses and ensure rigorous management within complex structures.

As a researcher and former head of regional cooperation and integration, I have recognised experience in managing large-scale collaborative projects. My leadership of multi-disciplinary teams has been highly successful, ensuring the progress of initiatives while fostering strong cohesion between members.

What's more, my training in project management and science enables me to combine rigour, strategic vision and an eye for detail. These are the skills that will enable me to support the ASAF network, strengthen its existing structures and promote the sustainability of our organisation in a rapidly changing pan-African context.

Why should you be elected as an ASAF Board member?

As a current vice-president of ASAF, I am intimately familiar with how our network operates, how it is funded, and the context in which our activities are supported. This experience has enabled me to identify precisely the strategic levers on which we must rely to move ASAF forward for the benefit of its members.

Occupying a central position in the management of the network, in particular through the coordination of the co-ambassadors, I have not only contributed to its expansion but also acquired a deep understanding of the global challenges and the specific contexts of each country. This knowledge enables me to better understand national realities and to propose appropriate solutions to overcome obstacles.

On the strength of this experience, I am fully committed and ready to devote the necessary time to this role, because I understand that it requires a great deal of availability. I'm also convinced that I can act as a catalyst within the Board, providing unifying support to my colleagues, while accompanying them in their respective responsibilities.