

## Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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

I am motivated to pursue a position on the ASAF Board because I recognize a unique opportunity to provide **strategic leadership** that not only addresses the pressing challenges our members face but also invests in the **long-term institutionalization of our association**. My vision is to elevate our role in promoting not just **members prosperity** but also the **significant issues that confront Africa** today to feed in **the vision of the Africa we want**.

At the heart of my vision is a commitment to promoting a **member-centered association**. I envision a space where **every voice matter**, where the perspectives and needs of our members are not just acknowledged, but are integral to shaping our **strategic direction**. By ensuring that decision-making reflects the insights of our members. Moreover, I am deeply committed to addressing the multifaceted challenges our members face, particularly regarding participation and access to equal opportunity. It is essential that we identify and dismantle the barriers that hinder full engagement. I envision initiatives that not only promote **inclusivity** but also provide **tailored support** for those who may face unique challenges participating. By championing **diversity and equal access to opportunities**, we can build a robust and representative association that reflects the richness of our membership.

As we look to the future, I see tremendous potential in **strengthening our partnerships** with the European Union and our sister organizations. ASAF is fundamentally an **association of professionals**, and this identity must be woven into the very fabric of our operations and our way of life. I am particularly passionate about creating forums and platforms for dialogue, as well as expanding opportunities for our members to engage in **professional exchanges**. Imagine a future where African professionals host members from sister associations and vice versa, allowing for **enriching short-term exchanges** in diverse foreign environments. Such initiatives would not only provide invaluable exposure but also broaden perspectives and enhance our members' professional development. This vision aligns with our unwavering commitment to elevate our members, ensuring they have the tools and experiences needed to thrive in their respective fields.

So, I ask for your support, please vote for me, Geline Alfred Fuko, as we embark on this journey together toward the Impactful ASAF.

## What is your vision for ASAF?

My vision for ASAF is to provide strategic leadership that strengthens the association's institutional foundation while addressing key challenges our members face. I am committed to building a member-centered organization where every voice is valued, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring equal access to opportunities by removing barriers to participation. By expanding partnerships with the European Union and sister organizations, ASAF will become a platform for professional growth, collaboration, and exchange, empowering our members to thrive.

This vision also aligns with a broader goal which is contributing to Africa's development by addressing pressing issues and shaping the future of "the Africa we want." Together, we can build a more impactful ASAF, advancing both our members and the continent.

Please support me, Geline Alfred Fuko, in this journey!

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

As a candidate for the ASAF Board, I bring a wealth of skills and experience that will contribute to the strategic growth and institutional strengthening of the association. My top skills include:

### 1. Leadership

I have extensive experience in leading initiatives, such as founding Tangible Initiatives for Local Development (TIFLD), which positions me to provide strong, visionary leadership for ASAF. I'm adept at crafting long-term strategies that address both immediate and future challenges, ensuring ASAF's sustainability and impact.

### 2. Legal Expertise

As a lawyer and attorney (High Court of Tanzania), for more than 15 years in the legal field, I bring my expertise in navigating legal frameworks that support ASAF's mission and enhance professional growth for our members.

### 3. Project Management

My experience managing complex projects, including election observation and law reform programs, equips me to oversee initiatives that drive ASAF's objectives.

### 4. Policy Analysis

With a background in shaping policies to support democratic governance and institutional reforms, I can contribute to policy development within ASAF, ensuring alignment with both member needs and Africa's broader development goals.

5. Digital Innovation

I have developed several digital tools to enhance governance, such as the LRAT tool and the techiekit and I'm eager to leverage these skills to introduce innovations that benefit ASAF's operations and member engagement.

6. Community Empowerment

I am deeply committed to fostering inclusivity and supporting members, ensuring that all members have equal access to opportunities and platforms within ASAF.

7. Capacity Building

I have a proven track record of building platforms for professional development and knowledge sharing, which I would replicate within ASAF to enhance member skills and expertise.

8. International Collaboration

My work with global organizations and partnerships has equipped me to strengthen ASAF's ties with international bodies like the European Union, and sisters' organisations expanding opportunities for our members.

9. CSO Expertise

Having worked extensively with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), I understand how to build coalitions and advocate for the interests of professionals, which can help amplify ASAF's voice on the global stage.

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

I believe I should be elected as an ASAF Board member because I am committed to creating a member-centered association that empowers African professionals and actively contributes to shaping the continent's future. My vision is rooted in ensuring that every member has a voice, equal access to opportunities, and the support needed to thrive.

Imagine an ASAF where African professionals can participate in exchange programs both within Africa and internationally, creating invaluable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and professional growth. By fostering these kinds of cross-border professional exchanges, I envision a future where our members broaden their horizons, gain global exposure, and bring back knowledge and skills that contribute directly to Africa's development.

I am also committed to addressing the barriers that prevent full participation, ensuring that ASAF is an inclusive platform where all members, regardless of their background, can benefit from tailored support. In Members, We Invest; In Africa, We Shape the Future, this is the vision I bring to the ASAF Board.

By strengthening partnerships with international organizations and leveraging digital innovation, I will work to ensure that ASAF becomes a gateway for professional development, collaboration, and advocacy, giving our members the tools to lead in their respective fields and drive Africa's progress.

I ask for your support to make this vision a reality. Vote for Geline Alfred Fuko, together, we will invest in our members and shape the future of Africa through a more inclusive, dynamic, and impactful ASAF.