

Board Member Candidate's e-flyer

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Why do you want to become an ASAF Board member?

I am eager to join the ASAF Board to contribute to empowering African students and alumni through collaboration, leadership, and personal growth. With a background in engineering and education, I have developed strong problem-solving and leadership skills, which I am excited to bring to the board. I am passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion, ensuring that students from all backgrounds and regions are represented and engaged. By joining the ASAF Board, I aim to help build a stronger network that fosters professional development and drives positive change across Africa and globally.

What is your vision for ASAF?

My vision for ASAF is to become a leading platform that unites African students and alumni, fostering collaboration, innovation, and leadership to drive sustainable development across the continent. I envision ASAF expanding its reach and impact by strengthening partnerships with key stakeholders, including educational institutions, governments, and international organizations like the African Union and European Union.

I see ASAF as a hub for knowledge sharing, professional development, and cross-

regional cooperation, where members can exchange ideas, create solutions to local and global challenges, and contribute to Africa's socio-economic growth. I also envision ASAF promoting inclusivity, ensuring equal representation of voices from diverse backgrounds, regions, and mobility programs, while amplifying the role of African students and alumni in shaping the continent's future.

Ultimately, I aspire for ASAF to empower its members with the skills, opportunities, and networks they need to become catalysts for change, driving progress in education, innovation, and leadership for a stronger and more united Africa.

As an ASAF Board member, I aim to:

- Strengthen ASAF's influence across the continent by promoting knowledge exchange and personal development.
- Increase outreach and participation, particularly among underrepresented students.
- Foster greater communication between ASAF and its members to ensure inclusivity and transparency.

Support ASAF's strategic growth through partnerships with external organizations, enhancing the opportunities available to African students and alumni.

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 blend of academic, leadership, and organizational skills that will enhance ASAF's mission. My background as an Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering equips me with strong analytical and problem-solving skills, which are essential for strategic decision-making. Additionally, my role as Head of External Centers at Sudan University of Science and Technology has given me experience in managing teams, coordinating complex projects, and fostering

partnerships with local and international institutions.

My experience within ASAF has further honed my abilities in communication, collaboration, and outreach. I have contributed to various task forces, including the Community Development, Social Media, and Communications Task Forces, where I've played a role in enhancing ASAF's visibility and engagement with members. These experiences have taught me the value of teamwork and inclusivity, skills that are critical for leading an organization that spans multiple regions and diverse student populations.

Why should you be elected as an ASAF Board member?

I believe I should be elected as an ASAF Board member due to my unwavering commitment to the organization's mission and my extensive experience in leadership, academia, and organizational development. Since joining ASAF in 2018, I have actively engaged in various task forces, including Community Development and Communications, which has given me a comprehensive understanding of ASAF's objectives and the needs of its members.

As an Assistant Professor and Head of External Centers at Sudan University of Science and Technology, I have developed strong leadership, strategic planning, and communication skills. My experience in managing teams and coordinating projects equips me to contribute effectively to the Board's work in shaping ASAF's future direction.

If elected, my focus will be on expanding ASAF's reach and ensuring the inclusion of underrepresented student populations. I aim to promote opportunities for professional and personal growth for all members and to foster strong communication and collaboration within ASAF. By strengthening relationships with external partners, I hope to enhance resources available to our members. My passion for empowering African students and alumni, combined with my experience and

dedication, make me a strong candidate to help drive ASAF's mission forward.
Together, we can build a more vibrant and impactful organization.