



Dear (future) ASAF member,

The African Students and Alumni Forum - ASAF is taking the next round:

Thank you for joining ASAF or subscribing to our newsletter. We are happy to introduce ASAF to you, inform you on the upcoming events and keep you updated on the next steps.

What is the African Students and Alumni Forum - ASAF aiming to do?

ASAF is a newly build platform that is still in development, offering opportunities for exchange, collaboration and capacity building to African beneficiaries of international mobility scholarships and is funded by the European Union.

When did ASAF start and where is it today?

The African Students and Alumni Forum started its development approximately a year ago. ASAF is still in its development stage and needs help from motivated and engaged members to form its future.

Earlier this month, a first small Strategy-Kick-off meeting took place. During this meeting further strategies were discussed to safeguard a diverse and representative engagement throughout the continent. within the regional workshops. Furthermore, first ideas were gathered on ASAF's future vision, mission and identity. In order to secure the continuous work on the elaborated outcome, temporary task forces were created that, among other tasks, are taking care of the corporate design of ASAF (such as logo). In the upcoming months, logo ideas will be presented to you in the Online Community and you will have the chance to give your comments about the different logos.

Check us out on Social Media:

Follow us on social media channels and learn more about ASAF, its members and activities:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Please take a look at the top news on ASAF's social media sites and share posts to increase the outreach. Let us spread the word of ASAF around the world!

We currently have a landing page www.asaf.africa where you can subscribe to our Newsletter. This helps you stay informed about upcoming events and current news.

The next upcoming steps of ASAF

The ASAF Online Community

We are happy to announce that the ASAF Online Community has officially been launched. Once your membership is confirmed you will receive or have already received an e-mail to register for the Online Community. The Online Community is a platform that helps you connect and interact with other ASAF members. You will have the chance to write

messages, post news, use voting tools and share your profile with other members. Please note, it is highly recommended to create your profile in order to connect to likeminded community members within the online community and establish your personal network. All members must register in the Online Community and fully fill out their profiles in order to be able to participate in the events.

The Regional Workshops

All members are invited to apply for **the Regional Workshops in Africa** and help establishing a new African wide Forum on higher education mobility schemes established **by** African students, alumni, and university staff **for** African students, alumni and university staff!

What are the Regional Workshops and its objectives?

There will be four regional workshops taking place across Africa in November and December. These workshops will serve as a milestone for the implementation and realization of the development of ASAF. They provide the unique opportunity to co-shape the process of establishing a Pan African vision, mission and identity, of a new African wide Forum

- by serving as a platform to reflect and exchange innovative ideas in a multi stakeholder environment (university staff, students and alumni that have international mobility experience)
- by building a strong network of committed volunteers
- by raising awareness of EU-funded mobility programmes across the continent.

When and where do the Regional Workshops take place?

The regional workshops take place in four different African countries. The four locations of the workshops shall enable a regional representativity within the workshops and safeguard an outreach throughout the region.

- 1. Workshop: Accra, Ghana from the 8th of November – 10th of November 2019 (WS to be held in French and English)
- 2. Workshop: Morocco (place to be determined), from the 23rd of November – 25th of November 2019 (WS to be held in French and English)
- 3. Workshop: South Africa (place to be determined), from the 29th of November – 1st of November 2019
- 4. Workshop: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from the 6th of December – 8th of December 2019

Check out the dates and apply for the workshop of your nearest destination! You have the chance to prioritize your participation according to the workshop dates/places. **Please note**, due to administrative implications, **the Workshop in Accra, Ghana is only accessible for members of the ECOWAS countries.**

We are expecting many applications and can't provide participation for every application. However, please also be aware that these Workshops are only the first of many

possibilities to engage within ASAF in the future. Please stay tuned and informed in order not to miss these opportunities.

Why join the Regional Workshops?

Join the Regional Workshops of the African Students and Alumni Forum and participate in the regional workshops in, Ghana, Morocco, South Africa and Ethiopia **in order to**

- take part in the political dialogue between the African Union and the European Union, in the framework of the Africa-EU Partnership and the Africa-EU Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs
- enhance students and alumni participation in the educational process
- help strengthening the network between higher education and the labour market
- make other students aware of the international mobility opportunities
- contribute to Africa's sustainable development

How to apply for the regional Workshops?

Who can apply?

Are you a student, graduate (alumni) or university staff (teaching and administrative) from the African continent, that have participated – or is participating- in an individual international mobility experience under one of the following schemes: Erasmus+ short-term International Credit Mobility, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme, Intra Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, African Union's Nyerere Scholarship and Academic Mobility Programme? Then join ASAF and become a member to actively engage in ASAF's development!

How can I apply?

If you are not a member yet, please [apply here](#). However, if you are already a member you can easily apply for the regional workshop after [registering for the Online Community here](#). **Please be aware you can only apply for the Regional Workshops through a link that is given to you in the Online Community!** Hence, you have to be registered in the Online Community. The application for the workshops is open from 20th Sept. 2019 until 29th Sept. at 23:59 CEST. There you will have the chance to fill out the application form, create your profile and state your motivation to take part in the regional workshops.

If ASAF raised your interest and you want to be part of the regional workshops, please follow the next steps that were sent to you via e-mail on how to register for the Online Community.

We are happy that you are interested in ASAF and can't wait to work on the development of ASAF and future projects with you together! We are looking forward to your application!

Your ASAF-Team

For all questions about travel, reimbursements, costs etc. please contact the Gustav-Stresemann-Institut (GSI) at info@asaf.africa or call +49 221 25997921.

For technical assistance with the ASAF Community and the application form please contact Wimino it-support@asaf.africa or call +49 (0)221 139319-0.

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