



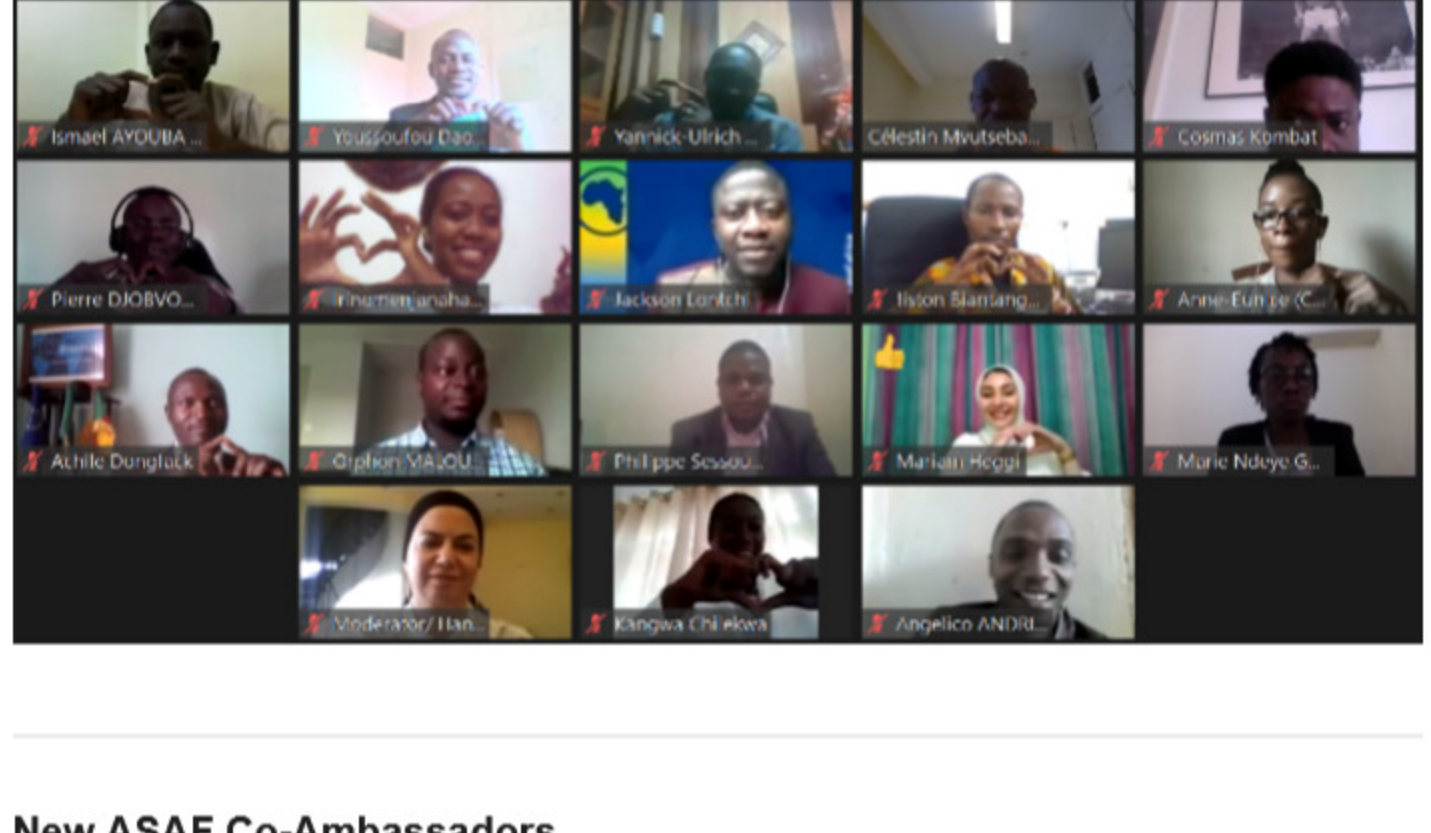
Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Time is flying and half of 2021 is already over. For us, that means:  
It's time again for some updates from and for ASAF!  
Thanks to your active and motivated members, ASAF never stands still and a lot has happened in the last three months.  
We hope that this latest edition of our newsletter has something inspiring and exciting in store for everyone and we are of course grateful if our news is spread further to increase ASAF's visibility.  
Until then, all the best and stay healthy!

The ASAF Team

## First ASAF General Forum 10 April

The African Students and Alumni Forum (ASAF) held its first pan-African event virtually on 10 April 2021. With around 140 active participants from ASAF, the African Union and the European Union, ASAF's first event of this kind was a full success! Among the highlights of the event were undoubtedly the presence and encouraging speeches of **Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth** and **H.E. Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor, African Union Commissioner on Human Resources Science and Technology (HRST)**.  
We are very much looking forward to the next ASAF General Forum in 2022!  
To read the full review of the First ASAF General Forum, [click here](#).



## New ASAF Co-Ambassadors

The application rounds and elections for our ASAF Co-Ambassadors are in full swing! Since the last update, a total of nine Co-Ambassadors for the following countries have been added: **Algeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, and South Africa**.

You can [check the detailed profiles here](#).

If you are an ASAF member and interested in running for Co-Ambassador in your country of residence (African countries only), you can find all [important information and criteria here](#). Calls for applications are always published on the ASAF website and on social media channels.

**Don't forget:** You need to be a member of your country group in the [ASAF online community](#)!



## Second ASAF Core Group Meeting 2021

The second Core Group Meeting of this year took place virtually on 5 June. Various topics were discussed such as:

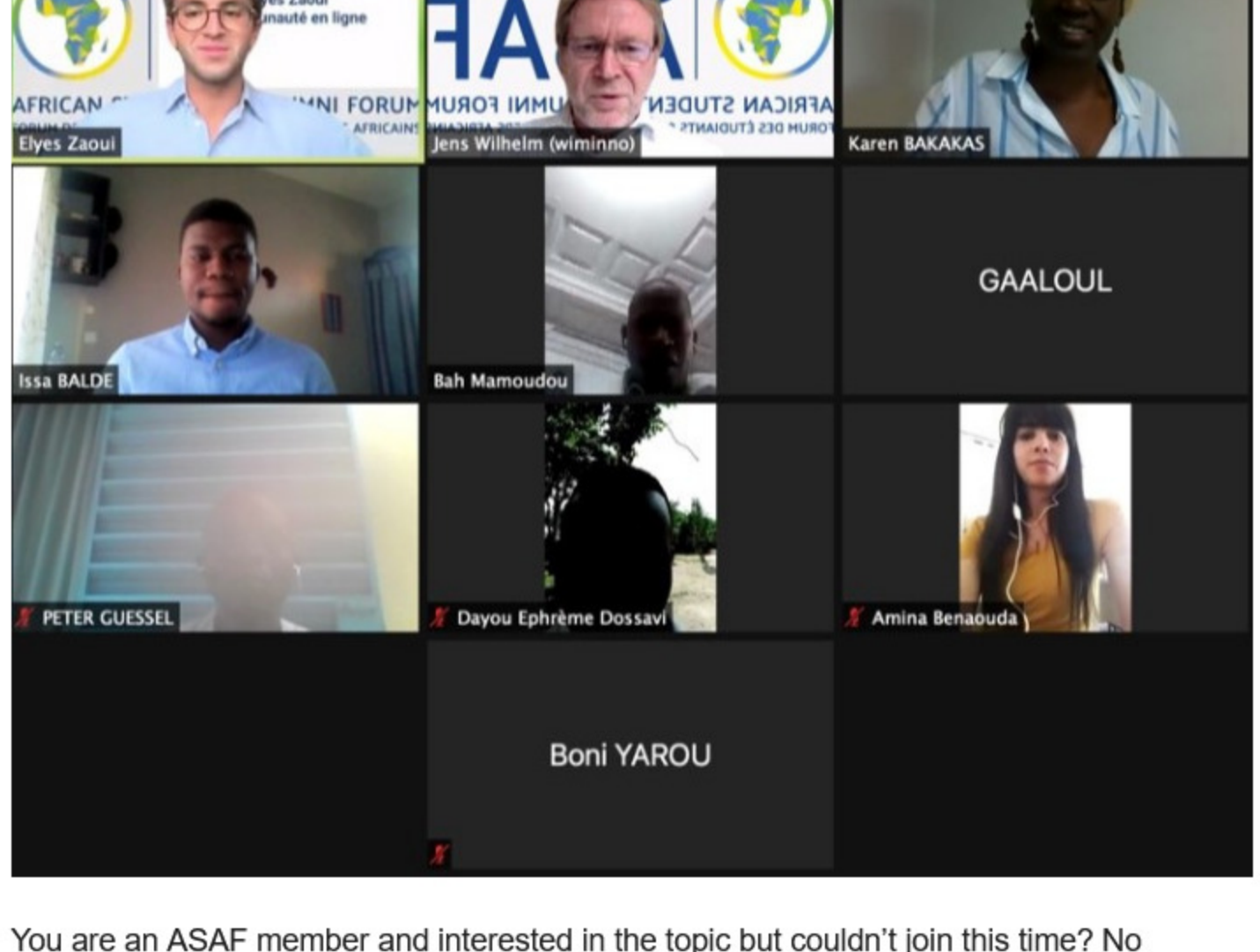
- further activities within ASAF;
- the future structure and strategy of ASAF;
- how the ASAF Community can be united and strengthened virtually despite the global pandemic.

There are 2 more Core Group meetings planned for this year, on 04 September and on 06 November.

*The Core Group consists of 10 active and dedicated ASAF members working on a temporary structure and organisation of ASAF. The group is also currently working on ASAF's strategic document. The meetings serve to discuss general organisational and strategic topics.*

## First ASAF webinar "Remote working" 2021 on 24 June

Last Thursday, 24 June, the first in a series of five ASAF webinars on **remote working and collaboration** was held for interested ASAF members. The facilitator informed the seven participants who joined from Gabon, Algeria, Uganda and Tunisia about the opportunities that can arise from pure online collaboration and presented a software for synchronous and asynchronous collaboration. With the software presented, you can work together on objects on a split screen in real time. This is of great help, for example, when writing waste disposal plans or design models.



You are an ASAF member and interested in the topic but couldn't join this time? No problem!

You will find more opportunities in the "What's next" section below and by following us on social media!

## ASAF fact sheets

In the framework of the First ASAF General Forum and in order to make it easier to spread the word about ASAF and increase its visibility, a one-page **fact sheet** was created which summarises **what the African Students and Alumni Forum is all about**, which are the **Forum's milestones** so far and **how ASAF** is organised.

The sheet already exists in [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Arabic](#) and can be downloaded and used for promotional purposes and to make ASAF known in the world. A special thanks goes to the ASAF volunteers who translated and proof read the French, Portuguese and Arabic versions!

## ASAF Survey: Topics for ASAF webinar series 2021

ASAF empowers its members to collaborate to achieve ASAF's goals and aims at providing them with a skill set to improve their employability. Being a pan-African international network, remote collaboration and working in different teams is part of the daily work. The past months showed us that - in times of lockdowns and travel restrictions - remote collaboration is even becoming more predominant. Therefore, ASAF decided to offer its members a series of online trainings in the upcoming weeks, which will help ASAF members to develop the crucial skills to be successful in:

- the remote working world
- communication and leadership
- collaboration and cooperation

To find out which topics ASAF members consider most important and interesting, we would like to ask you to fill in the survey which you can find in the [ASAF online community](#) and rate the suggested topics according to your needs and interests.



## Africa-Europe partnership: Connecting young local leaders! 23 & 24 June

On 23 and 24 June, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) organised the online event **Africa-Europe partnership: Connecting young local leaders!**

"Europe and Africa face more and more common challenges, there is a growing need for greater cooperation and solidarity, starting with the local level. Many of these challenges are long-term and intergenerational, meaning young people are deeply affected. And indeed who better to talk about the world of tomorrow than the youth?" (CEMR)



## What's next

### ASAF webinars July 2021

ASAF members, mark your calendars!  
The planning of the ASAF webinar series 2021 is taking shape and we can already announce the next two online trainings for July:

- Successful virtual collaboration (virtual), 17 July
- Conflict management and Communication (virtual) scheduled for 24 July

More information regarding the time and how to register will follow soon on our social media channels, website and the online community, stay tuned!

## 10th Africa Student and Youth Summit (ASYS) on 22 & 23 July

The 10th Africa Students and Youth Summit (ASYS), a flagship event of the All-Africa Students Union, is happening virtually on 22nd and 23rd July 2021. This year's ASYS marks a decade of championing students' rights across the African continent. The 10th ASYS theme: "Act, Inspire and Scale-up - Giving a Fair Share to End Child Labour" is anchored on our belief that "There should be no place for child labour in Africa". The theme for the 10th ASYS aligns with the declaration of 2021 as the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour by the International Labour Organization. SAY NO TO CHILD LABOUR!

**For more information and registration, follow this link.**

This year again, ASAF is proud to be official partner of ASYS and we would be delighted to see as many ASAF members as possible at the event!



## Call for Portuguese speakers (website translation)

As ASAF is a pan-African Forum which aims at reflecting the continent's diversity in all its aspects, we are now looking for committed Portuguese speaking ASAF members who are willing to support us with the translation of important content into Portuguese. This mainly refers to the ASAF website. Interested members can send an e-mail to [service@asaf.africa](mailto:service@asaf.africa).



## Call for French speakers for Social Media Task Force

The ASAF Social Media Task Force recently got off the ground and is working together to increase ASAF's activities and visibility in its social media channels.

To keep up with the bilingualism of the forum, we are now looking for native French speakers among our ASAF members who have a passion for social media and would like to join the task force.

Interested? Wonderful! Simply get in touch at: [service@asaf.africa](mailto:service@asaf.africa)

We look forward to welcoming you to our Social Media Task Force!

## Elections next Co-Ambassadors: Morocco, Ivory Coast, Togo, and Zimbabwe

Good news! ASAF members from **Morocco, the Ivory Coast, Togo and Zimbabwe** can now vote the first **Co-Ambassador** for their country in the [ASAF online community](#).

**Elections close on 02 July at 3pm CEST** and all information on the candidates, how to cast your vote etc. can be found in the news feed of the online community and/or the respective country group!

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