

ASAF Co-Ambassadors – Role, Responsibilities, Activities

What does it mean to be an ASAF Co-Ambassador?

Your time, effort, experience in academic mobility, connections, and international networks are valuable to us!

Being an ASAF Co-Ambassador means that you will show your love for ASAF and the development of the whole African continent through your volunteering and network. We provide you with first-hand information about ASAF and the relevant mobility programmes (Nyerere Scholarship Scheme; Erasmus+, including International Credit Mobility as well as Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme; Intra-Africa and Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme) which will help you to promote, connect and introduce both ASAF and these mobility programmes in your country of assignment.

However, you will not be alone: You will share your position with another Co-Ambassador to better represent ASAF's diversity (in gender, mobility programme and languages) but also to share both duties and burdens. In addition, the ASAF network will be there to support you and exchange ideas and experiences. Our goal is to establish a network which helps students and alumni to connect and at the same time enhances the African awareness for ASAF, the academic mobility programmes of the AU and EU, as well as the opportunities African and European Higher Education offers.

What you need to be an ASAF Co-Ambassador:

- You must be ASAF member (registration in ASAF online community with a complete, detailed profile).
- You commit and devote to collaborate with other ASAF Members and bodies
- You live and will be living in the country you want to be a Co-Ambassador in (at least during the mandate)¹
- You feel compassion towards ASAF and academic mobility and want to promote both all over Africa.
- You are passionate about volunteering.
- You are keen on personal and professional networking.
- You have solid knowledge of French and/or English, as well as additional language skills relevant in the country you apply for.
- Additional relevant language skills like Swahili, Arabic, Berber, Spanish, Portuguese, etc. are an asset.

¹ The standard mandate will be two years. However, this can be altered under certain circumstances but will never be longer than two years.

- You do not currently (and will not during your mandate) hold the position of a Co-Speaker in one of the ASAF Task Forces:
- You are willing to dedicate approximately 10 - 20² hours per month to this position.
- You have a laptop and steady internet connection.
- You commit yourself for the whole term/mandate.

Please note: The two Co-Ambassadors together must cover intra-African mobility and a mobility with the EU as well as reflect the gender diversity of ASAF. The two Co-Ambassadors should cover the main languages of their country. These conditions can have an impact on the selection process of candidates.

ASAF Co-Ambassadors' responsibilities:

Together with the other Co-Ambassador, the frank collaboration of their country's members and other ASAF bodies, you will:

- Maintain the country group in the ASAF online-community, i.e.
 - Moderate discussions
 - Manage applications to the group
 - Safeguard that the profiles of the group members are up to date and accurate
 - Share information that is relevant for all members of the country group
- Be part of and actively contribute to the Co-Ambassadors group in the online community, where experiences and best practices are shared.
- Promote the relevant mobility programmes of the AU and EU.
- Assist prospective students and staff before they leave for their mobility.
- Assist and welcome incoming students, teachers/lecturers, and staff, who will have their mobility in the country of assignment.
- Promote ASAF and assist newly selected staff and students of the mentioned programmes.
- Support the formation of a subcommunity of ASAF alumni in your country of assignment.
- Support job placement for and professional development of ASAF members.
- Be contact point for ASAF at the national level.
- Control, report about visual identity (i.e., logos) of the EU/ AU and ASAF.
- Raise awareness on good practices concerning EU/AU programmes.
- Maintain good relations to and collaborate with other relevant EU-funded projects like Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA), OCEANS network, etc. and their structures on the ground (country representatives etc.)

² This is a preliminary number of hours.

ASAF Co-Ambassadors' activities together with other country members; ASAF bodies:

- Promotional Activities: Promotion of ASAF, scholarships, AU and the EU mobility programmes.
- Pre-departure orientation: Physical events in collaboration with European Union Delegations (EUD), Virtual events (i.e., professional development, study fairs, etc.).
- Global/continental events: AU Day, EU Day, Erasmus+ Day, yearly ASAF Co-Ambassadors virtual conference and ASAF General Meetings, etc.
- General Promotion of the AU, EU and the co-operation of both.

Our Co-Ambassadors, are the point of contact for ASAF at a national level, they promote ASAF and support, organise and motivate ASAF members in their country of assignment and the corresponding country group in the ASAF online community.

Their main tasks are the **promotion of specific AU and EU mobility programmes** (Nyerere Scholarship Scheme; Erasmus+ (International Credit Mobility and Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Degree Programme); Intra-Africa and Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme), to **assist students and staff** before they leave for their mobility, as well as to **assist and welcome incoming students, teachers, lecturers and staff**, who will have their mobility in their country of assignment.

Every country is supposed to have **two Co-Ambassadors** who reflect ASAF's **diversity in gender, mobility programmes and languages**