

# African Alumni of ISU (ISU-AA)

"Statement of Intent"

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At the gathering of the First African Leadership Conference on Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Development held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2005, four African Alumni of the International Space University, France, "ISU": Messrs Peter Martinez, Tare Brisibe, Ola Abraham and Ayodele Faiyetole resolved to work towards the establishment of the ISU African Alumni Association, "ISU-AA".

The continent of Africa has benefited immensely from the International Space University. Most countries in Africa: Kenya, Libya, South Africa, Morocco, Nigeria, Cameroun, Algeria and others are proud to have graduates from ISU that have brought vigour, purpose and excellence to their various establishments. We therefore would like to entrench these values and, at the same time, contribute more to Africa, ISU, and to the Global Space community at large.

The following are the Raison D'Etire for ISU-AA:

- To popularise Africa in Space Science & Technology (SST) and SST in Africa
- To contribute our knowledge to the development of Africa
- To popularise ISU in Africa
- To mentor African & other students in ISU
- To send/assist other African students to participate in ISU programmes
- To keep in touch with Africans in Diaspora in Space

To fully establish this association, the group has as a next step to develop a constitution and regional representative structure. We intend to have four regional groups i.e. the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), West Africa, East Africa and the North Africa regions. In the interim during this establishment stage, Dr. Peter Martinez of National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa and Mr. Tare Brisibe of National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA), Nigeria, have agreed to be responsible for SADC and West Africa regions respectively. Still needed are interim coordinators for the North and East Africa regions.

By the establishment of this association, we hope that we will be part of the development of Space Science and Technology in Africa and throughout the World. The group is therefore calling on every alumnus of ISU in Africa, African alumni of ISU in other continents, and other interested ISU alumni to join this initiative to form ISU-AA and to contributive towards the development of Space Science & Technology and Policy regulations in Africa and the World at large.

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