

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
ESTABLISHING THE
INTERNATIONAL SPACE
UNIVERSITY AFRICAN ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

‘ISUAAA’

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Preamble

We the ISU Alumni and proud graduates of the ISU;

Having successfully completed and immensely benefited either academically or professionally from the International Space University which has brought vigour, purpose and excellence to our various establishments;

Intending to entrench these values and, at the same time, contribute more to Africa, ISU, and to the global space community at large;

Recognising the need to popularise Space Science & Technology in Africa;

Seeking to contribute our knowledge to the development of Africa;

Knowing the significant need to mentor African & other students at ISU while assisting other African students to participate in ISU programmes;

Determined to keep in touch with Africa in Diaspora in the space community;

Do hereby agree and endorse the following understanding:

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the 'International Space University African Alumni Association' (ISUAAA) which is a network mechanism for enhanced cooperation and networking among its members to achieve the objectives articulated in **Article 3**.

Article 2: Seat of the Network

The seat of the Network shall be at such a place as determined by the Executive Council.

Article 3: Objectives of the Network

- a. To foster and maintain a network between the existing ISUAAA and future students.
- b. To support and mentor current and future students through the common shared experience at the ISU.
- c. To assist in advancing the true course of space and related higher education within the African Continent associated with ISU.
- d. To support and engage in progressive development of the International Space University in order to ensure that the

common goals of the ISU African Alumni are shared and refined hand in hand with ISU management.

- e. To foster a spirit of fellowship among its members.
- f. To position ISUAAA as a supportive network of African space professionals to leverage and enhance African space sector capabilities.
- g. To undertake all activities conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects.

Article 4: Membership Eligibility

A person automatically becomes a member of the network if s/he:

- a. Is an ISU alumnus:
 - i. Hailing from a country within the African Continent or is of African descent either by birth, citizenship and other means as recognised by the said country in question.
Or
 - ii. Who is a national, citizen or permanent resident of a country within the African continent regardless of his/her current place of residence.
Or
 - iii. With African heritage or descent and has been engaged in development of space activities within the African continent either by association, affiliation and other substantial endeavours or is supporting the space and related activities within the African Continent.
Or
 - iv. Who is not part of any other ISU Alumni Association, but with proven intentions and ambitions to support space and related activities within the African Continent, upon the decision of the Executive Council.
- b. Agrees to the provisions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.
- c. Other particulars associated with membership such as fees, registration, classification of membership, rights, duties and benefits among others shall be determined by the executive council as deemed fit.

Article 5: Withdrawal, Cessation and Termination of Membership

- a. Any member may withdraw from the Network by issuing written resignation and lodging a copy of the same with the Secretary.
- b. A member automatically ceases to be a member if s/he:
 - i. Resigns in writing, and that resignation is accepted by the Executive Council.

- ii. Becomes of unsound mind, or his person or estate become liable to be dealt with under the respective laws relating to mental health.
- iii. Is convicted of an indictable criminal offence.
- iv. Dies.

Article 6: Activities of the Network

- a. The Executive Council shall decide the activities to be undertaken by the Network and terms of references associated with the activities.

Article 7: Executive Council

There shall be an Executive Council which shall be the principle governing body. The Executive Council shall:

- a. Generally manage the overall affairs of the network required to realise the aims of the Network.
- b. Manage and set the strategic direction of the Network.
- c. Perform and fulfil all duties and responsibilities required for successful running of the Network as a whole.
- d. Ensure continued legal and regulatory compliance of the Network.
- e. Fulfil Executive Council meeting attendance requirements, as determined by the Executive Council members.

Article 7 A: Adhoc Executive Council

- a. The following members shall form the Adhoc Executive Council which shall hold tenure for a period of twelve (12) Calendar Months from the date of coming into being of this Memorandum of Understanding and after election into Office of the first Executive Council members and first officers of the network through a procedure established by the aforesaid Adhoc Executive Council:
 - i. Peter Martinez (South Africa)
 - ii. Timiebi Aganaba (Nigeria)
 - iii. James Mason (South Africa)
 - iv. Angel Asangire Oprong (Kenya)
 - v. Tare Brisibe (Nigeria)
 - vi. Ayodele Faiyetole (Nigeria)
- b. The Adhoc Executive Council shall; pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding; establish rules, procedures, by laws and carry out other functions important for the working of the ISUAAA.

- c. The provision Article 7A (Adhoc Executive Council) shall be deleted from this Memorandum of Understanding after the occupation of office the first Executive Council and first officers of the network.

Article 8: Meetings

The Executive Council shall decide the seat, procedure of meetings of the network.

Article 9: Officers of the Network

- a. There shall be office bearers who shall ensure the running of the network
- b. Officers must be members of the Network.
- c. The Officers of the Network shall be:
 - i. The Chairman.
 - ii. The President.
 - iii. The Secretary.
 - iv. The Treasurer.
- d. Terms of Reference of the office bearers shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Article 10: Chairman

The Chairman shall:

- a. Direct and manage the operation of the Executive Council.
- b. Chair meetings of the Executive Council.
- c. Identify individuals from outside the organisation who are suitable candidates for the Regional National Point of Contact positions upon nomination by members.
- d. Invite identified individuals to become members of the Executive Council following ratification of that individual by the Executive Council.
- e. Ensure that the Executive Council meets at intervals set out.
- f. Act as a liaison between the Executive Council, Officers and the members of the Network.
- g. Undertake any other duties as designated by the Executive Council from time to time.

Article 11: President

The President shall:

- a. Be responsible to the Executive Council for the ongoing effect and efficient day to day management of the Network's operations.
- b. Chair meetings of the Executive Council in the absence of the Chairman or as delegated by the Chairman.
- c. Be responsible for the operation and compliance of the organisation to by-laws, rules, regulations and Executive Council decisions.

- d. Ensure all Executive Council decisions are effected as required.
- e. Undertake any other duties as designated by the Executive Council from time to time.
- f. Represent the Network in external relations.
- g. Act as the spokesman of the Network on consultation with the Executive Council.

Article 12: Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep, retain and produce as and when required or requested:
 - a. Any instruments enacted by the Network.
 - b. The minutes of the various meetings of the Network.
- b. Call meetings of the Executive Council and the other Meetings of the Network as required by the Network.
- c. Undertake all the secretariat activities to ensure efficient operation of the Network.
- d. Unless otherwise decided, the Secretary will be the custodian of the Networks documents.
- e. Undertake any other duties as designated by the Executive Council from time to time.

Article 13: Treasurer

Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial management of the Network as determined by Executive Council.

Article 14: Vacant Office

The Executive council shall determine the rules of procedures of occupation of a vacant office.

Article 15: Regions

- a. The Executive Council shall decide, create and recognise regions of the Network, the geographical divisions (or through other criteria) which shall comprise countries located within the African Continent.
- b. ISUAAA Regions shall be:
 - i. Northern Africa
 - ii. Western Africa
 - iii. Central Africa
 - iv. Eastern Africa
 - v. Southern Africa

Article 16: Regional Points of Contact

- a. The Regional Point of Contact shall be selected according to Executive Council.
- b. S/he shall be the official representative of the Region defined in **Article 15** of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- c. Regional point of Contact shall:

- i. Keep the contacts of other ISU alumni within the region.
- ii. Organise regional programs in line the objectives of the Network.
- iii. Keep the Executive Council and other members abreast of the on goings of the specific Regions.
- iv. Undertake all activities in his/her capacity that is conducive or incidental to the attainment of the aims of the constitution.

Article 17: Voting and Election Procedures

The Executive Council shall decide the voting and election procedure of the network.

Article 18: Other ISU Africa Alumni

Notwithstanding the establishment of the ISUAAA, nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall prohibit the independent creation, formation and existence of other African regional ISU Alumni groups or ISU alumni groups within any African country.

Article 19: Funding and Other Resources

The Executive Council, in consultation with the members, shall decide modes of funding to advance the objectives of Network.

Article 20: By laws, Rules and Regulations

- a. The Executive Council shall prescribe such rules and regulations of the Network as deemed fit.
- b. The power of making new by-laws and the altering, amending or rescinding of any existing by-law shall be vested in the Executive Council and such power may be exercised from time to time as occasion may require.
- c. No new by-law, addition, amendment or alteration shall be made without a one calendar month consultation period, wherein any ISUAAA member is invited to provide comments, suggestions of the proposed amendment.

Article 21: Official Registration of the Association

The Executive Council upon acceptance by two third (2/3) majority vote of founding members shall determine country and the official registration of the Association, as and when necessary.

Article 22: Enactment & Entry Into Force

This MOU shall become effective shall enter into force on the 10th signature of ISU African alumnus (founder). It shall be in operation with a period decided by the founders after which the Executive Council have the discretion to extend, amend, or revise by a two-thirds majority of all members, including the concurring votes of all of the founding members.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of understanding.

Name	Country	Year of Engagement with ISU	Signature	Date and Place
Abdurrazag M. Elaskri	Libya	2001		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Abimbola Alale	Nigeria	2001		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Angel Asangire Oprong	Kenya	2008		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Assad Anathallee	Mauritius	2006		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Ayodele Adekunle Faiyetole	Nigeria	2004		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
James Mason	South Africa	2008		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Olawunmi Abraham	Nigeria	2005		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Olufemi Arosanyin	Nigeria	2004		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Olufunke Taiwo Ero-Phillips	Nigeria	2009		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Peter Martinez	South Africa	2003		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Rakiya Abdullahi Babamaaji	Nigeria	2005		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Timiebi Aganaba	Nigeria	2008		Nov 2009, via Online Survey
Youssef Attia	Libya	1999		Nov 2009, via Online Survey