Key strategies approaches
• seek representation at relevant national, regional and global fora on HRH development, medical education
• organise periodic meetings and conferences on medical education
• support the development of relevant journals, guides, other publications, and promote access to these by students and faculty
• exchange and review teaching materials, methods and best practices
• promote exchange visits between students and faculty
• maintain communication by means of maximising the use of modern information and communication technology
• apply agreed standards to ensure accreditation

Membership
Membership shall be open to representatives of all African Medical Schools, with a special focus on those with an interest in the development, quality, relevance and sustainability of medical schools in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Organisation
The organisation will have an Executive Committee, a General Assembly and a Secretariat.

All membership subscription fees shall be paid annually, at a rate to be proposed by the Executive Committee and accepted by a General Assembly convened at a meeting or electronically.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw membership privileges for members in arrears with subscriptions.

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AFRICAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (AMSA)

VISION
AMSA aspires to be the premier organisation to enhance standards and sustainability of medical schools and advance sustainable development and quality of medical education and science for the achievement of a healthy Africa.

GOAL
To improve the standards, value and relevance of medical schools on the African continent through education, research, service and collaboration

VALUES
AMSA is committed to:
• upholding ethical and professional standards
• promoting evidence-based health care practice and decision-making
• protecting human rights and dignity
• maintaining excellence and relevance
• advancing equity and social justice
• being responsible and socially responsive
• ensuring transparency and accountability
• solidarity
• volunteerism

OBJECTIVES
Education
• support service learning
• exchange teaching and learning materials, teachers and institutions
• support evaluation and documentation of training for students and teachers
• share programmes, curricula and practices in medical education methods relevant to Africa
• lead innovation in medical education to meet the needs of the community and society at large

Research
• promote and support the conduct of medical research in countries in Africa with special attention to research on aspects of medical education
• promote and support the conduct, translation and application of research for health relevant to the needs of the population and the health system

Service
• contribute to setting of standards for health services
• ensure the sustainability of an academic health complex which links teaching, learning and research to health system need
• encourage medical schools to strengthen health service through service learning
• contribute to continuing education of health human resources in the health system
• strengthen relationships in the academic health complex of medical schools, the health services and related teaching facilities

Collaboration
• foster communication, collaboration and networking between medical schools
• promote collaboration and networking with those organisations that share our vision and mission

Quality assurance
• promote the development and quality of medical education, research, service and collaboration
• contribute to the setting of standards in medical education for good practice with regard to teaching and assessment, with special reference to accreditation standards and practices
• develop tools to measure quality of teaching and learning experience

Social accountability
• promote the social accountability of medical schools through nurturing the relationship between medical schools and the community, the health system and the broader society

Advocacy
• influence, inform and advise relevant national and global decision- and policy-makers in matters related to the promotion of medical schools in Africa, espoused in the goal and objectives of AMSA
• serve as voice and advocate for academic medicine in Africa
• promote the highest standards of medical professionalism on the African continent

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