

## BENEFITS OF BEING AN ASDPN MEMBER



[Sustainably Transforming Africa Together](#)



## Why Join the ASDPN?

The Africa Science Diplomacy and Policy Network (ASDPN) has as its vision to proactively transform societies by responding to Africa's aching challenges, reducing risks, reducing poverty and maximizing opportunities for all Africans, while advancing sustainable development through science, diplomacy and policy. To this end, ASDPN has thus set out to create a simple web across the African continent in particular and the Globe in general, linking African scientists, diplomats and policy makers for the common purpose of realizing its vision. This global networking is not only limited to individuals but also encompasses Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Universities, Research Centers and other knowledge edge institutions with a strong focus towards:

- Contributing to the attainment of sustainable development goals through strengthening the interplay of science, policy and diplomacy for an emergent Africa.
- Promoting practical solutions, initiatives and long term pathways for sustainable development in Africa
- Ensuring linkages between scientific research and policy making towards stronger evidenced based decision stream.
- Supporting capacity building and collaboration efforts that assist in

research and sustainable development.

- Supporting the African Agenda in the international diplomatic arena backed by scientific evidence.
- Engaging grass root communities in the development of sustainable policies towards addressing Africa's multiple challenges.

Joining the ASDPN global platform simply implies being part of a unique and active team of problem solvers focused on evidenced informed policies towards sustainable development for Africa.

## Membership Benefits

There are numerous benefits of being an ASDPN member among which are:

- Being an ASDPN member automatically qualifies any individual or institution to the high level status of Science Diplomacy Ambassador.
- Receiving periodic ASDPN newsletters and policy briefs thus connecting you to novel information and education on Science Diplomacy and related fields. Information which will prove vital in your professional and educational milieu.
- The ability to network with colleagues and industry leaders in your city, country, region and the world.
- Ability to exchange with other ASDPN members scattered across the globe through our online

communication platform where members engage in discussions, seek advice and exchange fresh and innovative ideas.

- Circulation of exciting volunteer and employment opportunities within ASDPN as well as partner organizations.
- The opportunity to publish timely issues relating to science diplomacy and sustainable development on the ASDPN website and popular online platforms.
- The opportunity to build international experience around varied subjects in the field of sciences and international relations and how you can apply these experiences in advancing informed policies that address common challenges.
- Members will with viable, innovative and community transforming project(s) are able to benefit from ASDPN support for its/their realization.
- The opportunity to participate in programs at the country, regional or international level. These programs include participation in conferences, trainings, online discussions, webinars, workshops and other capacity-building opportunities as they arise and/or subject to funding availability, organized by ASDPN or its many partners.
- The pride of belonging to a growing and global network solely focused

on Science Diplomacy, a first of its kind. This comes with the due responsibility of spreading the amazing story of ASDPN and seeking partners.

### **What We Can Achieve Together**

- **Educational initiatives for sustainable development.** We can strengthen education on sustainable development through an action plan for Africa that covers formal and non-formal education and capacity building under our Science Diplomacy Education and Training for Sustainable Development (SD-E&T) Programme.



- **Lead climate change Initiatives.** Develop easy, efficient community accessible and adaptable solutions to communicating climate information services to indigenous communities and actively engage the legislature in drafting and adopting workable policies on climate change as a go to strategy to local development.



- **Foster environmental sustainability.** Build sustainable and resilient environments to environmental pressures and shocks.



- **Lead agricultural innovations and foster best practices.** Systematically develops and aligns science and technology strategies with agricultural development.



- **Promote community health care.** Support grass root communities in tackling diseases in Africa which are the major contributors of disease burden such as Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases.



- **Clean energy for sustainable development.** Ensure that all Africans have access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy.



- **Peace justice and development.** Identify durable means of ending violent conflicts, ensure justice for all, access to humanitarian services and the promotion of a culture of peace.



- **Promote the African culture**

Explore innovative ways through which science and technology can contribute in the protection and conservation of Africa's very delicate cultural heritage.



### **How Can you as an Individual or an Organization Join ASDPN?**

Applying to join the Global ASDPN community is quite short and simple. Simply visit our website ([www.asdpn.org](http://www.asdpn.org)) and fill in the online membership form in any of our working languages your most comfortable with (English or French). Make sure to indicate if you are applying as an organization or as an individual, then click SUBMIT once your done. If you have any doubts you can email us at [info@asdpn.org](mailto:info@asdpn.org) or call [\(+237\)673224831](tel:+237673224831) and our team will be available to clarify you. The General Coordination Unit of ASDPN is ever ready to review and respond to your applications.

Indeed together we can sustainably transform Africa!