Mission and Constitution

Est. in 1978 as a national network of academics, students, consultants, activists, diplomats, artists, community leaders, and others who share a mutual interest in the promotion of African Studies in Australasia and the Pacific region.

Objectives:

• to promote research and teaching of African Studies in Australia and the Pacific.
• to facilitate contact among scholars and students in the field of African Studies through conferences, regional meetings, and publications.
• to coordinate African Studies programs and the acquisition of African materials by Australian and Pacific libraries.
• to serve as the professional body representing Africanists’ interests to governments and the community.
• to contribute towards an understanding of Africa in the community at large.
• and to establish contact with African universities and scholars, other overseas scholars and African Studies associations, and to promote interchanges with them.
Members: 1200, including 500 at Australian universities

Website: [www.afsaap.org.au](http://www.afsaap.org.au)

Newsletter: *Habari kwa ufupi* (‘News in brief’ in Swahili), distributed via email each month

Journal: Australasian Review of African Studies (ARAS), two peer-reviewed issues per year

**AFSAAP Archive:** Maintained at Flinders University, SA
Annual Conference

The 36th AFSAAP Conference  27-29th November 2013 - Murdoch University, Perth


Postgraduate prizes: Monash University/AFSAAP to value of $3,500 including trip to South Africa for best paper(s)
Australia Awards Scholars from African Countries

AFSAAP is an official partner with GRM International, which manages the Australian Awards programme for AusAID

Through this partnership:

• AFSAAP welcomes all Australia Awards scholars from Africa as members
• Provides them with networking opportunities and information during and after their study in Australia
AFSAAP and AAUN

- AFSAAP has been involved with the AAUN from the start, and supports its initiatives in building bridges between Africa and Australia.
- AFSAAP President Dr. Tanya Lyons, through her role at Flinders University, is also the Chair of the AAUN Consultative Group.
- As both an association and a network AFSAAP has established forums and publications that could be useful for AAUN.
- AFSAAP looks forward to future cooperation with the AAUN.