



# The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific

Promoting African Studies in the Australasia-Pacific region since 1978

## **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.



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**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



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## Annual Conference

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

**Theme:** 'African Renaissance and Australia', celebrating 50 years  
of the Organisation of African Unity/African Union

**Postgraduate prizes:** Monash University/AFSAAP to value of  
\$3,500 including trip to South Africa for best paper(s)



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## **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



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## **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.