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Mr. J. D. Buliro,
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ETHIOPIA.

Dear Mr. Buliro,

Thank you for your letter of 21st January, 1970.

I am glad to hear that Dr. E.G. Muzira has been nominated to sit on the Local Organizing Committee for the meeting of the Association of Medical Schools in Africa to be held in Addis Ababa next April.

As regards the questions raised in your letter dated 22nd May 1969, I would like to point out that there is no relationship, as yet, between the Association of Medical Schools in Africa and the Association of African Universities. It is generally felt that the existence of the Association of Medical Schools in Africa should be maintained and this does not, in anyway, exclude the development of close and fruitful relationship between it and the Association of African Universities.

I should be grateful, therefore, if OAU would act as depositor of the constitution of the Association of Medical Schools in Africa. A copy of the constitution has already been sent to you.

The Association of Medical Schools in Africa will also seek to enjoy observer status with OAU.

With best regards.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Professor Ali Khogali
Secretary, Association of Medical
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Annex 1

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL
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THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN AFRICA

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME:

The Association of Medical Schools in Africa.

2. PURPOSES:

- (i) To promote closer association between the member medical schools.
- (ii) To promote a high standard of medical education in Africa.
- (iii) To promote interchange of experience in the field of teaching and to encourage exchange of staff and students.
- (iv) To promote interchange of experience and the field of research.
- (v) To participate in international activities in the field of medical education.
- (vi) To carry out any other activities which the General Assembly shall decide.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

(a) Institutional

Membership is open to all undergraduate and post-graduate medical schools in Africa in which there is no discrimination on grounds of colour, race or creed.

(i) Full Membership:-

Open to medical schools that meet and maintain the minimum standards laid down by the Association and carries two votes at all Association meetings.

(ii) Provisional Membership:-

Open to new medical schools whose planned standards are acceptable to the Association. Provisional members shall be eligible for full membership three academic years after the first class of students has progressed to the study of anatomy or physiology. Provisional members shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Association and are otherwise entitled to all the privileges of membership.

Provisional membership is restricted to one-five-year period in the first instance.

(iii) Associate Membership:-

Open to any other interested organization acceptable to the Association. Associate members have no voting rights but are otherwise entitled to all the privileges of membership of the Association.

(b) Individual:

Members of the medical and allied professions may apply for individual membership.

Individual members are entitled to only such privileges of membership as the Association shall, from time to time, lay down.

Application for membership, will be examined by the Executive Council and brought before the General Assembly for approval at a business meeting.

Election to membership shall be by a three quarters majority of all full members.

4. FINANCE:

- (a) The resources of the Association shall come from subscriptions, donations and grants.
- (b) The funds of the Association are deposited in the name of the Association and the signature of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be the authority for the transactions, except as may otherwise be determined by the Executive Council.
- (c) The accounts of the Association shall be subject to annual audit.
- (d) The funds of the Association shall be used:-
 - (i) to meet administrative expenses;
 - (ii) for official travel;
 - (iii) for the cost of programmed activity within the budget approved by the General Assembly.
- (e) The travel expenses of the representatives of the medical schools to and from the Annual Meeting shall be borne by their medical schools.
- (f) The living expenses of the representatives of the medical schools as well as the living expenses of the Secretary and Treasurer during their stay for the Annual Meeting shall, be borne by their own medical schools.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- (a) Institutional Membership LS.100
- (b) Individual Membership LS.5

6. GOVERNING BODIES:

- (a) The General Assembly shall be responsible for the determination and execution of policies. It shall be formed by two voting representatives from each full member, and one from each provisional member.

It shall elect the Executive Council and the Officers.

It shall meet as often as necessary and not less than once in two years and shall discuss the annual report presented by the Executive Council.

It shall deal with any other business.

It may delegate authority to an Executive Council.

(b) (i)

(b) The Executive Council shall be formed by the three officers and four other members, elected by the General Assembly, two of whom shall be from a French speaking school and the other two from an English speaking school. Two members shall retire after each two-year period.

The Executive Council shall be responsible to the General Assembly for carrying out its decisions. It shall meet once a year and shall be covered by the annual budget for the Association. It shall present a budget estimate and an annual report to the General Assembly, with its recommendations.

7. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- (i) The President is elected at each General Assembly. He will not be eligible for re-election for more than two successive terms of office.
- (ii) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a period of four years and may be re-elected. They are required to give at least four months' notice of any meeting of the General Assembly, and to circulate an agenda to arrive at least two months before the meeting.

Owing to the world shortage of basic science medical teachers, the Association is now initiating a programme under the auspices of WHO for the training of basic sciences medical teachers in Africa. The Association is at the moment in the process of proposing certain departments in different medical schools in Africa as centres for the training of basic sciences teachers.

The Association has encouraged exchange of students on inter-faculty basis and at the same time approached W.H.O. to start a project whereby funds can be made available to encourage such exchange and make it on a wider basis.

Future Programmes:

Conference on: "the definition of tasks of medical personnel in Africa".

Symposium on: Family Health

Meeting of basic sciences medical teachers.

A list of member medical schools is given below:

Members of the Association of Medical Schools in Africa

1. Faculty of Medicine, Lovanium, Congo Kinshasa
2. " " Lubumbashi, Congo Kinshasa
3. " " Yaounde, Cameroon
4. " " Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
5. " " Accra, Ghana
6. " " Abidjan, Ivory Coast
7. " " Nairobi, Kenya
8. " " Ibadan, Nigeria
9. " " Lagos, Nigeria
10. " " Zaria, Nigeria
11. " " Dakar, Senegal
12. " " Khartoum, Sudan
13. " " Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
14. " " Ain Shams, U.A.R.
15. " " Alexandria, U.A.R.
16. " " Kasr El Aini, U.A.R.
17. " " Mansoura, U.A.R.
18. " " Makerere, Uganda
19. " " Lusaka, Zambia



8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Proposals for alteration of the constitution may be submitted by any full members of the Association. No alteration shall be put into effect unless such proposals have been previously circulated to all members and approved by a majority of at least three-quarters of the voting members of the General Assembly.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN AFRICA (AMSA)Programmes and Activities of the Association:

The Association of Medical Schools in Africa has officially been formed in 1965. Since then, its membership has increased from seven to nineteen medical schools.

The Association was created as a result of previous meetings of five medical schools (Ibadan, Khartoum, Kampala, Dakar and Lovanium (Kinshasa)) during the period 1960-65.

The Association holds annual meetings during which medical schools discuss important aspects of medical education and the training of future doctors within the context of Africa and according to the needs of the continent. Topics discussed during meetings of the Association included curricula equivalence and curriculum design, teaching methods, post-graduate medical education etc. During the Annual Conference last year, the Association held through the help of W.H.O. a workshop on the evaluation of teaching methods.

The Association is now planning to hold a Symposium on Family Health later this year or early in 1971.

These Annual meetings have brought medical educators from different parts of Africa to discuss their common problems and suggest ways and means of solving them. Both old and new medical schools in Africa have experiences to share with benefit to everyone. This had a tremendous effect on the revision of curricula in older schools and the design of curricula in new medical schools. This is done to promote a high standard of medical education in Africa.

The Association has promoted exchange of teaching staff between different medical schools. This programme is now supported by W.H.O. The aim is to promote interchange in the fields of teaching and research. The scheme also helps in solving some of the problems of shortage of staff in some medical schools.

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