Dear beloved delegates,

This is Dan KIENTEGA from Burkina Faso, Africa. I'm the founder president of Burkina Dental Students Association. I’m also a cofounder of African Dental Students Association AfroDSA where I have been part of executive committee during two years as treasurer in 2017-2018 and general secretary in 2018-2019. In August 2019, I got elected for regional director of Africa, IADS. Now I’m applying for the same position. In IADS new leadership structure, this position is called ‘regional ambassador of Africa’.

I’m candidate for this position mainly because I want to finish what I started. As you know, because of CoViD-19, we were obliged to cancel many activities. One of major activities which was cancelled is African Leadership Summit ALS. ALS is a promising resource to strengthen African dental students’ leaders’ skills and to find global solutions to oral health issues in Africa. Despite everything, my team and me performed many actions (Cf IADS leadership annual reports).

My first term in IADS and my past term in AfroDSA let me get experience to make the next more successful. These experiences show also that it is not my first time to work in regional or international area. It is why I am really convinced that I am able to achieve IADS mission inside African region.

Please find below my action plan

Thank you for considering my application

Best regards
Dan KIENTEGA

Together is better
ACTION PLAN

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Increasing IADS visibility inside Africa.
- Develop national and local associations
- Spread oral health in Africa
- Promote oral education and research

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

I. Members

1. IADS members:
   - Communicate regularly with them
   - Assist them
   - Encourage countries with corresponding or affiliate memberships to move for Full membership

2. Non IADS members
   - Encourage and help them to join IADS
   - Encourage and support association to construct legal documents ie constitution and bylaws, especially for those with no established dental association

II. External relations and fundraising

1. Strengthen collaboration between IADS and its partners and sponsors
2. Enhance relationships with UN agencies and dental companies.
3. Approaching new partners and trying to contact them
4. Approaching foundations that are interested about the work in Africa (Ex: AFRICARE, AUSAID, CRDI, CORDAID, EuropeAid) to create more opportunities (Mainly volunteering, researches, training and scholarships)

5. Approaching travel agencies and airline companies to establish partnerships that can help us during the African Leadership Summit and help the African delegations during the MYM and the AC.

III. Organizing at least one TNT (presential and online) per subregion.

Certified trainer will train their national association members
African Leadership Summit will include a TNT part.

IV. Organizing first edition of African Leadership Summit

ALS aims to strengthen African dental students’ leaders’ skills and to find global solutions to our common problems concerning dental area. It is a promising resource to enhance the communication and cooperation between dental associations on a regional basis.

The following activities will be organized:

➢ Training
➢ General assembly
➢ Workshops
➢ Voluntary project
➢ Lectures
➢ Socialized activities
➢ Touristic visits
➢ Cultural exchange

ALS will last during 4-5 days
V. Organizing at least one IVP in each subregion (East, West, South, Central, North)

VI. Encourage African associations to host Students exchange programs

VII. keep them updated with the usual annual prophylaxis IADS’s programs

VIII. Organize research projects in collaboration with scientific committee

1. Supervise all scientific work of the association inside the Africa region as well as representatives from each member country (national/local scientific officers), and connect between them.

2. Collect scientific updates for IADS newsletter and give acceptance for them.

3. Inform IADS Afro-region members about upcoming scientific events.

4. Be in contact with scientific institutes around the world.

5. Conduct regular based monthly webinars and post them on Facebook/YouTube channels of IADS in English and other languages.

6. Arrange and organize scientific programs along with dental companies.

7. Carry out scientific research for the association in cooperation with other organizations

8. Organize training for dental students

IX. Preparing a guideline / recommendations book by the end of the term for the next regional ambassador of Africa