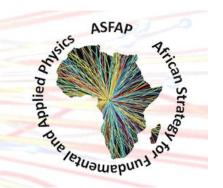


### African Strategy for Fundamental and Applied Physics



# **ASFAP—Young Physicists Forum**

An overview

June,  $9^{th} - 2021$ 

www.africanphysicsstrategy.org/

#### For the audience:

- Please use the raise hand function or chatbox to ask questions or comment
  - There is 25 minutes of open time at the end for more freeform discussion
- Be empathetic, Share the space
  - Code of Conduct: ASFAP < Code of Conduct
  - Guidelines for Working Groups: <u>Guidelines for Working Groups</u>

### The agenda:

- **Introduction** (15:00-15:05 UTC)
- African Strategy for Fundamental and Applied Physics (ASFAP) (15:05-15:15 UTC)
- **ASFAP—Young Physicists Forum** (15:15-15:30 UTC)
- **Q&A** (15:30-15:55 UTC)
- Closing (15:55-16:00 UTC)

### What is ASFAP?



#### The African Strategy for Fundamental and Applied Physics

**ASFAP** is a scientific study. It provides an opportunity for the entire *Fundamental* and *Applied Physics* community to come together to identify and document a scientific vision for the future of Fundamental and Applied Physics in Africa.

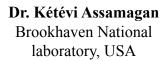


- 16 Physics Working Groups
- 6 Engagement Committees and Fora

#### The ASFAP initiative is co-founded by the Pan African and African Diaspora physicists









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**Proposal and Founding Document:** AfricanStrategy/AfFoundingDocument

### **ASFAP: Vision**



- Develop a Strategy to foster the growth of research in Physical Science;
- Especially in support of excellence and conduct research at the highest international standards;
- Develop high-level scientific programs engaging African scientists;
- Promote Science as a Fundamental Force for African Social progress;
- Provide an international forum of scientific contact for scientists from all countries in the Strategy development to improve collaborations;
- Notify African Policymakers, International Partners, Sponsors on the foreseeable Strategic directions to impact African development;

## **ASFAP Launch and Cycle**



- ASFAP's process will last few years to end up releasing the Final Report
  - Report will suggest the direction -with actionable items for the next decade
  - Strategy will be repeated periodically, every 7-10 years for the following decades with a review of the impact from previous strategy
- ASFAP was launched during the Online workshop organized jointly by *the African Physical Society* and the *African Light Source* in November 2020
  - ASFAP was presented at the General Assembly of the African Academy of Sciences in Dec. 2020 And at the Plenary meeting of the European Committee for Future Accelerators (ECFA)

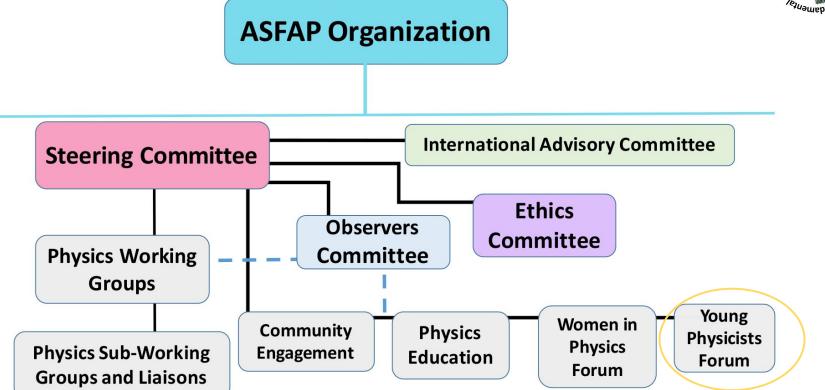




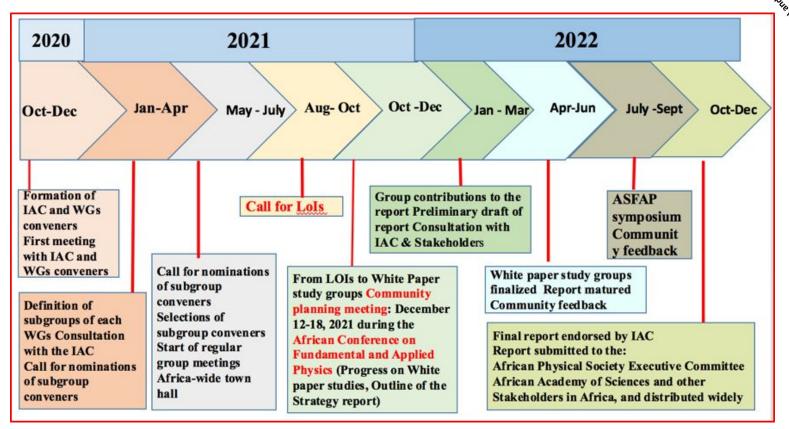
Our Aspiration is to set up the foundation and framework to draw the participation of African Physicists in defining Education and Physics Priorities most impactful for Africa.

# **ASFAP Organization**





### **ASFAP Timeline**



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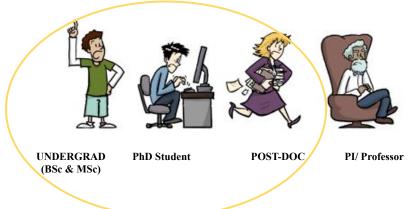
# Young Physicists Forum (YPF) at a glance



**The Young Physicists' Forum (YPF)** will be an opportunity for Young African Members of the Fundamental and Applied Physics community to gather, study and debate major issues which face the field over the next decade.

Discussions will be organized around three major topics: outreach and education, impact of globalization, and finally building a robust and balanced field.

- ✓ Encourage leadership in young researchers in physics
- ✓ Foster physics among local communities and institutions
- ✓ Connect young scientists in Africa



# **ASFAP-YPF Conveners**





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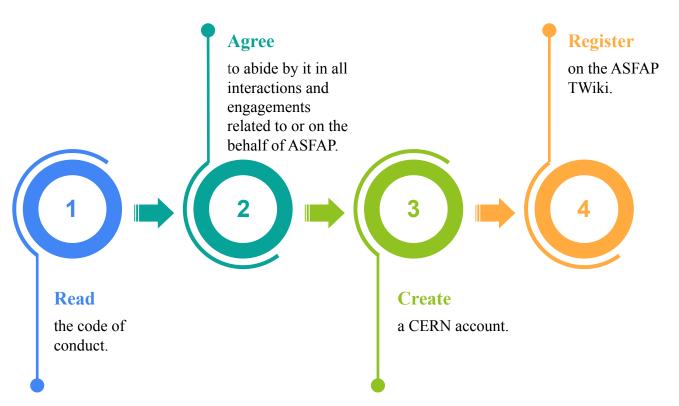


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## How to become a YPF member





The instructions for registration as a member are available at: <u>AfYoungPhysicists < AfricanStrategy < TWiki (cern.ch)</u>

# **Benefits of joining the YPF**



#### **OUTREACH**

Increase the awareness for the importance of scientific research amongst the young African Students.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Acquire new skills and knowledge both for professional and career advancement.

#### **NETWORKING**

Bring together the community to design ways to enhance the young scholars in Africa.

We can take each problem and tackle them to the best of our ability; this can be done via a communication, a letter or a video conference.

# **YPF— Topics of interest**



- Give information on the actual difficulties and how to go about them, in terms of applying for funds, scholarships, graduate school navigation;
- Bring together the community to design ways to enhance the young scholars in Africa;
- Introduce Young African Physicists to exciting research opportunities;
- Encouraging a dialogue between young graduates, enterprise and academic research institutions to close the gap between industry and academia.
- mentor/mentee relations;
- **Brain drain** and how to counter it;
- How to make Africa attractive for Young African Physicists;
- How can young researchers drive change?
- ...

# Logistics

GroupConveners



Website, Twiki pages for working groups, repository, mailing lists, discussion forums, meeting Agendas and workshops...







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