

PRESENT

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| 1. Prof. Felix Dapare Dakora | President/GC Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Barthelemy Nyasse | Secretary General |
| 3. Prof. Dan Olago | Treasurer |
| 4. Prof. Akiça Bahri | Vice President, Northern Africa |
| 5. Prof. Elly N. Sabiiti | Vice President, Eastern Africa |
| 6. Prof. Iqbal Parker | Vice President, Southern Africa |
| 7. Prof. Francine Ntoumi | Vice President, Central Africa |
| 8. Prof. Catherine Ngila | Acting Executive Director (ex-officio) |
| 9. Mr. Memory Nguwi | FRACC Chairman |
| 10. Prof. Nicholas Biekpe | GC Special Invitee |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Prof. Shaaban Khalil | Chair - Africa Synchrotron Initiative (A.S.I) |
| 2. Prof. Fairouz Malek | A.S.I Member |
| 3. Prof. Malik Maaza | A.S.I Member |
| 4. Prof. Gihan Kamel | A.S.I Member |
| 5. Prof. Edward Mitchell | A.S.I Member |
| 6. Prof. Faical Azaiez | A.S.I Member |
| 7. Rita Musyimi | AAS Executive Director's Office Administrator |

APOLOGIES

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| 1. Prof. Mary Abukutsa | GC Member/ FRACC |
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ABSENT

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| 1. Prof. Stephen Agong' | GC Member |
| 2. Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo | Director, HRST- AUC ¹ |
| 3. Prof. David Bakibinga | Special Invitee |

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A. AFRICA SYNCHROTRON INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1) This matter was put first on the Agenda of this GC meeting.
- 6.2) Prof. Shabaan Khalil gave a report on behalf of the Africa Synchrotron Initiative Committee.
- 6.3) It was reported that so far, the ASI Committee has been able to hold three meetings in which they discussed the TORs of the committee, as well as its mandate, among others. It was mentioned that there is an intention to invite more organisations to be part of the Committee just as they approached ICTP², SESAME³ and AfLS⁴; and do intend on calling upon TWAS⁵, to bring in more African scientists and researchers to bring this futuristic plan to fruition, however, to get that point, there is need to lay a foundation by having capable users and physicists working to build the Synchrotron. It was stated that ASI is in the process of drafting a MoU between the AAS and ICTP to make these steps official and documented, with the AAS taking lead in drafting this Agreement as the Committee continues to work on promoting this project to other African countries and scientific organisations that can give the much-needed support. The main purpose is to train scientists as well as bring the Synchrotron to Africa by involving interested people into this project. There were also discussions about organizing workshops in some African countries to create awareness about this project and talking to policy makers about the importance of the Synchrotron. The GC was notified of an EU Commissioner who expressed willingness to support ASI in this project.
- 6.4) It was clarified by a member of ASI, Prof. Malik Maaza (also a FAAS) that the AAS was mandated in 2015 during the AU Head of State Conference in 2015 held in Dakar, Senegal to be the voice of ASI in Africa to advocate for the Synchrotron project and train scientists with all the knowhow necessary to run with it .
- 6.5) The President of the AAS did make some additional comments on this:
- a) He was informed by a contact in the AU that there would be an African Heads of State meeting held in June 2022 at the AU headquarters in Addis Ababa and there was a suggestion that there be a representative from the AAS present to network and possibly talk to the president of Ghana to try and get more support on this Synchrotron project as it is important to get a President to champion this initiative. It was further suggested that a member of ASI avail themselves as a representative of the Committee, and have a physical meeting (and virtual one, if possible) with key stakeholders that may offer support with this project.
 - b) In a 2018 visit to Beijing with the SG, there was expressed willingness by the Chinese Academy of Sciences to teach African scientists and researchers how to use the Synchrotron, and this would be a good idea at a later stage to have scholarships that give students the opportunity to go for trainings at the Beijing

² International Centre for Theoretical Physics

³ Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East based in Jordan

⁴ African Light Source

⁵ The World Academy of Sciences



Synchrotron Radiation Facility. An idea was put forth that at that point, an MoU can be made with CAS⁶ about this matter. It was noted that the CAS President has since changed however the AAS President would be willing to revisit this matter with the current CAS President to form an alliance for this project based on earlier conversations on the Synchrotron.

⁶ Chinese Academy of Sciences