

AfAS Membership Committee Report

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Membership in the African Astronomical Society is open to professional astronomers worldwide. An astronomer is a professional scientist, who does or did research on celestial bodies and/or the universe as a whole. Professional astronomers are involved in teaching and research in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics.

Co-Chairperson	Naomi Asabre Frimpong (Ghana)
Co-Chairperson	Bruno Letarte (South Africa)
Member	Yunus Manjoo (AfAS Project Manager, SA)
Member	Youssef Moulane (EXeC representative)
Member	Makram Ibrahim (Egypt)
Member	Augustine Chukwude (Nigeria)
Member	Chukwujekwu Nworah Ofodum (Nigeria)
Member	Susan W. Samwel (Egypt)
Member	Getachew Mekonnen (Ethiopia)

AfAS Membership Statistics

AfAS Membership

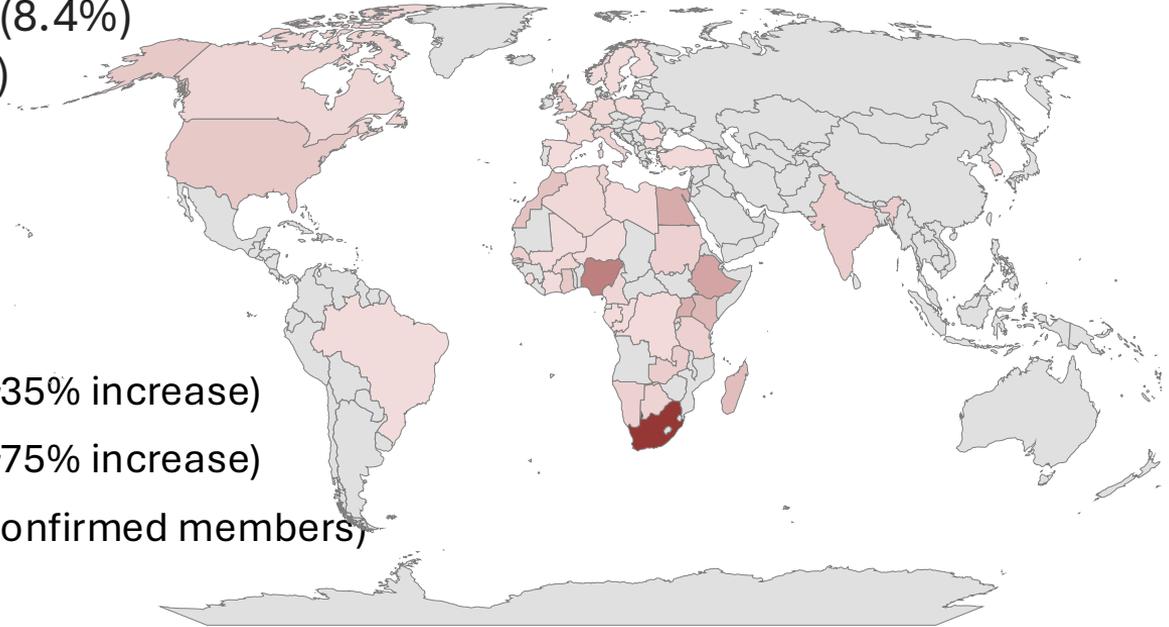


Total AfAS Membership: 535 members

- **Student Members: 195 (36.5%)**
- **Associate Members: 45 (8.4%)**
- **Full Members: 295 (55%)**

Historical Total AfAS Membership:

- April 2022 – March 2023 → **204**
- April 2023 – March 2024 → **275** (~35% increase)
- April 2024 – March 2025 → **481** (~75% increase)
- April 2025 – March 2026 → **535** (confirmed members)



Report on AfAS Membership Module

To build a secure, scalable, and user-friendly membership portal that serves as the single source of truth for all AfAS member data.

The new AfAS Membership Module will go live on **1 April 2026**.

All members will be able to:

- access the module
- view and update their membership information
- manage their membership records online

Membership Fees

- **Full Members: €20 annual fee**
- Payment period: **1 April – 30 June 2026**
- Membership certificate issued after payment

Associate and Student Members

- No membership fee for **2026**
- Fees for these categories will begin from **April 2027**
- More details will be shared in **July 2026**

Important

- Some membership benefits, including **AfAS travel grants**, will be available only to members who have paid their fees
- Associate and Student Members will access these benefits once fees begin in **2027**
- Members must **register the first time** they access the module

Thank you for your continued membership and engagement with AfAS.

What next ?

- **Membership growth** (Individually or institutional).
- **Membership criteria** (ensure consistency of interpretation and approval of membership).
- **Member benefits** (review Member Benefits Module).
- **Diversity** (gender, regional, career-stage balance).
- **Improve benefits** (e.g., free access to AfAS activities, funding alerts).
- **Operate and maintain an on-line membership system** (support member maintenance, new member applications, and payment of membership fees)

If you are not a member, please join us





Thank You