

AFOS Meeting #3
Meeting Notes
2/17/2024
Agenda

1. Review Website

We reviewed the website and discussed the components of the website and directed people to sign up on the advanced registration sheet as well as reminded them where they can access educational resources.

Encouraged people to send links to the email so that education links can be uploaded.

2. Review Mission Statement

We reviewed the mission statement below (this will be uploaded on the website)

The mission of the African Otologic Society (AFOS) is to establish a community of African providers and international partners to address otology and audiology patient and educational need in Africa.

Through a coalition of dedicated otology and audiology providers, AFOS seeks to facilitate communication among providers, build medical and surgical education platforms, expand and report clinical and human research, and foster humanitarian resource exchange to improve provider education, communication, and patient care.

The AFOS is built on unwavering core values of community, social engagement, and a selfless dedication to the betterment of humanity through sustained and enhanced education, service and a steadfast dedication to the identification and treatment of human disease.

AFOS will serve as a central hub to build community within Africa for Africa, liaison with partnering organizations, identify and facilitate mentorship for providers at all levels of training and practice and in real time advisory (consultant) opportunities, oversee skills transfer and independent needs assessments through fellowship training to serve future generations.

3. Leadership Structure

We discussed the leadership structure of the AFOS and the majority agreed that a sub-committee structure would be the best approach.

Development of sub-committees to establish Africa-wide involvement within leadership roles and report on needs and development of:

- a. **Communications** (building an interactive map identifying providers, locations, and current capacity on the continent; maintenance/contribution of AFOS website; timing of meeting; day of week); collaborations; Lillian, Suleiman
- b. **Education** (capacity building; virtual, simulation, fellowships; lectures during monthly meetings); Tashneem, Amina, Rajeev
- c. **Research** (current research opportunities on continent; formulate research needs/initiative and opportunities to publish);
- d. **Clinical** (building networks to discuss specific cases, case presentations each month); Erasmias
- e. **Administrative/Resource Exchange** (other AFOS membership needs, updates on equipment needs etc)

4. Logistics of each meeting

We discussed basic logistics of each meeting that will include a clinical case discussion, an educational lecture by a featured member and then sub-committee reports and new business with a plan for the next meeting.

Tentative Agenda for March 23 meeting.

- 1. Clinical Case: Erasmias Muganda**
- 2. Discussion of Endoscopic Ear Society: Dr. Moneir; Egypt**
- 3. Sub-committee Reports; Educational, Communications, Clinical**

5. New Business/Announcements:

We discussed the World Hearing Day announcement for March

6. Next Meeting Date: March 23, 2024 11am US EST