



21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Makerere University

Dear Prof. Peter Waiswa,

**RE: Your Election to the African Academy of Sciences Fellowship**

The Governing Council of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS) has made its decision on nominations that were submitted for 2025 AAS Fellowship and I am pleased to inform you that you are now an elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (FAAS). This is based on a series of reviews conducted at various levels following your nomination. The AAS Fellowship recruitment follows a rigorous evaluation by the AAS Membership Advisory Committees (MACs) in various fields of specialization. The penultimate step prior to the voting by Fellows of the Academy was the decision by the Governing Council. The recommendations of the MACs and the votes by the Fellows were compiled and submitted to the AAS Governing Council for final review and endorsement.

Accordingly, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the success of your election to the AAS Fellowship. You can proudly display this recognition by adding 'FAAS', after your name and/or signature.

The official announcement will be made during the Science Forum for South Africa (SFSA) event in Pretoria on the 24th of November 2025 at 16:00 – 19:00 Pretoria Time, at the Diamond Auditorium, Diamond Foyer.

Please find the link to register for virtual attendance:

<https://aasciences-africa.zoom.us/meeting/register/OX1HAGJfS3-6GD0kfhyx8w>

If you are in South Africa, you are invited to join us.

We will send you information on the involvement of Fellows in AAS activities including Working Groups, payment of membership fees, engagement platforms and review committees. In the meantime, the obligations of Fellows of AAS are enclosed.

Thank you for the interest you have shown in AAS Fellowship, and we look forward to working closely with you in achieving the vision and strategic goals of the AAS.

We at AAS, are very proud of our Fellows!

**We look forward to your acceptance of this recognition.**

If you happen to be in Nairobi, Kenya, please stop by at our beautiful headquarters in Karen, and visit the Secretariat staff.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Friday E. Okonofua', is written over a faint horizontal line.

Friday E. Okonofua, MD, PhD, FRCOG, FWACS, FMCOG, FAS, FAAS  
Secretary General,  
AAS Governing Council.



Cc: Nominator:

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***Encl: Obligations of Fellows of AAS***

**Benefits and Obligations of Fellows and Associate Fellows of the African Academy of Sciences**

The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) recognizes scientific excellence by electing to its membership outstanding scholars who have attained the highest level of excellence in their scientific field and have made significant contributions to the advancement of science regionally and globally. AAS Fellows are elected for life through a rigorous peer review process based on excellence in their publications record, innovations, leadership roles and contribution to policy and society. The benefits and obligations of Fellows and Associate Fellows include:

- Recognition for one's outstanding contribution to development of science, technology, and innovation on the African continent.
- The honor of being elected to a continental academy and displaying the prestigious title: *Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (FAAS)* after their name and/or signature.
- Membership of the General Assembly (GA), the highest and ultimate decision- making governance organ of The AAS to which the Governing Council (GC) is responsible.
- Enable the Academy to achieve its tripartite mandate of recognizing excellent individuals; providing advisory and think tank functions for shaping the continent's strategies and policies; and implementing key science, technology, and innovation programmes.
- Lead in policy formulation and engage with governments and policy makers towards the promotion of science, technology, and innovation on the continent and globally.
- Serve in various Scientific Working Groups in line with AAS Strategic plan.
- Serve as members of expert review panels, steering committees, Governing Council and its sub-committees, and other activities of the AAS and partner organizations.
- Contribute to recruiting deserving and diverse scholars to AAS Fellowships through nominations, peer review committees, elections, and participation in the AAS General Assembly.
- Pay membership fees comprising of a joining fee of USD \$100 and subsequent annual subscription fee of USD \$50.
- It is expected that every fellow should nominate at least one woman, and all women Fellows are encouraged to nominate two women.