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#### Education and CPDs

Networking

Collaboration

Support



## We are building a community you are proud to be part of

SAAP brings together healthcare professionals, researchers and scholars with connections and continued interest in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Our goal is for members to share best practice via webinars, forums and one to one sessions. We have a wide range of expertise in our communities and members have the opportunity to network, collaborate support, mentor and coach. Become a subscribed member to join communities.

## **Our communities**

#### HEALTHCARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

We have research champions working on exciting projects that will influence healthcare policy in the region and globally, bringing evidence-based practice and contextual solutions suitable for the African population.





#### PHARMACY (CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY)

Thinking of advancing your career in clinical pharmacy? We have a wide range of clinical pharmacists who can offer support and their expertise. In a fast-changing world stay up to date on clinical knowledge, stock management, patient support, and form allies in the industry with our community champions.

#### INDUSTRY

From innovation to manufacturing, to best GMP practices, to distribution - we have industry leaders who you can collaborate with on projects or get directly in touch with colleaugues in the supply chain



### REGULATORY

We have regulatory specialists from different SADC member states. This is exciting opportunity for members to share best practice and harmonise regulation on the continent. Why reinvent the wheel when a colleague has done it before.





#### EDUCATION

We have seen members in different universities share best educational practices, form coalitions to empower the next healthcare professionals. Why not join other academics and inspire each other to empower the next generation of leaders.

#### HUMANITARIAN

We have multiple members and leaders in organisations such World Health Organisation and Africa CDC. Network with colleagues and be the first one to hear of opportunities to further your career.



#### Partners



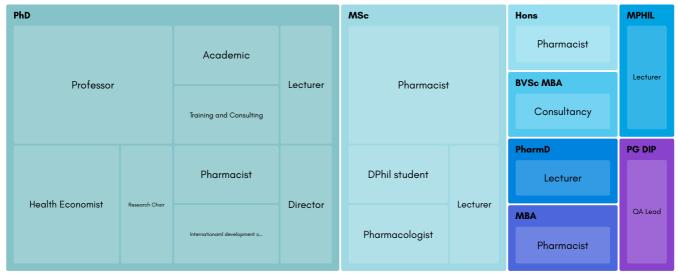


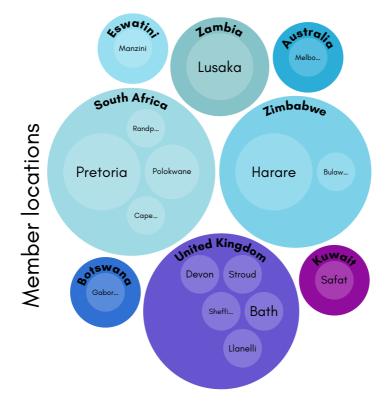


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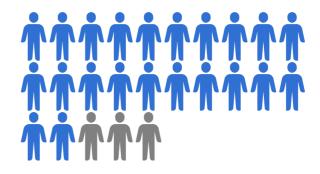
# In 2022 we did a survey and 25 members responded

#### Members education and careers





Members available to be journal peer reviewers



# Active projects where members are looking for collaborators



#### SAAP SUBSCRIPTIONS SURVEY



#### **Testimonials**

I had been trying to contact a pharmaceutical manufacturer to supply us and could not get in touch with the right person. I then came to SAAP and asked an employee of the company to connect me. I was connected to the sales executive and I have now secured the product line I needed *Rumbie Dekeya* 

SAAP facilitated my enrolment onto the Nestle-sponsored International Certificate in Pediatric Nutrition. The certificate empowers health care professionals to integrate nutrition into health care and public health settings with pregnant and lactating women, infants and children. I have already started applying my acquired knowledge in my community pharmacy practice. I hope to build on this as I pursue other nutrition-related interests with business partners some of whom are active SAAPers."

Emmanuel Chisadza (BiaGo Ltd: UK manufacturer of Niselo-Food and drink on the go).

The SAAP platform has helped Focus Pre Reg Revision to network with like minded practitioners in Adult Education, learning and training. As a result, our company has been able to taper on the expertise to help deliver a variety of events. Going forward, we will continue to collaborate with SAAP on various projects. Luso Kumwenda Founder & CEO Focus Pre Reg Revision

It is important that Africa works to generate its own evidence based decisions in the way we deal with medicines. This is regardless of it being conventional or traditional medicines. SAAP is one platform where people have shared thoughts and circulated evidence to support certain scientific positions. Given a chance SAAP needs to grow and have a way to accommodate the upcoming medical scientists in order to ensure that we have evidence that guides our practice. *Dr Mike Chisema, Malawi*  "SAAP is a breath of fresh air in a world where people are tribal in their professional affiliation, yet, which in reality requires more and more of interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity and collaborations. I enjoy the collegiality of SAAP, the diversity of thought, professions and demographics. And at the centre of it is science and Africanness. SAAP is therefore for the advancement of the different elements rooted in pharmaceutical science from clinical practice to policy to research and how we can serve African patients and practitioners better. SAAP has enabled me to be part of a community of people I have known for many years, colleagues from university days and also new and more dynamic colleagues"

#### Prof David Katerere

They say, to live is to learn. Ever since SAAP was formed and subsequently registered in the UK, I have learnt and continue to learn a lot from many people, virtually, excuse the pan. SAAP platform has many professional brilliant minds keen to share their thoughts, on any health issue, in general and pharmaceutical sciences in particular. I find it such a joy, to follow some debates and discussions on the platform. I just love the way people agree to disagree in a professional agreeable manner on contentious issues What I also like, are the announcements on various relevant activities training workshops, webinars etc e.a. concerning matters of interest to different people. SAAP has made it possible for me to link up with other professionals, locally, regionally and globally. I pray that it grows from strength to strength. Norman Z. Nyazema

I joined the SAAP WhatsApp platform about three years ago. I have been in academia in the Middle East for many years. Thus, I have been a bit removed from what is happening in the within pharmaceutical sector Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. Joining SAAP helped to connect with pharmacists, other health professionals and biomedical scientists from the region. So, the first major benefit for me has been networking with other pharmacists and scientists. This has helped me to keep updated about what happening is in the pharmaceutical sector in the region including academia, hospital, community and industrial pharmacy. My research is in the endocannabinoid system and the potential for targeting it for pain management. Through SAAP I managed to connect with others interested in cannabis, cannabinoids and the endocannabinoid system and got а scholarship to study EndoCannabinology online. This helped me network with other people who are cannabis interested in and endocannabinology within Zimbabwe. My vision is to see SAAP grow and be more structured with its own website, database, journal, regular meetings as as well continuing professional development (CPD) programs and promoting pharmaceutical education, research and practice.

Prof Willias Masocha

This is platform connecting members within the full spectrum of the Pharmaceutical industry from research, academia, manufacturing, distribution, retail, humanitarian, supply chain, regulatory among others. The members are in Southern Africa and the diaspora which allows for globalisation. The network has been richly beneficial as we have been exposed to the full spectrum of the industry as well making new connections.

Wilson Chandomba

