

8th GENERAL MEETING- Special



Special
General
Meeting

2023

**PROGRAM &
ORDER OF EVENTS**

2023 OACWA

Focus:

- ❖ **Capacity Building the New leadership,**
- ❖ **building foundation for African Community Centre in WA and**
- ❖ **Development and delivery of culturally appropriate services.**

Date: 15th Oct 2023

Time: 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Venue: 11 Lemana Ct, Nollamara WA 6061



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3.00 PM Members & Guests arrive and sign register.

Date	Sunday, 15/10/2023
Time	3:00 PM
Place	OACWA Community Hub, 11 Lemana Court, Nollamara

Item	Description	Responsible
1	Members & Guests arrive and sign register	Admin
2	Welcome and Introduction	Executive President
3	Apologies	Secretary General
4	President's Report	Executive President
5	Treasury Report	Treasurer
6	Call for elections- VP Admin & Finance vacant position	Chair – Returning Officer
7	Election rules and guidelines	Returning Officer
8	Election and voting	Members
9	Announcement of Elections results	Chair – Returning Officer
10	VP Finance and Administration Acceptance Remark	VP Finance & Administration
11	Date of next AGM	Secretary General
12	Meeting Close	Executive President



About OACWA

OACWA Formation History: Organisation of African Community of Western Australia Inc. (OACWA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides support, services, and representation for all Africans in Western Australia at a state and national level. OACWA has been in existence since 2012 but was officially inaugurated in late 2014.

Vision: Unite WA African Communities to enhance productivity, resilience, economic vibrancy, and community participation where our diversity is valued and integrated into the wider community.

Mission Statement: To collaborate with member countries, service providers, government and other stakeholders to contribute to policies and decision-making processes, deliver culturally appropriate services, promote and commemorate the cultural heritage of Africans in Western Australia.

OACWA seeks to:

- ❖ design, implement, and deliver program services for the African communities in WA.
- ❖ advance the interests of African communities across WA.
- ❖ advocate for African issues to the State Government and other relevant bodies.

OACWA Objectives: OACWA sits under the umbrella organisation, the Federation of African Communities Councils of Australia (FACCA), based in Adelaide, South Australia and has aligned its objectives and long-term goals with those of FACCA. In brief, the OACWA is focused on working hard to achieve the following:

- ❖ Work with FACCA to advocate for and advance the welfare of Africans in Western Australia.
- ❖ Provide a platform for Africans in Western Australia to address economic, social and cultural issues of concern to the community, and work collaboratively to find solutions.
- ❖ Provide information and referral services for Africans in Western Australia.
- ❖ Promote entrepreneurship, trade and investment within and between Australia and Africa.
- ❖ Deliver Australian civic education and cultural orientation to people of African descent.
- ❖ Commemorate major African events and achievements of Africans in Western Australia.

OACWA Values

- Inspiration
- Engagement
- Consultation
- Unity
- Collaboration
- Commitment
- Inclusion
- Accountability
- Respect
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Representation
- Empowerment

OACWA Strategic Plan 2021 and beyond

Community Strategic needs Identification: This was an initiative to equip OACWA incoming management, sub committees, and the African community leaders. The project involved a strategic (long/medium term) needs identification for WA African communities. OACWA identified the need for a long-term plan which required the input of the community leaders for successful implementation. The leadership of OACWA and that of the other member communities developed a coordinated strategic planning tool to help face the next level of challenges as the organisation/communities expand in terms of the number of programs and projects and the increased audience and attendance.

The long term aim was to develop a plan to facilitate and create a platform for:



- Engaging with the Western Australian Government on issues affecting Western Australia’s African communities and identify practical solutions
- Developing a comprehensive Action Plan for the WA’s African Communities for next 10 years.

The medium term need was:

OACWA aimed at using this project to extensively to engage with many Western Australians community leaders of African heritage to develop a unified and strategic plan by the community which will help to facilitate and guide community initiatives for the next 5 years and more.

Majority of the African communities usually hold the Annual general meeting at the end of every calendar year. This project will be held early 2019 to involve the “new” community management/leaders.

The outcome of the project was a strategic plan which is used as a road map for the operations and direction of OACWA.

Strategic Plan Summary

S/N	Areas of Need/Objective	Goal
1	Collaboration and partnership	Collaborate and partner with stakeholders such as local, state, and federal governments and other institutions to foster mutual understanding and cohesion to create a vibrant and resilient African community in WA.
2	Advocacy, policy and lobbying	Empower African Australians in WA to challenge public policies that limit their capacity and involvement in decision-making processes, and advocate and lobby for those that enable them to reach their full potential.
3	Information, entrepreneurship and recognition	Create awareness about opportunities and services available to African Australians in WA, promote and support innovative and entrepreneurship initiatives, recognise and reward achievements that positively impact African communities in WA.
4	Education, research, empowerment and culturally appropriate community support programmes	To enhance understanding and access to the education system, promote studies completion, identify and address the challenges through research, build capacity and confidence, develop and offer culturally appropriate gap programs for African Australians in WA.
5	Membership support and community harmony	To promote and coordinate a culturally diverse and harmonious community of the 54 African countries where African Australians have the opportunity to participate and contribute towards multiculturalism in Western Australia under one umbrella body —OACWA.
6	African Community Centre	To acquire or build a multipurpose centre to promote innovation, wellbeing and activities that enhance friendship, reduce social isolation and improve quality of life among African Australians in WA.
7	Management and administration	To optimise the management of OACWA to support the sustainability, expansion of operations, initiatives, services and resources.

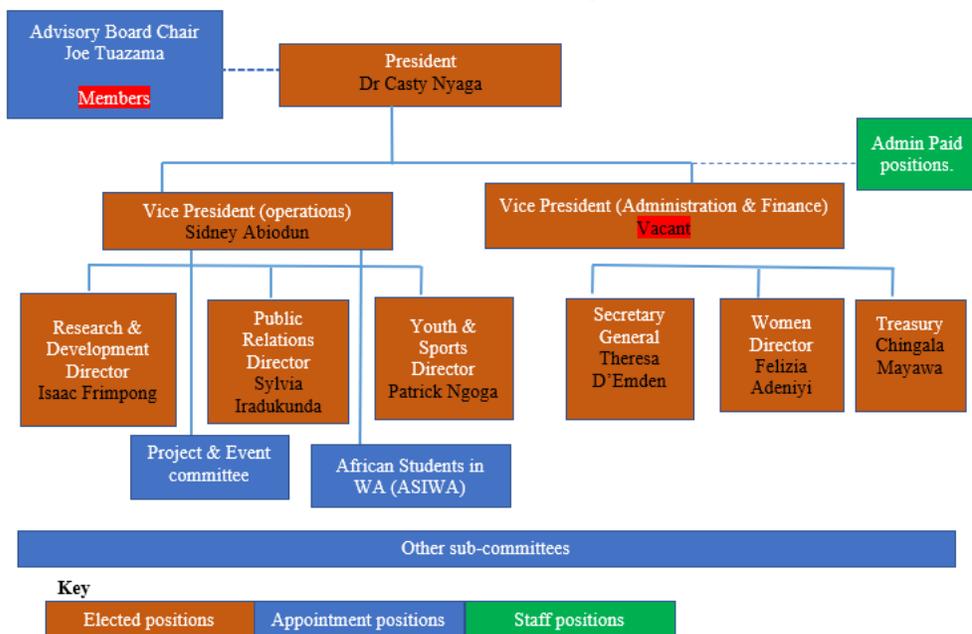
NOTE: Detailed plan supplied separately



OACWA Management Team

OACWA management team structure comprises of the Executive president, two vice presidents, (VP operations and VP Finance & Administration), Treasury, Secretary general, and 4 directors (women & Family, Research & Development, Youth & Sports, Public relations & communication), who head respective department. For more detail relating to the qualification of the team members, refer to OACWA website, www.oacwa.com.au. OACWA constitution gives power to the management team to appoint working committees as needed. To strengthen the departments and projects, OACWA appoints various committee members usually on annual basis. Below is the Current organisation structure for OACWA

2023-2026 OACWA Organisation Structure





2023-2024 OACWA Management committee

	Position	Name
1	Chairman Advisory Committee	Joe Tuazama
2	President	Dr Casty Nyaga Hughes (CPA)
3	Vice-president (Finance & Administration)	Vacant
4	Vice-president (Operations)	Sidney Abiodun
5	Secretary General	Theresa D'Emden
6	Treasurer	Chingala Mayawa
7	Director - Public Relations and Communication	Sylvia Iradukunda
8	Director – Research & Development	Isaac Firmpong
9	Director -Youth	Patrick Ngoga
10	Director Women Dept	Felicia Adeniyi
11	Project Administrator	Racine Iradukunda
	Operations Department	
12	Program Coordinator	Manana Johnson
13	Event Coordinator Africa Day	Jesca Ngeno
14	Assitant Event Coordinator Africa Day	Gloria Makoni
15	Event Coordinator Awards Night	Mwaba Mwaba
16	Assistant Event Coordinator Awards Nights	Pauline Hollis
	Public Relations & Communications Department	
17	Assistant Director PRC: Digital Coordinator	Vacant
18	Assistant Director PRC: Marketing Coordinator	Befekadu Wolelo
19	Assistant Director PRC: Media Coordiantor	Lydia Dier
	Research & Development Department	
20	Assistant Director Research & Development: Community Affairs	Ndudi Osakwe
21	Assistant Director Research & Development: Emerging Issues	Yirga Woldeyes
22	Assistant Director Research & Development: Event Analysis and Reporting	Suwebatu Tettey-Logah
23	Assistant Director Research & Development: Emerging Issues	DR Irene Ngune
	Secretariat Department	
24	Assistant Secretary General	Chidi Ibe
	Treasury Department	
25	Assistant Treasurer	Theresia Mumo
26	Project Accountant	Wendy Gaitho-Maina
	Women Department	
27	Assistant Women Director	Xabisa Ntoni
28	Liaison Coordinator for Young Adults	Tereza Reec
29	Liaison Coordinator for Families 1	Vera Tetteh
30	Liaison Coordinator for Families 2	Naomi Cyrus
31	Women Secretary	Joyce Joel



President's Report

I am pleased to present OACWA's report for its 2023 special general meeting, which will also be my first report as Executive president. You will find in this report sessions that include brief highlights of our programs, events, management committee appointment updates and thanks to those who generously contributed their expertise, time, and effort. Consider the value of these individuals' contributions if we convert all volunteer hours into cash! All Africans in Western Australia should take pride in participating in this active volunteer organization, which our local, state, and federal governments and many institutions recognize for its significant contribution.

I want you to continue upholding our statement that violence stops with leadership. My sincere thanks to the community member associations for taking part in the election of the executive team on 12th March 2023. Each executive member has participated in OACWA's work at various levels, including and not limited to appointment of a management team. The transitioning has so far been very successful, with a few areas requiring attention.

Together we have put tremendous effort into providing mentorship, leadership, and connections to the community and young people. It is remarkable that this organization, which has been around for only nine years, continues to unite individuals who share a passion and a drive to improve our community. Our volunteer membership base continues to expand and is steadfast. In addition, we continue to plan, direct, and carry out great activities, programs, and events, and individuals are stepping up and making an impact. I am delighted that my vice president, administration and finance, I thank all the committee members who have agreed to serve in various capacity.

As a President, I am grateful that together with my EC, management team and valued volunteers we have witnessed and/or delivered colourful annual Jambo Africa Festival, with over 20,000 patrons in 2023. Our Jambo Africa festival generates energy for social celebration and reaffirms our commitment to cultural preservation. In addition, it allowed us to experience the priceless feeling of belonging.

Africa Day 2015 was the first former event at which OACWA was launched and 2023 Africa day celebration had over 2,000 attendees. Africa day remains one of our core annual celebration. As OACWA celebrates 10 year anniversary, we plan to raise funds for our African centre by holding a fundraising function on 25th May 2024 as part of celebration Africa day

On the other hand, in recognition of the contribution of the WA African Community members, the Western Australia African Community Awards (WAACA) Gala was established in 2018, the team delivered a very successful WAACA as part of our regular part yearly celebrations and honouring our volunteers. The event was sold and attracted over 500 guests.

The African Australian Youth Mentoring Program (Stop the Violence and the Mentor Me ReConnect), which has engaged over 320 young people from five high schools and youth leaders from our community, OACWA continues to make a significant impact on our young people. The ideal means for us is to jointly consolidate our impact on our children and the education department via the Mentor Me ReConnect programs in various schools and the community. More stakeholder collaboration initiatives is underway. A graduation for year 12 is planned for 25th Nov 2023. More details will be communicated.

Having successfully completed phase 1 and 2 of the African Women's Leadership, Empowerment & Development (A-LEAD) program, phase 3 is scheduled to start on 20th Oct 2023 and run until March



2024. The impact has been positive as the program developed their skills, improving leadership skills for diverse sectors. The current program is funded by OMI, CBA and Curtin University. It has different approach with two groups learning parallel with different focus and similar expected results

OACWA continues to expand its partnerships with other stakeholders. For the A-LEAD program, we collaborated with the UWA African Research and Engagement Centre, Edith Cowan University for the African Australia Youth Mentoring Program, and Curtin University for the upcoming A-LEAD program. Our work, programs, and events benefit from our partnership with these institutions, provide inspiration and new ideas. The highlights are accessible to all individuals on our social media and website.

OACWA obtained an election commitment from the Western Australian Labor Government in 2017 to coordinate our volunteers and the organization's operation. The City of Wanneroo received the fund and redeveloped the Girrawheen Hub as a multicultural space. OACWA opened a youth hub in Yokine in 2019 at 225B Flinders Street, where it currently operates. OACWA again secured a \$220,000 election commitment from the Labor Government of Western Australia in 2021 to renovate the temporary African Center at 11 Lemana Court, Nollamara. The City of Stirling currently has the funds. Additional funding has been approved by Lottery west to complete the renovation and upgrade of the temporary African Center at 11 Lemana Court, Nollamara. The funds will be channelled through City of Stirling.

OACWA has continued to be active, so it has much support, which is expected to continue. To develop the programs, events, and activities that lead to this action, we rely on the contributions of the state government, other partners, and sponsors. We are indebted to every one of our sponsors for committing. These thanks stretch out to African organizations and businesses who have likewise taken on responsibility by setting up their hand to help us. Although all institutions were impacted by the Coronavirus, which made it challenging to work without the interferences and effects of the pandemic. However, the increased frequency with which volunteers return, as well as new volunteers, is encouraging is encouraging.

OACWA requires a supportive culture to function effectively, and we can contribute. To support OACWA is by being a member association, volunteer, donor or sponsor. Others contribute by attending activities/events, hiring stalls at the Jambo Festival, joining groups, becoming mentors, and assisting in diverse tasks. We encourage more people, and organisations to join our volunteer base in order to expand our database and share the volunteers workload because we want to see more smiles and laughter in our community.

We also want OACWA to be an efficient organization. We rely heavily on the paid staff. We thank the Western Australian Government via the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries-Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI), which funds the Office and the staff. In 2019, we received \$150,000; in 2023, we will receive another \$189,000 for the next three years. The funding helps OACWA to continue its operations, and a massive thanks and appreciation to the McGowan-led government and the currently, Roger Cook.

We continue to struggle to obtain substantial funding for the Mentor Me ReConnect Program since 2019. The program received sponsorship from the City of Swan in 2021 and 2022 to run the program in the city of swan. In addition, Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot MLC, Paydirt, Meredith Hammat MP, Jessica Shaw MP, and Hon. Dan Caddy MLC donated funds in 2022 to enable us to continue the



program in other cities. As a result, the program has not engaged new schools despite the high demand from other schools.

I hope I have given a summary of OACWA events, programs and activities. I would like to thank a few people now. First, my executive management committee who provided me with tremendous support. My husband, Mr. Mark Hughes, who has permitted me to spend time serving the community.

Mr Joe Tuazama, the chair of the advisory committee, Dr. Casta Tungaraza, our patron who encouraged. I want to extend my honest gratitude to Inspector Don Emanuel-Smith, Prof. David Mickler, Mr. Said Padshah, Mr. James Jegasothy, Mrs. Christina Ward, Senator Dean Smith, Ms. Margaret Quirk MLA, Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot, the City of Wanneroo, City of Stirling and all the leaders of our African community. It has been a heartfelt blessing working with you during my tenure as VP Finance and Administration as well the short time I have been in the office as the Executive president.

A special thanks to my EC members and volunteers for the collaboration the year. To my VP Operations it has been a great working with you during this transitioning period, I trust your ability to stair the operations of OACWA to the next level. Our valued volunteers, I can not mention by names individuals but from the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you.

The incoming committee, continue to uphold that the welfare of the next generation of African Australians is one of the focuses of the strategic plan. In 2020 OACWA contacted member state leaders to conduct a need assessment, which informed the development of the current strategic plan. This Strategic plan not only provides OACWA with a sense of direction but also strengthens our advocacy for WA African communities in discussions with governments and stakeholders. I humbly request all the African leaders to pay attention to this strategic plan which I expect to continuously provide strategic direction to us all, the management committee.

Finally, I wish the 2 candidate the best of luck and look forward to working with the one who succeeds in this election.

Thanks, and God Bless

Dr Casty Nyaga Hughes, CPA
OACWA Executive President



Treasurers Financial Report:

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ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OACWA)

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Balance Sheet

ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OACWA)

As at 30 June 2023

Account	Notes	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
OACWA Main Acc - 6277		161,161	112,613
OACWA Cheque Acct - 1206		2,676	1,283
OACWA Proj Acct - 1405		36,738	21,732
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		200,575	135,628
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		29,250	22,475
Other Current Assets		226	1,100
Total Current Assets		29,476	23,575
Non-Current Assets			
Compuer Equipment		42,718	41,735
Office Equipment		7,183	7,183
Furniture & Fittings		815	815
Plant & Equipment		1,056	1,056
Re-usable Small items		4,435	4,435
Table clothes at cos		4,600	4,600
Total Non-Current Assets		60,806	59,822
Total Assets		290,857	219,025
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Funds payable to third party		945	-
Bond		1,900	-
Trade and Other Payables		12,676	29,146
GST Payable			
GST		11,851	8,255
Total GST Payable		11,851	8,255
PAYG Withholdings Payable		3,858	1,650
Employee Entitlements		7,267	(542)
Total Current Liabilities		38,497	38,509
Total Liabilities		38,497	38,509
Net Assets		252,360	180,516
Member's Funds			
Member'sl Reserve		252,360	180,516
Total Member's Funds		252,360	180,516



Profit & Loss

ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OACWA)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Account	2023	2022
Income		
Africa Day income	17,713	-
AWARD Night Income	66,060	48,400
COVID-19 Grant	12,680	55,272
Equipment Grant	-	29,760
Jambo Africa Grant		
Jambo Africa Grant	5,000	-
Jambo Africa Grant - Health way	-	15,000
Jambo Africa Grant - Lottery west	30,000	30,000
Jambo Africa Grant: OMI	10,000	10,000
Jambo Africa -CBD Revitalisation Grant (DLGSC)	80,000	-
Total Jambo Africa Grant	125,000	55,000
African Australia Youth Mentoring Program (AAYMP)	15,000	56,659
Office Coordination Grant		
Office Coordinator Grant	63,000	13,500
Total Office Coordination Grant	63,000	13,500
Women sponsorship & Grants	40,000	18,905
Other Income		
Donation from stall holders	29,700	18,200
Other Income -Inkind & Fundraising Activities	44,212	143,634
Youth donations & other income	-	27
Total Other Income	73,912	161,861
Total Income	413,365	439,358
Gross Surplus	413,365	439,358
Expenditure		
Africa Day	9,314	25,457
AWARD Night	62,730	59,136
COVID-19	300	52,084
Office Coordinator Costs	107,408	70,565



Women program exp	-	20,623
Jambo Africa	135,237	122,744
African Australia Youth Mentoring program Exp	22,418	74,048
Meetings, Members Welfare & Support	4,113	5,433
KIn Program- CALD INclusion Program	-	5,474
Total Expenditure	341,521	435,566
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	71,844	3,793



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA (OACWA)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Statement of Accounting Policy

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the management of the OACWA and their stakeholders as determined appropriate. The Management Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The financial report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031 Materiality

AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Data

The financial report is prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated current valuations of non-current assets.



DECLARATION

The Management Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Management Committee of the Association declares that:

1. The financial statements present fairly the organisation's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the Association's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Association.

President:

Dr Casty Nyaga, CPA

Dated this day of

30th June 2023

Treasurer:

Chingala Mayawa

Dated this day of

30th June 2023



DM Advisory Services – Audit
Chartered Accountant

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES (OAC)

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Organisation of African Communities (OAC) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the management declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), appropriate to meet the requirements of the company's constitution and to meet the needs of members. This responsibility includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 : Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the company's constitution and meet the needs of members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Organisation of African Communities (OAC) as at 30 June 2023,

- In accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Yours faithfully

DM Advisory Services

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David Makowa

David Makowa
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

6 October 2023



OACWA 2023 Vice President Finance & Administration Nominees

6 October 2023

Dr. Casty Nyaga
Executive President
Organisation of African Communities in WA
225 B Flinders Street
Yokine, WA 6060

Dear President Dr Casty Nyaga,

RE: Confirmation of Received Candidate Forms for 2023 Election for OACWA Vice-President Administration & Finance

On behalf of the OACWA Election Committee 2023, I confirm receipt of the following Candidate Eligibility Checklist Forms and CVs for the elected position for Vice President Administration and Finance:

Two Candidates for Executive Vice-President Administration and Finance:

- Salome Mbenjele (Zimbabwe)
- Vera Tetteh (Ghana)

I look forward to overseeing a successful election process on Sunday, 15 October 2023.

I request the community leaders to **provide the names and contact details of their two (2) election delegates.**

Kind regards,

Christina Ward
Chair of 2023 Returning Officers
OACWA Special General Meeting



2023 African Community Members

African Community National Groups/Associations

The OACWA confirms that National African community groups have the voting rights as one of the membership rights. To this end, we are encouraging all the African National associations (Community Leaders to renewal member for 2024 and beyond. This will be facilitated by the administration. The Associations participation in decision making is a constitutional right. Thanks to electoral committee and the community leaders for providing the names of the election delegates.

List of Delegates for the OACWA 2023 Election

1) Burundi (Burundi Community of WA: BUCOWA)

2023 Delegates – Regina Nshuti and Allan Keshimana

- Dieudonne Vita (BUCOWA Chairperson)
- 0412049364 & vitadink@gmail.com
- Dieudonne Magufuli (BUCOWA General Secretary)
- 0432 699 983 & dharushimana@yahoo.com.au

2) Democratic Republic of Congo (Congolese Community of WA: COCOWA)

2023 Delegates - Kayande Rashidi & Isabelle Nyandinda

- Bienfait Gakona (President of Congolese Council of WA Inc.)
- 0469880051 & cocowainc@yahoo.com.au
- Maurice Rashidi (Vice President of Congolese Council of WA Inc.)
- 0402 129 515 & mauricerashidi@yahoo.fr

3) Ethiopia (United Ethiopian Community of WA)

2023 Delegates – Yet to confirm

- Fasil Asefaw (President/Chair)
- 0438943128 & fasilasefaw@yahoo.com
- Ephrem Admasu

4) Ghana (Ghana Association of WA)

2023 Delegates – Yet to confirm

- Ms. NANA KWAKWAA AKUOKO-TAWIAH
- 0469738292 & nana.kwakwaa@gmail.com
- Shaibu Geniwu

5) Kenya (Kenyan Community of WA: KCWA)

2023 Delegates - Dennis Langat & Jesca Ngeno



- Dennis Langat (President KCWA)
- 0439993234 & langat.dennis@gmail.com
- Redemtor Yesuah
- 0410 545 725 & Redemtoryesuah@gmail.com

6) Liberia (Association of Liberian Community of WA)

2023 Delegate - Christopher Sunday & Robert Smart

- Robert Smart (Vice President)
- liberiancommunitywa@yahoo.com.au
- Dennis Gaye (Secretary)
- 0431 436 590 & qzdennis2005@yahoo.com

7) Nigeria: (Nigeria Association of WA: NAWA)

2023 Deligate - Mrs Donoi Bello and Mr. Joseph Ereka

- Mrs Donoi Bello - NAWA Chairperson
- Mr. Joseph Ereka - Deputy Chairperson

8) Rwanda (Rwandan Community Abroad Perth Inc.: RCA-Perth)

2023 Delegates – Yet to confirm

- Linda Iriza - Secretary
- 0479 149 272 & lindairiza3@gmail.com
- Maurice Mudacumura – Advisor
- 0413 129 935

Rwanda (Rwandan Community of WA: RWACOWA)

2023 Delegates - Theophile Habarimana and Nelson Muhirwa

- Theophile Habarimana (President)
- 0412 551 185 & habatheo25@gmail.com
- Nelson Muhirwa (Secretary)
- 0432 100 695

9) Seychelle: (Seychellois Club Inc.)

2023 Delegates – Apology

- Huguette Cohen
- 0428878551 & rodneycohen@bigpond.com
- Sandra Sauzier
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10) Sierra Leone (Sierra Leone Community of WA)

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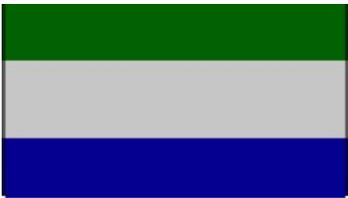
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African Community Sub-groups

The OACWA continue to welcomes the wider African community sub-groups and/or sub-committees. This is aimed at fostering greater collaboration and strengthen the unity amongst the African Community in WA. To this end, we are encouraging all the African Community Leaders to complete the ‘contact register’ form with the details of the sub-community group leaders so that we may be able to make contact and keep the community informed.

These sub-groups will not carry any voting rights within OACWA. They will however, be welcome to share their opinions as well as make use of the services OACWA provide through their main African community organisation here in WA.

2023 Electoral committee

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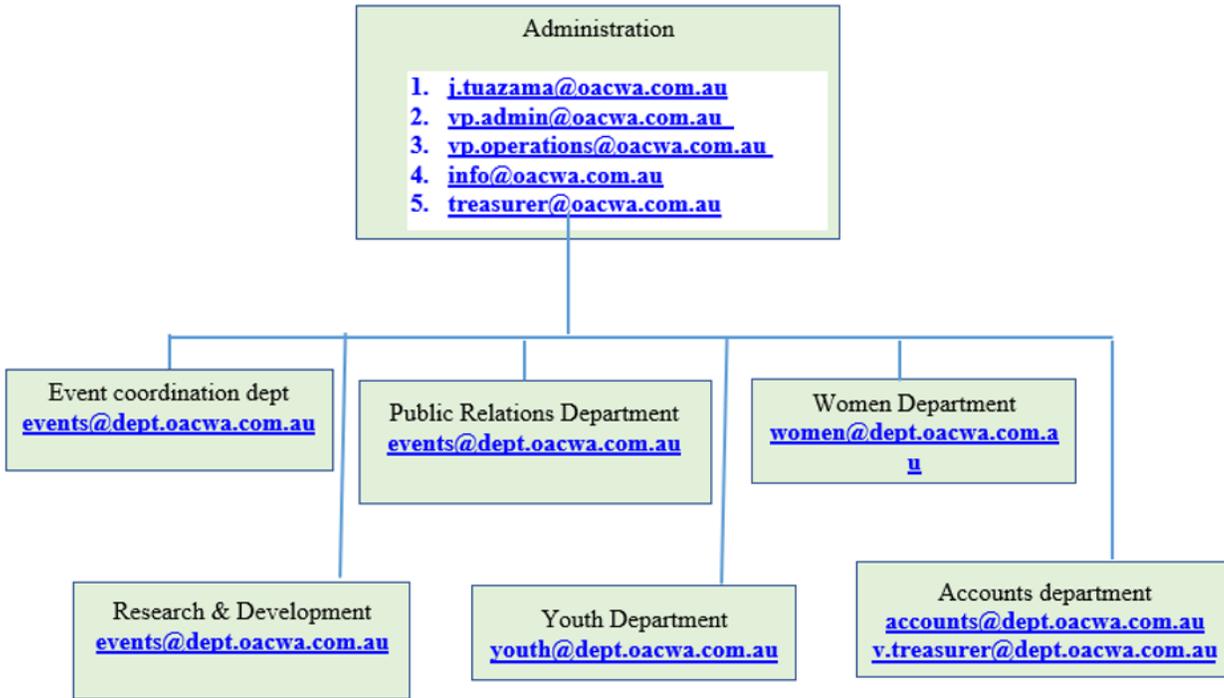
Thanks for volunteering to undertake this task.

Appendix A: Calendar of events

2023/2024 Events Calendar for WA African Communities: OACWA COMMUNITY HUB: 11 LEMANA COURT NOLLAMARA																				
#	Countries	Registered Community Association	Status	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24		
		Organisation of African Communities in WA	Active	15/10/23 Special General Meeting OACWA HUB 5PM- 8PM FREE 20/10/23 - ALEAD Meet & Greet (Women Leadership Program) OACWA HUB 6PM- 8PM FREE	25/11/2023 MMRP Year 12 Graduation 1 Light Street Dianella FREE				2/7/23 & 3/7/23 Jambo Africa Dinner Reserve FREE 23/7/2023 International Women's Day Venue TBC		25/05/2024 AFRICA DAY: FUNDRAISING FOR WA AFRICAN CENTER					7/9/23 AWARDS NIGHTS 5PM-11PM Venue TBC				
6	Burundi	Burundian Community in WA (BUCOWA)	Active			02/12/23 Burundian Culture Festival 2PM-8PM at Wedg Park FREE														
8	Cameroon	Cameroonian Association of WA	Active																	
12	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Congolese Council of Western Australia (COCOWA)	Active																	
18	Eritrea		Active																	
20	Ethiopia	United Ethiopian Community of WA	Active																	
23	Ghana	Ghana Association of WA	Active																	
26	Kenya	Kenyan Community of WA (KCWA)	Active	14/10/23 KCWA Cultural Extravaganza 10AM-7PM Wanneroo Showgrounds FREE																
28	Liberia	Association of Liberian Community of WA	Active																	
31	Malawi	Association of Malawians in Australia	Active																	
36	Mozambique	Mozambique Community of WA	Active																	
39	Nigeria	Nigerian Association of WA	Active	14/10/23 Nigeria Day from 6PM-5 Vasto Place Belmont, Tickets @nawa.com.au																
40	Rwanda	Rwandan Community Abroad Perth Inc.: RCA-Perth	Active																	
40	Rwanda	Rwandan Community of WA	Active																	
43	Seychelles	Seychellois Club of WA	Active																	
44	Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone Community of WA	Active																	
45	Somalia	Somali Support Perth	Active																	
47	South Sudan	South sudanese Community of WA	Active																	
49	Tanzania	Tanzanian Community of WA	Active																	
52	Uganda	Ugandan Community in WA	Active	14/10/23 Uganda Independence Day from 330PM at 18 Murchison Terrace FREE																
53	Zambia	Organisation of Zambians Living in WA	Active																	
54	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Association of WA	Active																	



Appendix B: Contacts



A big Thank you to all the volunteers. Let's keep OACWA Motto live and vibrant, **as we,**

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