



# **AFRICA REGION REPORT**

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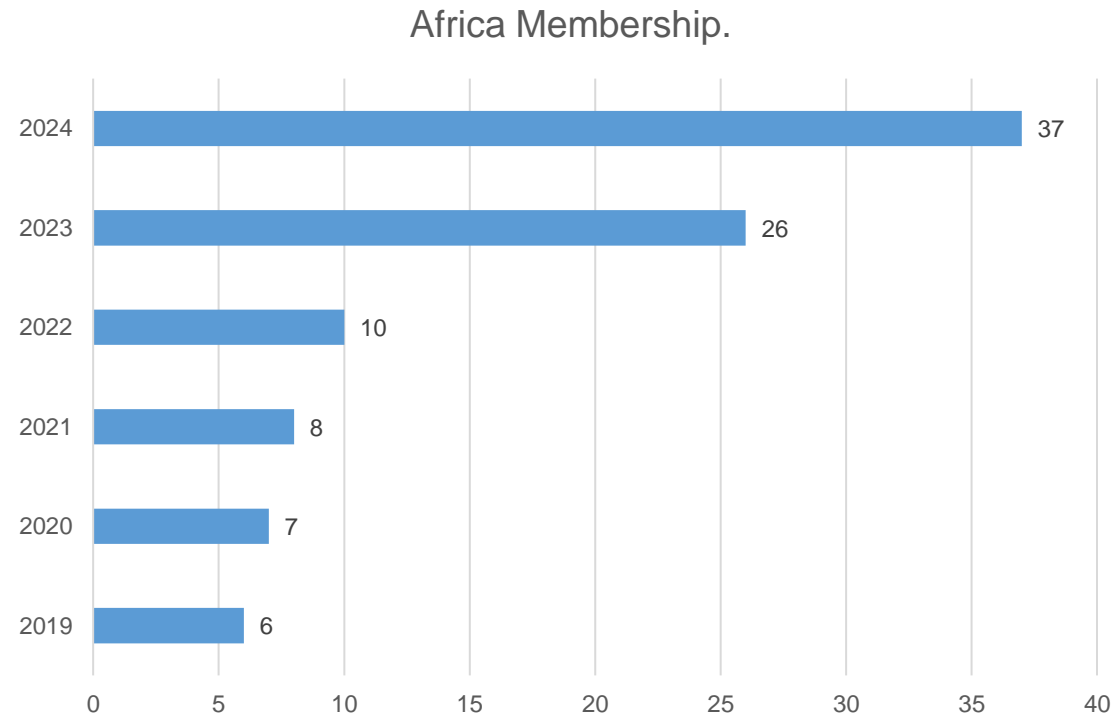
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**2023-2024**

# Planned Activities for the Year 2023

- Continuous Professional Development
- Third Regional Workshop in South Africa
- Support regional research in Data literacy, Data Science, and data management in Africa.
- Continuous maintenance and update of the website
- Chapter General Meeting



## Continuous Professional Development

- Five webinars were conducted on topical data management-related issues. Experts were identified who made virtual presentations as mentioned below:

- i) Data Management and Promotion of Democracy - *Robin Rice and Prof Tella Adeyinka*
- ii) AI and Research Data Management - *Francis Ssekitto, Dr. Chewachong Akih Patience and Dr. Ebelechukwu Ajuka*
- iii) AI, Data Privacy and Security - *Robert Kayiki, Dr. Udeme Samuel, Francis Ssekitto, and Prof. Babalola, Yemisi T.*
- iv) Open Science vs. Data Privacy in a virtual/digital world. – *Robert Buwule, Paula Lackie, San. Cannon, Francis Ssekitto*
- v) Research Data Management and Sustainable Development *Dr. Adetoun Oyelude, Ms. Rosina Ramokgola and Dr. Kenneth Goga Riany*



**2023 IASSIST Africa Chapter Webinar Series**

**TOPIC:** Data Management and Promotion of Democracy

**Dates:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Time:** 2:00pm EAT

**HOST:** East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS), Makerere University

**Moderator:** Dr Robert Buwule, Kyambogo University (Uganda)

**Presenters:** Ms. Robin Rice, IASSIST Vice President, University of Edinburgh; Prof. Adeyinka Tella, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

**Register in Advance**

**Zoom Registration link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register?ZtNmZmYTM6SGR3VUFXUWl0dG9G3E3B9Z>



**2024 IASSIST Africa Chapter Webinar Series**

**TOPIC:** Research Data Management & Sustainable Development

**Dates:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
**Time:** 2:00pm EAT, 1:00pm CAT, 12:00pm WAT

**HOST:** IASSIST Africa Chapter & EASLIS

**Moderator:** Dr. Adetoun A. Oyelude, FNLA, Deputy Librarian, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

**Presenters:** Dr. Kenneth Goga Riany, Kenya Medical Training College, Kenya; Rosina Ramokgola, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Zoom Registration link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register?ZtwdO2qaTsoGteO18GZYwD874whTSEHfMR>

**Register in Advance:** You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting  
Email: [secretariat@iassistafrica.org](mailto:secretariat@iassistafrica.org)

## Third Regional Workshop in South Africa

# RE-IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

18 - 20  
**OCTOBER**  
2023



**VENUE:** Council for Scientific and  
Industrial Research International  
Convention Centre (CSIR ICC), Pretoria,  
South Africa (**hybrid**)







*San giving one of the LOC members her Certificate*



*Meeting with the Director and LOC*



*Certificates of Appreciation to the LOC*





*San posing with Dr. Patience, one of the participants*



*African Workshop Presenters/Speakers Gift*



*African Workshop Bag*



*Workshop Booklet*

# Support regional research in Data literacy, Data Science, and data management in Africa.

- i. Dr. Wilberforce Okongo,  
Kyambogo University Uganda
- ii. Dr. Adefunke Olanike Alabi,  
University of Lagos, Nigeria

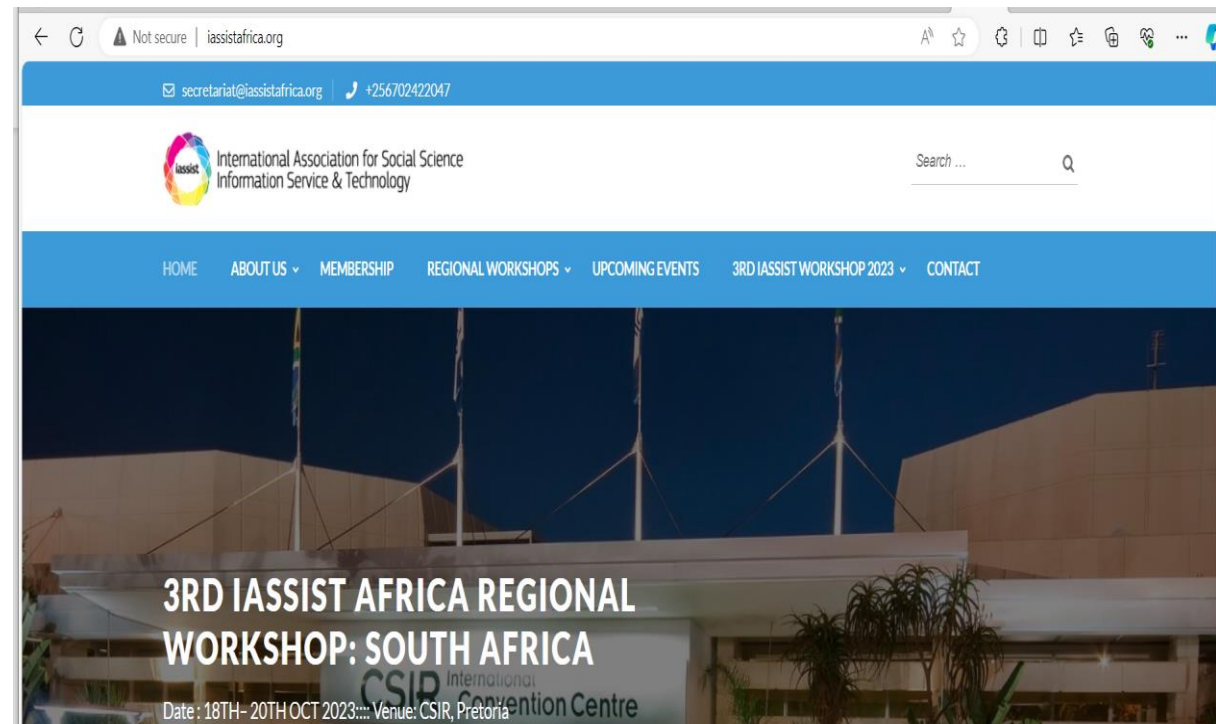


*Dr. Adefunke with some of the Africa participants, fellows and Paula*



# Continuous maintenance of the website

- There have been continuous updates, hosting, and maintenance by the Website Master  
<http://iassistafrica.org>
- Held a Virtual General Meeting



# Other IASSIST Event Sponsored Activities

## 1.Data Skills Training Workshop for Zimbabwean Academic Librarians

The workshop was held at Gwanda State University (GSU), Zimbabwe from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, aimed at increasing their knowledge of research data management and capacity to assist researchers in this area. The workshop was coordinated by Phillip Ndhlovu, an IASSIST Member.



# Other IASSIST Event Sponsored Activities – cont'd

## 2. Research Data Management workshop for the promotion of scholarship among academic staff.

- The workshop took place on 17th August 2023, at the Faculty of Applied Science and Technology building, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). It was facilitated by; Dr. Simon Smith from the University of Edinburgh and Mr. **Olatunbosun Obileye** the regional Engagement Specialist for DataCite in Africa. This workshop was coordinated by Dr. Robert Buwule.





# **Planned Activities for the Year 2024**

- Continuous Professional Development
- Fourth Regional Workshop in Kenya
- Continuous maintenance and update of the website
- Chapter General Meeting