

Multinational Events in Africa



ICD Leadership and new Fellows during the convocation on Nov. 9, 2018, in Mombasa, Kenya.

Candidates for ICD fellowship and ICD officers representing the four Regions in Africa collaborated with the Kenya Dental Association (KDA) on November 9-10, 2018, for joint ceremonies and seminars in Mombasa, Kenya. Events were concurrent with the annual meetings of the KDA, where ICD Fellow Andrew Wetende is KDA President.

New Fellow Convocation

The Section XX Convocation was hosted by [Region 35 Eastern Africa](#) and was organized by ICD International Councilor for Africa and Regent Pankaj Patel, of Nairobi. Councilor Patel nominated more than 40 candidates from South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. ICD Secretary General Jack Hinterman presided over the convocation ceremony. In addition to the ceremony, a gala dinner and educational seminars were held over the two days. Speakers for the KDA-ICD seminars were represented by members of ICD's International Council, Mauro LaBanca, of Italy, and Stuart Loos, of the USA. ICD Mentor for Africa Phillip Dowell

collaborated attendance by ICD African leaders. The speakers' travel expenses were sponsored by the [ICD Misch Legacy Endowment](#) of the Global Visionary Fund.

ICD Leadership Seminar

An ICD leadership seminar was held on Nov. 10 to set the future direction of ICD in Africa, for ICD Regents and other representatives. The seminar was facilitated by Drs. Hinterman, Patel and Dowell, who were assisted by ICD Membership Chair Jackie Robinson and her developmental plan for the advancement of the College in Africa. Fellow Malak Nagi represented [Region 29 Egypt, Sudan](#). Prof. Phumzile Hlongwa, past Dean of Witwatersrand University Dental school and a new Fellow, represented [Region 27 Southern Africa](#). From Cameroon, Prof. Michael Agbor Ashu, the Dean of the Dental School in Yaoundé, represented [Region 34 Western Africa](#). All three embodied an energetic leadership corps and have been nominated for appointment to Deputy Regent positions for their respective Regions. They all know the appointed Regents in their ICD Region and will begin the process of acting in collaboration with them. The deans of African dental schools meet biannually, which will be a good forum for ICD representation in 2020. Prof. Hlongwa will work towards a ceremony for new Fellows in Southern Africa for November 2019 at the major dental meeting scheduled for that time. Prof. Ashu will develop a plan to revitalize Western Africa starting immediately with new development in French-speaking African nations. Dr. Nagi will pursue plans for an ICD meeting in Alexandria, Egypt with tourism as an added element.

Overall, there is great positivity for a better ICD presence in Africa. Councilor and Regent Patel was congratulated on founding such a solid and vibrant Region 35 Eastern Africa and for organizing the very successful ceremony for new Fellows from around Africa. The event was headlined by an Honorary Fellowship awarded to Chief Guest Ambassador Amina Mohammed, the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Education.