

**The  
African  
Crystallographic  
Association**





# International Year of Crystallography 2014

## Bloemfontein summit



Initial signatories of the declaration arising from the Bloemfontein Summit Meeting. Seated at table (from left): Patricia W. Gitari (Kenya), Habib Boughzala (Tunisia), Abdelmalek Thalal (Morocco), Zephirin Yav (DR Congo). Standing: Michele Zema (IYCr2014 Project Manager at IUCr; Italy), Jean Paul Ngome-Abiaga (UNESCO; Gabon), Santiago García-Granda (IUCr; Spain), André Roodt (South Africa; organizer of the Summit meeting), Jean Ngoune (Cameroon).





# 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-African Conference on Crystallography



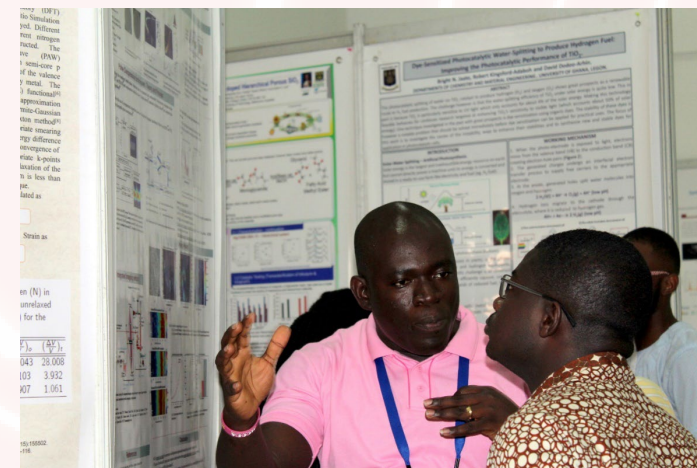
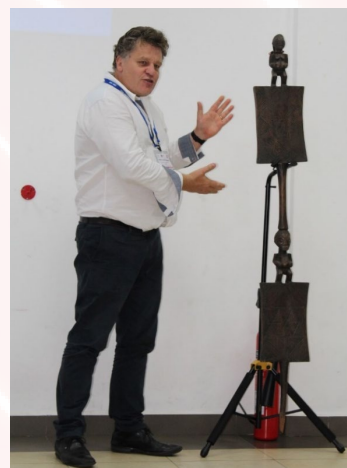




# PCCr2 in Accra, Ghana 2019



joint meeting with AfLS  
over 200 participants  
35 countries





# ePCCr online, November 2021



ePCCr

An online conference organized jointly with the African Light Source and the African Physical Society

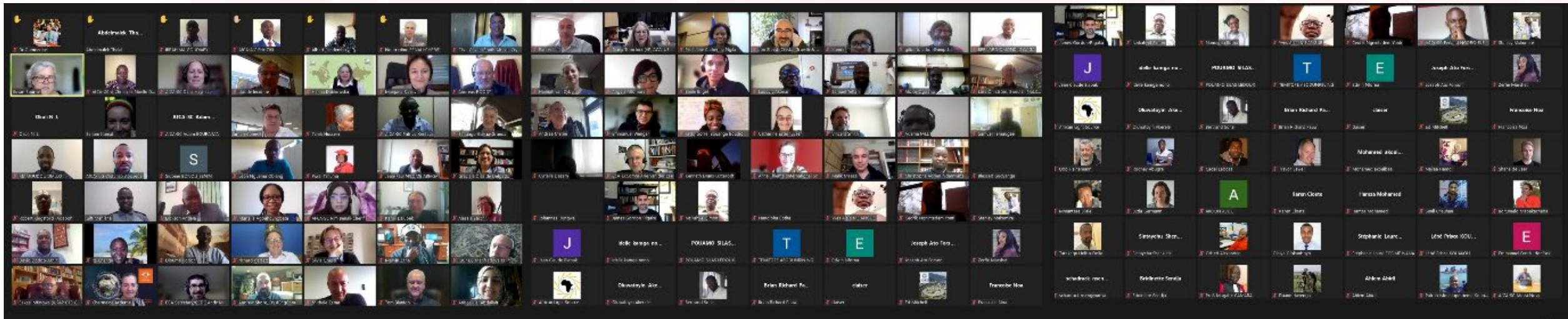
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- Joint meeting with AfLS and AfPS
- Overall 554 delegates from 39 countries
- The official launch of AfCA!!!





# AfCA launch



Founder members are Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zimbabwe



# AfCA statutes

The **objectives** of the Association are:

- a. to contribute to the advancement of crystallography and structural science in all its aspects, including related topics concerning the non-crystalline states;
- b. to promote African cooperation in crystallography and related areas
- c. to contribute to the development of education and research in crystallography and structural sciences in Africa.



# AfCA Executive Committee

## The African Crystallographic Association



### Inaugural Executive Committee



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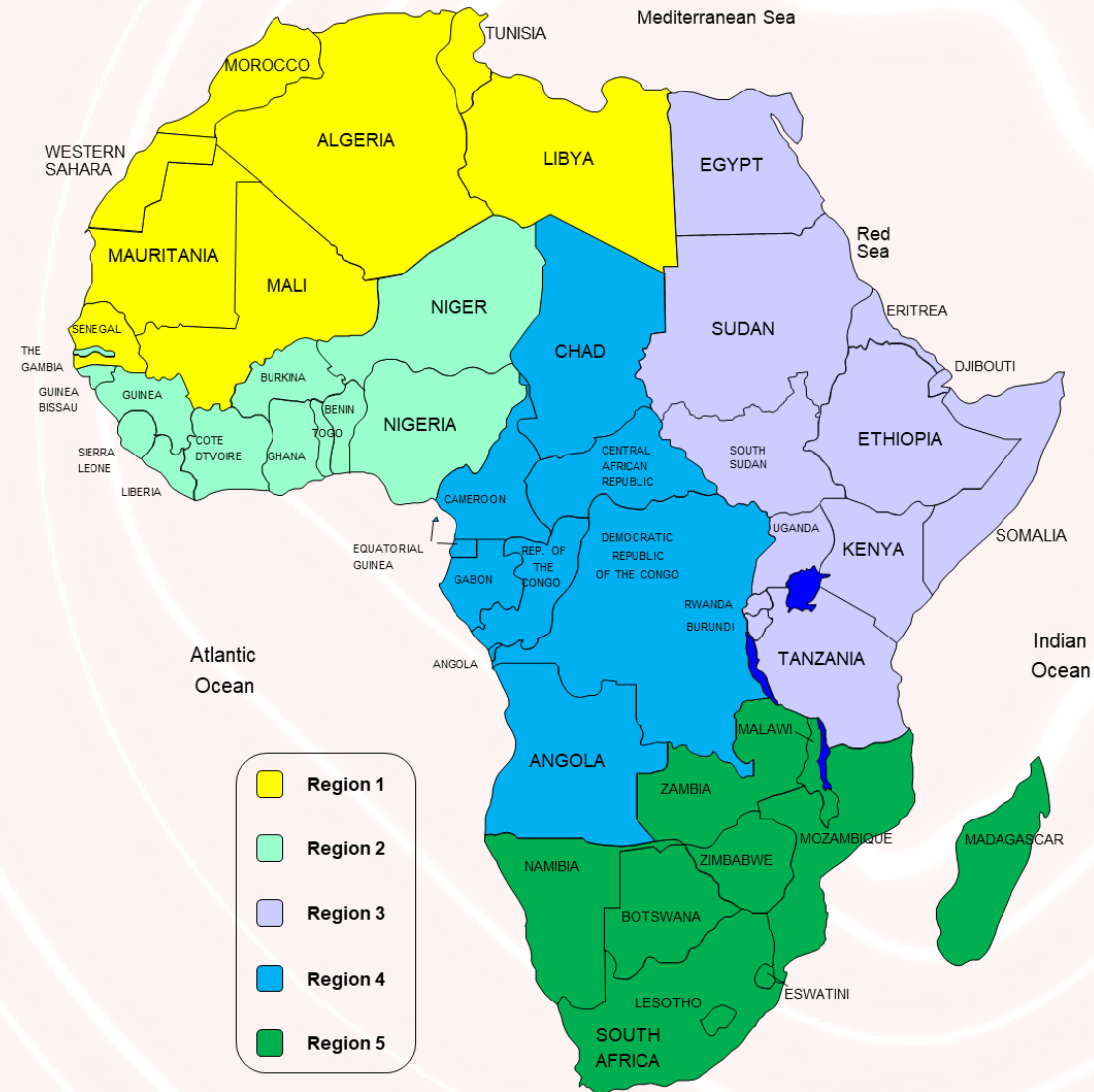


Mamoudou Diallo  
(Senegal)





# AfCA regions





# Crystallography societies in Africa







# Activities in Africa

- Lectures and workshops introducing crystallography – most recently in Guinea and The Gambia
- OpenLabs – training in crystallographic theory and practice – most recent in Republic of Congo
- Remote lab / AFRAMED – together with UNESCO, CNRS, University of Lorraine



# PCCr3 in Nairobi, Kenya 2023

<http://www.pccr3africa.org/>

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## Pan African Conference on Crystallography (PCCr3)

January 17th - 21st, 2023  
Multimedia University of Kenya NAIROBI-KENYA

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# AfCA online...

<https://www.facebook.com/AfricanCrystallographicAssociation/>

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile of 'Towards an African Crystallographic Association'. The profile picture is the AfCA logo. The cover photo is a red banner with a white geometric pattern. The page name is 'Towards an African Crystallographic Association' with the handle '@AfricanCrystallographicAssociation' and the category 'Education'. A blue 'Send Message' button is visible. Below the header are tabs for 'Home', 'Reviews', 'Videos', 'Photos', and 'More'. The 'Home' tab is selected. On the left, there is an 'Ask' section with four questions and their respective 'Ask' buttons: 'How much does this school cost?', 'Can you tell me more about this school?', 'Are you accepting new students?', and 'Where are you located?'. Below these is a text input field 'Type a question' and another 'Ask' button. On the right, there is a 'Create Post' section with options for 'Photo/Video', 'Check in', and 'Tag Friends'. Below this is a post from the association dated May 28 at 12:46 PM, titled '2021 African Neutron and Synchrotron Data Analysis Competency (ANSDAC.com) workshop'. The post text states: 'Attendance remains free but spaces are limited and registration is compulsory. Registration will open on the 1st of June on [www.ansdac.com](http://www.ansdac.com) and close on the 15th of June.'

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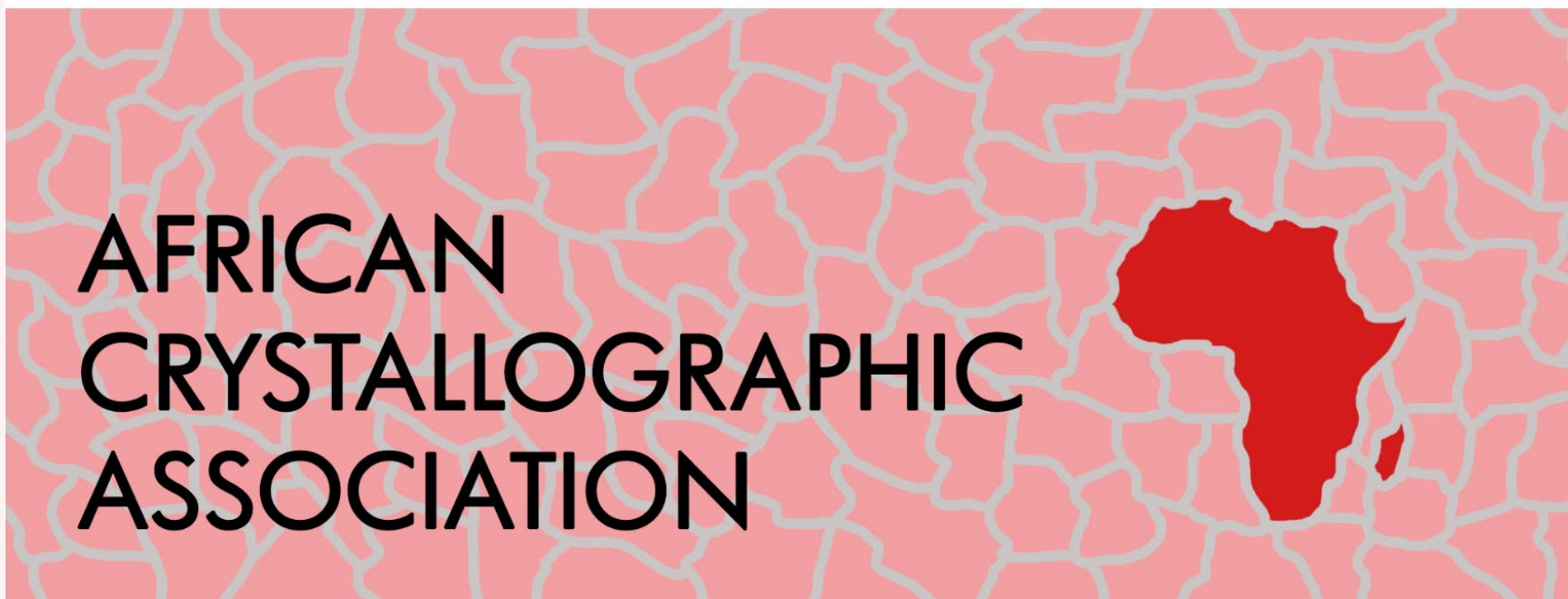
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## MISSION OF AfCA

*The mission of the African Crystallographic Association is to contribute to the advancement of science on the African continent via crystallography in all its aspects, including related topics concerning the structure and related properties of non-crystalline states, and to promote African cooperation in crystallography.*





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