

# SNAPSHOT of THE ZONES of

Based on information provided by zones  
February 2023 and updates post WSC



## Afri-can Zonal Forum

1 seated region  
17 unseated regions\*  
329 meetings

member regions include

Botswana\*  
Cape Verde Islands\*  
Ethiopia\*  
Ghana\*  
Kenya\*  
Lesotho\*  
Liberia\*  
Mozambique\*  
Namibia\*  
Nigeria\*  
Rwanda\*  
South Africa  
Tanzania\*  
Togo\*  
Uganda\*  
Zambia\*  
Zanzibar\*  
Zimbabwe\*

### Zonal Meetings

In-person\*  
once a year  
(2-3 days long)

Virtual  
twelve times a year  
(average length 1 hour)

Consensus-Based  
Decision Making  
(CBDM)

Trusted servants  
2-year terms

\*The last in-person  
meeting was 2019

Established  
2013



## INFORMATION

### Vision/Mission/Purpose

Our vision is that all addicts in Africa have the opportunity to experience the NA message of recovery in their own language and culture.

Our mission is that the Afri-can Zonal Forum is a service body created by the NA regions in Africa to provide a forum for African regions to communicate and cooperate with one another through:

- Sharing experiences and resources
- Enhancing and encouraging unity and mutual support so that the regions can nurture and sustain the growth of NA in Africa
- Collaborating with other NA service bodies

Our purpose is:

- To support NA Fellowship development projects in the African regions
- To encourage and maintain effective communication among member regions
- To enhance connectivity and promote the shared sense of responsibility to those that we serve

### Focus/Services

Currently, the focus of the Afri-can Zonal Forum is understanding the challenges and receiving feedback from the regions on the progress and implementation of any Fellowship development projects.

They have hosted a Fellowship development workshop and are in the process of organizing a PI workshop.

They are planning a virtual conference in early 2023 where they will have elections and address the agenda to include regional and zonal objectives for the next 2-year cycle. Objectives like strategic planning and CAR/CAT workshops. It is their hope that including these in the agenda will ensure that going forward they will have more review and input.

During the pandemic, some member regions were able to introduce virtual meetings using the NAWS Zoom account.

## SUCCESSES

The AZF feels that given its challenges, to continue functioning as a zone is a tremendous indication of carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Chair  
Secretary  
Secretary  
Zonal Delegate  
ZD Alternate

## COLLABORATION

Although the zone does not officially provide collaboration opportunities, the zonal forum meetings do help member regions understand the needs of other regions. Some member regions have taken the initiative to assist with Fellowship development in neighboring regions. South Africa helped Namibia and Zimbabwe with posters and Afrikaans literature. Namibia helped Botswana with literature and Group Starter Kits.

Mozambique had the opportunity to work with the Brazilian regions for interpreters and assistance with Fellowship development workshops.

## FINANCIAL

All zonal expenses are funded by NAWS for the annual in-person meeting. The chair and vice-chair are funded to attend.

Each African region elects a delegate and alternate and they are both funded. Both attend the annual AZF meeting and one or both participate in the virtual meetings. They are elected by their individual NA communities, regardless of level of local service structure, and participate in attendance, right to speak, taking part in consensus process, and voting. The secretary of the AZF is also a funded delegate.

Any costs related to attending the virtual meetings is the responsibility of the trusted servants and delegates.

## CONCERNS

The AZF has few trusted servants. They feel a key issue is Fellowship development in their regions so they can mentor members in service and practice trusted servant rotation.

They are in desperate need of developing a service infrastructure for the newer regions and those that are still developing.