



AFRICAN SCHOOL LEADERS

Founding Members' Welcome Brochure

Building the Future of School Leadership Across Africa

Official Kick-off: 1 September 2026

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Welcome

Welcome to African School Leaders (ASL).

You are among the first school leaders invited to become part of a growing movement that believes Africa's greatest educational resource is not its buildings or technology—it is its leaders.

Across our continent, thousands of school owners, principals, headteachers and senior leaders are solving similar challenges every day, often in isolation. African School Leaders exists to change that.

Together, we will create a community where ideas are shared, innovation is embraced, leadership is strengthened and African schools learn from one another.

This is not simply another WhatsApp group.

It is the beginning of a continental movement that, by God's grace, will officially launch as the African School Leaders Association (ASLA) in August 2027.

We are delighted that you are here from the very beginning.

Our Vision

To build the most influential community of school leaders in Africa, fostering collaboration, leadership excellence and educational transformation across the continent.

Our Mission

To connect school leaders across Africa, promote best practice, encourage innovation, develop leadership capacity and prepare the foundation for a strong, representative professional alliance that serves schools throughout Africa.

What We Hope to Achieve During This Founding Year

Over the next twelve months, we will focus on building relationships, sharing knowledge and laying the foundations for ASLA. Our priorities are to:

- Connect school leaders from every region of Africa.
- Share practical solutions to everyday leadership challenges.
- Promote innovation, safeguarding and responsible AI adoption.
- Conduct surveys to understand the realities facing African schools.
- Create opportunities for collaboration between schools.
- Build regional leadership communities.
- Develop a trusted network that can influence the future of education across Africa.

Membership

Membership during this founding year is completely free.

However, membership is by verification only. To maintain the quality and integrity of the community, all applicants will be verified before joining.

Membership is currently open to:

- School owners
- Proprietors
- Principals
- Headteachers
- School directors
- Vice principals
- Senior leadership teams

Our goal is to create a trusted community where every member is an active educational leader.

What to Expect This Year

Every month you can look forward to:

Leadership Webinars

Monthly webinars inspired by themes from The Growth Ready School and other contemporary leadership topics. Topics will include:

- Building Growth Ready Schools
- School Leadership
- Admissions and School Growth
- Financial Sustainability
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Artificial Intelligence in Education
- Staff Development
- School Culture
- Inspection Readiness
- Governance
- Innovation

ASLA membership will launch in 2027. During this founding year, webinars will help shape the learning culture of our future alliance.

Regional Communities

As our membership grows, members will be organised into regional communities:

- West Africa
- East Africa
- Southern Africa
- Central Africa
- North Africa

These groups will become spaces for:

- Sharing best practice
- Local networking
- Regional collaboration
- Country-specific discussions

- Professional support

Surveys and Research

Members will regularly contribute to surveys exploring:

- Leadership challenges
- School finance
- Teacher recruitment
- Artificial Intelligence
- Safeguarding
- Student wellbeing
- Innovation

These insights will help shape future ASLA programmes and ensure that the voices of African school leaders are heard.

Local Networking Events

Where possible, members will organise informal local meet-ups and networking events within their cities and countries. Relationships built locally will strengthen our continental community.

The Road to ASLA

This founding year is about building something that lasts.

September 2026 – February 2027 · Growing the Community

- Recruit founding members
- Monthly leadership webinars
- Research and surveys
- Regional networking
- Build visibility across Africa

March 2027 · Preparing for ASLA

We will begin:

- Registration for the African School Leaders Association (ASLA)
- Consultation on our constitution
- Governance framework
- Committee structure
- Election framework

Members will have the opportunity to help shape the future organisation.

April – July 2027 · Building Our Leadership

During this period we will:

- Open nominations
- Conduct elections
- Confirm regional representatives
- Appoint committee members
- Finalise the Board of Governors
- Secure strategic partnerships and sponsors

August 2027 · The Official Launch of ASLA

By God's grace, we will officially launch the African School Leaders Association (ASLA). Regional launch events will take place across Africa, where newly elected regional and national representatives will be introduced.

Our headquarters launch in Nigeria will formally announce:

- The Board of Governors

- Regional Representatives
- National Coordinators
- Specialist Committees
- The strategic vision for ASLA

This marks the beginning of a new chapter for school leadership across Africa.

Our Commitment

African School Leaders is founded on the belief that meaningful change happens when leaders work together.

Every conversation. Every webinar. Every survey. Every collaboration. Every new member.

Together, these will shape an organisation that belongs to school leaders across Africa.

Thank you for becoming part of this journey from the very beginning.

Together, we will connect leaders, strengthen schools and transform education across Africa.

Princess O. Akinpelu

Founder, African School Leaders

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