



THE DRUM



A Newsletter from ACSI Africa

The resource is the community, the Church, the school, the song, the dance and the drum.

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Dear ACSI Africa Members and Global Friends: This 9th issue of The Drum welcomes you to our work in 2017. The Drum shares news about the work of ACSI Africa. Regional highlights are published in May and November each year, a month after the various country Association offices submit their bi-annual reports.

The continent of Africa reaches deep into both northern and southern hemispheres. Schools in Africa's northern hemisphere are continuing their 2016-2017 school year and schools in the southern hemisphere are starting a new 2017 school year together with the new calendar year. Schools benefit from the work of their national Association. ACSI Africa is proud of the association leaders and staff in many countries whose work delivers services and products to member schools for quality Christian education.

ACSI Africa's annual core country leaders' meeting was hosted by ACSI Uganda in October 2016. The team learned from each other, critiqued the draft national accreditation instrument, Paths to School Improvement, and reviewed ACSI Africa's strategic development.



The appointed Director for ACSI Southern Africa, Mr Sean Moore, takes office 1 March. He comes with a wealth of experience, currently serving as Head at Harvest Christian School, Port Elizabeth.

ACSI Africa leaders & staff meeting, Oct. 2016 left to right

Sylvain Ollo Momo : National Coordinator | AESEB/ACSI Burkina Faso

Daniel Neuhaus: Coordinator for Francophone Countries | ACSI Europe & Africa

Emmanuel Muganza: Supervisor of the DRC Elephant Project

Gavin Brettenny: Director of Strategic Development | ACSI Africa

Davis Samuel Hiire: Director | ACSI Uganda

Mike Epp: Senior VP Global: ACSI

Bastiaen Norel: Standing in for ACSI SA

Oludipe Olusegun: Administrator | ACSI Nigeria
(Not in photo: **Adun Akinyemiju**: Director | ACSI Nigeria)

Jacqueline Kalume: Representing DRC private Christian schools

Jean-Christophe Huet : Responsable Développement pour l'Afrique Centrale et l'Océan Indien Francophone

Samson Makhado: Director Emeritus | ACSI Africa

In support of national offices, ACSI Africa and ACSI Global are involved in research & development and supporting global partnerships.

There is too much activity to mention in this newsletter. However, it is worth mentioning a couple of innovative projects being worked on in January:

- The new ACSI school improvement program, **Paths to School Improvement**, is being piloted in Uganda (Jan 9-13) and Rwanda (Jan 16-20). Brian Bliss and Debbie MacCullough are training leaders who are facilitating implementation in context.
- Gavin Brettenny and Jean-Christophe Huet are in Eastern DRC, Bukavu and Goma, 10 to 18 January, working with new partners for contextualised implementation of the **Elephant Project**.

The ACSI Africa Jo'burg office will deliver its enrichment program, Train the Trainers, for a Kenyan delegation in February.

ACSI Africa will report on various activities in the Regions in the May issue of the Drum.

[AFRICA ROUNDTABLE 3 FEBRUARY 2018](#)

ACSI Africa will host the **3rd ACSI Africa Roundtable** in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the week **19 – 23 February 2018**.

The **2007** Roundtable was the recognition of a continent wide movement, cemented by the signing of the declaration.

The **2012** Roundtable was characterised by regional testimonies and the construction of 10 catalysts for the continent wide movement.

The **2018** Africa Roundtable 3 will develop new and strengthen existing national Associations through African partnerships.



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Mission Secondments

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Coordinator of Conferences and Teacher
Trainings | ACSI West Africa Francophone:

Anne-Marie Jayer (YWAM)

Higher Education Consultant:

Debbie MacCullough (Crossworld)

Paths to School Improvement - Project Manager:

Brian Bliss (SIM)

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