

**A MANIFESTO BY SAMUEL ISSIFU AS ASPIRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF ORGANIZER FOR UDS' MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Dear esteemed members of the UDS Medical Students' Association,

My name is Samuel Issifu, a second-year medical student of this association.

With great honour and humility, I stand before you today as a candidate for the position of Organizer in our esteemed Medical Students' Association. As a fellow medic, I have been captivated by the transformative power of this association, and I firmly believe it is our collective responsibility to shape and nurture an environment that fosters growth, camaraderie and excellence. I present to you a manifesto that strikes at the heart of our shared goals and aspirations as an association.

- Preserving and Enriching our Traditional Programs:
  - (a) Embracing Tradition
    - i. Recognizing the importance of our association's heritage, I pledge to honour and uphold our traditional programs that have served as the foundation of our success.
    - ii. I will foster a deep sense of pride and respect for our past achievements, ensuring that our historical programs continue to thrive and remain integral to our identity
  - (b) Strengthening Existing Programs
    - i. Building upon the foundation of our traditional programs, I am dedicated to enhancing their effectiveness and impact.
    - ii. I will conduct thorough evaluations and seek feedback from members to identify areas for improvement, incorporating their valuable insights to refine our existing initiatives.
    - iii. By leveraging new technologies, modern methodologies and best practices, we will revitalize and rejuvenate our longstanding programs, making them more relevant and impactful.
  - (c) Introducing Quality Enhancements:
    - i. I believe in raising the bar of excellence within our association by introducing new measures to ensure the highest standards of quality across all our programs
    - ii. I will establish rigorous assessment criteria, encouraging innovation and creativity to deliver superior experiences to our members.
    - iii. Collaborating with experts in relevant fields, I will explore opportunities to introduce cutting-edge practices and techniques that will elevate the quality of our traditional programs.
  
- Engaging Stakeholders:
  - a) To ensure inclusivity, I will actively engage with all stakeholders, including members, partners and the wider community.
  - b) To allow every member contribute to the decision-making process, I will establish open channels of communication to gather input, suggestions, and concerns, enabling

us to make informed decisions that align with the collective interests of our association.

- c) By fostering a collaborative environment, we will harness the collective wisdom of our stakeholders, driving the continuous evolution and refinement of our traditional programs.
- **Collaborative Decision-Making:**  
Work closely with other student associations, organizations, and relevant stakeholders to collaborate on initiatives and amplify our collective impact.
  
  - **Academic Excellence:**  
Organize workshops, seminars, and panel discussions led by accomplished faculty members and esteemed professionals, providing additional insights, specialized knowledge, and mentorship opportunities beyond the curriculum
  
  - **Fostering a Supportive Community:**  
Organize social events, to promote camaraderie, reduce stress, and strengthen bonds within our medical student family.
  
  - **Wellness and Mental Health:**  
Launch wellness campaigns that encompass physical, mental, and emotional health, promoting a balanced lifestyle through initiatives such as mindfulness sessions, fitness challenges, stress management workshops, and accessible resources for mental health support.

In conclusion, my manifesto stands as a testament to my unwavering dedication to maintain our association's traditional programs while infusing them with an enhanced level of quality.

By embracing our heritage, strengthening existing initiatives, introducing quality enhancements, supporting professional development, and engaging stakeholders, I am confident that our association will flourish, adapt, and remain a shining example. Once again, let me reiterate that my ambition stems from an inspiration to create an inclusive and dynamic environment where ideas are valued and initiatives are effectively implemented with an overarching mission of "Bringing Back the Love".

I humbly request your trust and support, as your Organizer, to lead the way in championing the needs and aspirations of our student body and working to ensure that our association remains an inclusive and empowering platform for all. I look forward to engaging with each of you, listening to your ideas, and collaborating to bring about positive change. Together, let us build a future that honours our past while propelling us towards unparalleled success.

Thank you for your trust, and I eagerly look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Issifu.