

## **NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA)**

### **Biosketch: Gabila Nubong**

Dr. Gabila Nubong is a political economist with a masters in economics and PhD in international Relations. He is currently a Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic and Political Affairs (ISPA) at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

His work experience in the last decade has been with the development community working on Africa. He has worked as a researcher at the Center for Governance Innovation of the University of Pretoria, a project officer at the European Center for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) based in Maastricht, the Netherlands and as a Socio-Economist with the European Union Delegation to South Africa. He also has lectured in five different universities in the course of his career, including the University of Cape Town, the University of Pretoria, the University of the Western Cape, The Cape Peninsula University of Technology and the ICT university in Cameroon.

He has accumulated relevant experience for the position of treasurer of the ASAA principally as part of his project management responsibilities within the European Union wherein he exercised financial oversight over grant projects and programs financed by the European Union in South Africa and into the SADC region. His work and research experience has brought him collaborating with financial institutions like the African Development Bank, The European Investment Bank, the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) and a host of donor agencies and development partners (AFD, JICA, GIZ)

As an African scholar his research interests include the Capacity Dimension for the SDGS, economic transformation, Regional Economic Integration with focus on financing infrastructure for Development and comparative regionalism with an emphasis on the Applicability of the European Union Model of Integration to the African Union Integration experience.

He is also a Christian youth leader and founding coordinator of Christ's Youth and Student Movement that currently runs a youth mentorship and tutorial program for high schools in Johannesburg, South Africa.

### **Vision Statement**

The battle for the transformation of our continent Africa is a battle that will be won at the frontier of the generation, mainstreaming and propagation of ideas. 300 years of Transatlantic slavery and over 100 more years of colonization and 50 more of neocolonialism has left Africa attached to the global power, influence and dominance structure in a peripheral manner. The dominant have dominated and maintain their dominance because they control and filter the knowledge generation space and exercise control over which idea gets validated and mainstreamed and worst still regulate which problem gets investigated and given priority. I see in the African Studies Association of Africa a platform and an opportunity to begin to turn the tides of knowledge dominance around. This shall be accomplished through the celebration of

African Scholarship by Africans, from Africa and in partnership with friends of Africa and other Africans located all across the globe. This goal can only be accomplished through the creation of a well-resourced, efficiently managed and properly organized African Studies association. My vision is to be a part of this process, that process of building a strong and solid ASAA and giving it a place of prominence in the discussions on African affairs within the continent and to be a credible point of reference for consultation on African issues by partners operating from beyond the continent. That is why I accept the nomination for the position of treasurer.