



Africa
promoting the power
of facilitation worldwide

What is IAF?

The International Association of Facilitators (IAF) is the global association for process facilitators, representing facilitators from different sectors, such as development, government and the private sector. The Association was founded in 1994 and currently has more than 2,000 members worldwide, 52 local chapters and 5 Special Interest Groups from all five continents of the world. A chapter is a community of facilitators who organize activities together in line with the core mandate of IAF that is “promoting the power of facilitation worldwide”.

IAF in Africa

Currently, there are more than 100 IAF members in Africa and nine chapters (in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda). There are also members in Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, DR Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Members are able to participate in regular online discussions as well as participating in other activities, such as:

- International Facilitation Week – celebrating the facilitation profession each year in October
- Facilitation Impact Awards (FIA) – an annual global event to recognize excellence in facilitation
- Certified Professional Facilitator (CPF) programme – accreditation process for facilitators
- Local chapter and other activities for professional development and to promote facilitation

Members are always encouraged to develop chapters in their areas and communities in order to promote facilitation and for their own professional development.

Why join IAF?

- 1) You need us.** Like you, IAF members work with groups, helping them to fulfil their potential to bring about positive change in the world. We understand the challenges you face as you introduce participatory processes designed to make groups more inclusive, collaborative and effective. Peer support, on-going learning and professional development are key to surviving and thriving as a facilitator and to advancing the profession.
- 2) We need you.** As a membership association, we want to include as many voices as possible in the global conversation about the importance of facilitation to groups and organisations everywhere. The IAF celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2014 and is moving into a new phase of growth. Your membership helps us extend our reach and build a strong, international network.
- 3) The world needs great facilitators.** Look around. At every level of society, in every country and region, groups are seeking ways to address complex issues, resolve internal conflicts and make good decisions together. Leaders increasingly recognize the importance of fostering interdependence and shared responsibility. Skilled facilitators fill an essential role in enabling positive changes.

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