

***Resolution of the Board of Directors  
Commending the  
SSDP African Chapters and Members***

***WHEREAS***, the International Network of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) has grown dramatically in recent years and the members of SSDP want to encourage and acknowledge the most productive and dynamic chapters and leaders;

***WHEREAS***, numerous members and chapters in Africa have achieved extraordinary accomplishments, for example:

Francis Bukari '19 from SSDP Ghana set up 9 chapters in Northern Ghana and is coordinating efforts with all of them;

Clement Bofa-Oppong '16 from SSDP Ghana and his team has created an SSDP relationship with the Narcotics Control Board (NACOB) of Ghana and key government institutions to review and pass Ghana's Narcotics Control Commission Bill into law, and has coordinated policy advocacy with other Ghanaian chapters;

Ewelle Williams '17 from SSDP Liberia has become a mentor to new chapters and has made important efforts to support the Liberian network of chapters;

SSDP Nigeria, led by Bashorun Olufemi '16, is formally registering with the government as an NGO;

SSDP University of Zimbabwe, led by Monalisa Magoche '18, is officially a registered organisation on campus;

At the 63rd session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Vienna, Austria in March 2020, Clement Bofa-Oppong '16 arranged to meet with the delegation to the CND from the African Union to discuss drug policy reform; and

Chapters and leaders from around Africa have created a unique, continent-spanning SSDP Africa Committee to support and encourage SSDP growth and programs throughout the continent, with Mubarak Abdulsalam '19, McFredericks Edache '19, Nyanda Julius '19 and Ewelle Williams '17 serving as inaugural members, and Monalisa Magoche '18 as the inaugural chair;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, the Board of Directors of Students for Sensible Drug Policy commends the members and chapters of our African Network for their extraordinary accomplishments in organizational growth, for establishing significant professional relationships with government agencies and NGO allies, for dynamic engagement in the policy-making process in several nations and at the United Nations, and for inspiring the entire SSDP community.

Adopted, the \_\_\_ of May, 2020 by the Board of Directors, Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

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Julia Hilbert, Secretary