

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am honoured to be nominated by the management committee to serve for the position of the ILAE-Africa Committee Member for 2025 – 2029 term.

In the past two years, I serve as a member of the ILAE-EEG Task Force and engage in multiple activities such as training course, and ILAE congresses. Over the past six years, I have been committed to the lead epilepsy clinic development, multicentre research projects including on psychiatrics disorders, quality of life, stigma and treatment gaps in Cameroon and Africa.

I have been involved in the organisation of Epilepsy and EEG course where more than 500 local General Practitioners and Nurses have been trained to improve the diagnosis and management of epilepsy in semi-urban and rural area. In addition, I have mentored several medical students, and neurology resident in the field of epileptology.

- If I am elected as a Member of the ILAE-Africa Committee, I will help the Committee in three strategic priorities:
- Strengthening the ILAE chapters across the continent and reinforce collaboration between these chapters.
- Bridging research and practice by promoting collaborative research between countries and encourage local evidence-based clinical practice.

Engagement for Advocacy and policy change by communicating with local and regional health authorities and patient's advocacy groups to promote better access to antiseizure medications and inclusion of epilepsy metrics in the health information system.

As a neurologist and clinical researcher deeply committed to advance epilepsy care across the continent, I humbly believe I can contribute to the strategic vision and hands-on experience to help the committee fulfil its engagement and to improve the lives of people with epilepsy in Africa.

Sincerely,

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