



Annual Report

Connecting Communities



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**Haere mai and welcome to the
AfroConnectNZ Charitable
Trust.**

Chair's Report

Kemi Fayomi



This is our first report and my first as Chairperson since we got incorporated last year. Annual report provides an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the year that has been and what we have achieved as an organisation.

After a year as chair, despite the challenges we have faced I'm proud of the work that has been done by our team.

We had several changes within the board and I would like to thank the following trustees who concluded their service with the board: Memo Marupi and Judy Ngatia.

The board welcomed Olakunle Ajayi, Paul Kintu and Ala Farah.

I have reflected on three key highlights this year. We worked with other African organisations to organise the Africa Day event in parliament. We met with regional African leaders and other community leaders to work towards the creation of a national African body in New Zealand. And finally, we applied for funding from various organisations to be able to do events add programmes that will be beneficial to our community.

These changes have further strengthened the diversity of the board and improved our ability to meet the purpose and goals of the trust.

We have been working on refreshing our strategic plan, applying for funding and getting events underway to support our community.

From the Trustees and the team at AfroConnectNZ Charitable Trust we hope you enjoy reading more about our trust. We welcome any suggestions or referrals.

Special thanks to our team and volunteer board, who give so much energy, and time to the Trust. You are appreciated and valued. To our funders and supporters, thank you for your backing and supporting our mission.

Over the next year, AfroConnectNZ trustees and volunteers look forward to building our organisation and providing impactful value to our community.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Kintu

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for AfroConnectNZ for the financial year ending on 31 July 2023. Let me walk you through the highlights of our performance that illustrate our financial health and the societal impacts we make.



While we did not apply for any funding, We successfully made financial strategies to ensure AfroConnect takes off soon . We however had minimal expenses towards the website maintenance as per performance reports . This reduced our assets values by 50%. Nonetheless this financial year is seeing AfroConnect moving at good pace and we are living in interesting times of growth .

Board Profiles

Kemi is a Nigerian, based in Hamilton. She trained as an Engineer and works in the food industry. You can find Kemi working on her businesses in her spare time.

Akeem is a Nigerian based in Hamilton. He is a lawyer with expertise in family disputes. When he is not working, he volunteers and spend time outdoors with friends.

Paul is an ICT Infrastructure Engineer. He has been working in IT industry for the last 23 years . He is originally comes from Uganda , and outside work Paul enjoys travelling, politics and connecting with people.

Glodie is a Congolese Kiwi, born in Malaysia. She works as an Oral Health Therapist in a private practice in Auckland, Ig you don't find her treating teeth, you can find her invested in a good podcast, taking part in hip hop classes at her local dance studio or spending quality time and having a good yarn with family and friends.

Ala is originally from Sudan, grew up in the UAE and has called NZ home for more than 15yrs. She's a doctor who specialises in general practice and lifestyle medicine as well as mother to three young boys. She finds joy in giving back to the community and is a passionate advocate for mental health and well being. Ala loves to travel, enjoys quality time with family and friends, and is an avid low-carb foodie.

Olakunle is of Nigerian descent and has lived in the Waikato region since the late 2000s. He is a practising psychotherapist and enjoys football, music, and politics.



Kemi Fayomi
Chair



Akeem Iyanda
Secretary



Paul Kintu
Treasurer



Glodie Biladi
Trustee



Ala Farah
Trustee



Olakunle Ajayi
Trustee



Our Vision

Is to foster a brighter future for African communities living in New Zealand.

Our Mission

1

to build strong and vibrant African communities by creating a central hub that connects individuals and groups with the resources they need to thrive.

2

to provide information, tools and services that promote empowerment and inclusion for all African communities

3

to create a supportive and welcoming environment that helps African communities overcome the unique challenges they face in New Zealand



Strategic Priorities



Foundation - Create the foundation for the future by

- Creating short and long term plans
- Identifying funding sources



Support - Innovate to meet the needs of the communities by providing

- High quality diverse, learning and development opportunities.
- Relevant information, guidance, advise, and resources through one-stop-hub.



Invest - Continuously improve to provide the best services to the community

- Putting in place excellent governance arrangements
- Building resources & seeking opportunities to diversify funding streams



Influence - Influence policy that affects the community by

- Strongly advocating for contribution of the communities to the governing bodies.
- Providing opportunities to engage with policy makers and influence policy.



Community - Understand community needs and align community expectations and AfroConnect realities

- Developing collaborative relations to establish opportunities for the community
- Analyzing the needs of the community

The image below depicts the registration of AfroConnect NZ as a New Zealand Charitable Trust.



Certificate of Incorporation

AFROCONNECT, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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NZBN: 9429050355914

This is to certify that AFROCONNECT, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 4th day of March 2022

Registrar of Incorporated Societies
27th day of July 2023



To check the validity of this certificate visit
<https://app.businessregisters.govt.nz/sber-businesses/verify/9429050355914/CharitableTrust-98245008.html>

Certificate generated on 27 July 2023 11:10 AM NZST

Financial Performance

Current Assets

2022

2023

Cash and Cash equivalents

\$1046.73

\$538.81

Grants and Accounts Receivables

\$ -

\$ -

Total Current Assets

\$1046.73

\$538.81

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable

\$ -

\$ -

Accrued liabilities

\$ -

\$ -

Total Liabilities

\$ -

\$ -

Total Net Assets

\$1046.73

\$538.81

These financial statements have been
authorised for issue by the trustees.

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