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Dear colleagues and fellow members of PAUSA,

Greetings from Ibadan .

First, let me apologize for my unusual silence. This was due to the need to take care of business on the home front and I am pleased to report that that has done. I am now able to concentrate once more on our beloved association. I must confess though, that I was unhappy that, aside from our big brother Alex, nobody responded to my earlier two communications. I am therefore not sure I was reaching our membership with these mails. Indeed I am yet to have a feedback from the Power Teams. I am however going to contact each Team Leader directly.

Secondly, I wish to commiserate with us all on the death of our dear colleague and Past President, late Professor Chris Heyns. As I stated in my tribute to him, his untimely death has robbed us of one of our most experienced hands. Africa and African urology certainly owes a lot to him. We pray that his soul rests in peace and that the good Lord grants his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Colleagues, these are indeed difficult times on our continent as there is hardly any country that is not currently battling with one scourge or the other, the worst being terrorists and the Ebola epidemic. Both of these are not only draining our resources and creating an unusual sense of insecurity, but are also putting health workers at risk especially during missions and outreach programs. These challenges threaten our activities and we therefore have to crystallize innovative ways of maintaining our association.

To achieve this, we should increase activities within our regions to strengthen relationships between urologists across and between neighboring communities and countries. We should also make better use of the opportunities presented by meetings of regional and national post-graduate surgical colleges, and national urological and/or medical associations to brainstorm and hold training workshops.

I also wish to propose that we develop the long discussed formal constitution for our organization that will ensure increased participation of the National Associations and encourage regional collaborations. I therefore wish to give this task to a committee comprised of Past-Presidents Alex Danso, Mohammed Eissa, Serigne Gueye, President-Elect Mobile Kampanga, Secretary-General Sunny Mante and myself. This committee will meet at the SIU in Glasgow and will have a deadline of the next AGM to present this constitution.

It is my belief that these two steps will go some way in tiding us through these difficult times.

Again, I apologies for my silence and plead that I have a feedback from you to this mail.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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