

AUA's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating God's Faithfulness: Honouring the Past, Inspiring the Future

3rd – 8th November 2026

Word of Welcome and Reflection

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With profound gratitude to God, I warmly welcome you to the twentieth anniversary celebration of the Adventist University of Africa (AUA). This milestone is more than a commemoration of years; it is an occasion to remember God's leading, celebrate His faithfulness, and renew our commitment to the mission entrusted to us.

Twenty years ago, through prayer, conviction, and courageous leadership, visionary pioneers conceived an institution that would bring advanced theological and professional education closer to the Church and people of Africa. Their vision was bold, their faith unwavering, and their investment in generations yet unborn immeasurable. Today, we stand upon the foundations they laid, grateful for their foresight and determined to preserve and advance their legacy.

From its beginnings on Advent Hill, AUA has grown into a significant centre of postgraduate education, preparing leaders whose influence extends across Africa and beyond. This journey testifies not merely to human endeavour, but to divine providence. As Scripture declares, "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4, NKJV).

We honour our pioneers, successive leaders, faculty, staff, students, alumni, Church entities, donors, partners, and every stakeholder who has contributed to this enduring story. Each has a place in the AUA legacy.

As we celebrate the present and build the next twenty years, we look forward with confidence in God's abiding presence, renewed commitment to Christ-centred scholarship, academic excellence, innovation, and leadership for service.

Indeed, we have nothing to fear for the future, unless we forget how God has led us in our past history.

May AUA remain grounded in God's Word, faithful to its Adventist heritage, and resolute in preparing leaders for service in this generation and for eternity.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo

Vice Chancellor

Felicitation

Celebrating 20 Years of God's Faithfulness: AUA at 20

Warm Christian greetings to the entire Adventist University of Africa family!

To the University Council, Vice-Chancellor Professor Ademola S. Tayo, administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, distinguished guests, and friends of this great institution, I bring you heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your 20th anniversary!

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

Twenty years ago, a vision was translated into reality—a vision to establish a premier Adventist institution of higher learning in Africa, dedicated to preparing Christ-centered, biblically grounded, and mission-focused leaders for the Church and society.

Today, we celebrate not merely twenty years of institutional existence, but twenty years of God's faithfulness, academic service, leadership development, and commitment to mission. For me, this anniversary is deeply personal.

Having had the privilege of serving as Dean of the Theological Seminary, I witnessed firsthand the dedication of our faculty, the sacrifices of our students, and the extraordinary potential of this institution to transform lives and strengthen the mission of the Church across Africa and beyond.

AUA is more than a university. It is a training ground for mission, a centre for leadership formation, and an instrument in God's hands for advancing His kingdom.

As we celebrate the past, we must also look toward the future. Africa has become one of the great centres of growth within the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. But numerical growth must be accompanied by spiritual maturity, theological depth, ethical leadership, institutional excellence, and missionary commitment.

And this is where AUA's mission becomes even more critical. The Church needs leaders who are not only academically qualified but spiritually grounded; not only intellectually competent but morally courageous; not only capable of managing institutions but passionate about fulfilling God's mission.

AUA must continue to prepare leaders who will not simply occupy positions, but transform lives; leaders who will not merely preserve institutions, but advance the mission of God.

My encouragement to the University is simple: remain faithful to

your Adventist identity, pursue excellence in scholarship, embrace responsible innovation, and never lose sight of the reason for your existence.

As we embrace OneVoice27: Mission for All, may AUA continue to be grounded in the Bible and focused on the mission, preparing men and women who will carry the everlasting gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.

To the founders, past and present leaders, faculty, staff, students, and alumni: thank you for twenty years of sacrifice, service, and faithfulness.

And to the entire AUA family, I leave you with the words of 1 Samuel 7:12: "Thus far the LORD has helped us." Indeed, Ebenezer! The Lord has brought us this far, and He will lead us forward.

Happy 20th Anniversary, Adventist University of Africa!

May your next twenty years bring even greater spiritual impact, academic excellence, and missionary fruitfulness.

God bless AUA! God bless Africa! And God bless the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

Blessings and warm Christian greetings.



Pr. Dr. Robert Osei-Bonsu
General Vice President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Welcome Message

Distinguished Guests, Church Leaders, University Administrators, Members of the University Council, Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Ladies and Gentlemen:

With profound gratitude to God and great joy, I warmly welcome you to the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Adventist University of Africa. Today, we celebrate two decades of God's faithfulness, visionary leadership, academic excellence, and service to the Church and society.

An old proverb reminds us: "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit."

Another version of this proverb reminds us "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose fruits they know they shall never eat."

Twenty years ago, visionary leaders planted the seed of this university in faith. Today, we enjoy the shade and the fruits of their foresight and sacrifice. Our sacred responsibility is to plant new trees under whose shade and from whose fruits future generations will flourish.



From its beginnings in 2006, AUA has grown into a distinguished postgraduate institution, preparing leaders, scholars, and professionals for service across Africa and beyond. We honour our pioneers, successive leaders, employees, students, alumni, and partners who have contributed to this remarkable journey.

As Chair of the 20th Anniversary Planning Committee, I sincerely thank the University leadership, my fellow committee members, and everyone who has worked to make this celebration possible. We are especially honoured by the presence of our distinguished guests and Church leaders.

This milestone invites us to look back with gratitude, celebrate the present with joy, and embrace the future with renewed commitment. In the words of 1 Samuel 7:12, "Thus far the LORD has helped us" (NKJV).

Once again, welcome. May this celebration inspire us to greater faithfulness and service. God bless Adventist University of Africa!

Prof. Sampson M. Nwaomah

Chair, 20th Anniversary Planning Committee

Adventist University of Africa

About

The Adventist University of Africa (AUA) is a pan-African institution established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is accredited and chartered by the Commission for University Education (CUE) in Kenya. AUA primarily serves the three African Divisions:

- East-Central Africa Division
- Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
- West-Central Africa Division

We offer postgraduate programmes from two schools:

1

Theological Seminary

- Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies
- Master of Arts in Missiology
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology
- Master of Chaplaincy
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Divinity in French
- Doctor of Ministry
- PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies

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School of Postgraduate Studies

- Master of Arts in Leadership
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Applied Computer Science
- Master of Public Health
- PhD in Leadership
- PhD in Public Health

Our Vision

To be a premier University in postgraduate and professional education and research.



Our Mission

To deliver outstanding postgraduate education from a Biblical foundation to prepare competent leaders to serve the Church and society in a Christ-like manner.



Our Core Values

- Accountability
- Fairness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Adventist Heritage



The Story of God's Faithfulness

The Dream Begins, Arusha, 2003

As the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Africa grew rapidly, church leaders and pastors recognised how challenging it was to pursue postgraduate education on the continent. In 2003, the three Division presidents requested a consultation to ask a bold question: could an institution offering postgraduate degree programmes be established in Africa?

The Division Presidents

- Luka T. Daniel, West-Central Africa Division
- Geoffrey Mbwana, East-Central Africa Division
- Pardon Mwansa, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Gathering Counsel

The presidents invited key church administrators, university and college administrators from their territories, and General Conference representatives to consider the educational needs of African pastors and workers. The General Conference designated Gerry Karst (General Vice President, Education) to preside. The General Conference executive officers who facilitated the request were:

- Jan Paulsen, President
- Matthew Bediako, Secretary
- Robert Lemon, Treasurer

From Consultation to Commission

After the two-day meeting in Arusha, Tanzania (10–11 September 2003), a report went to the General Conference requesting an Interim Management Committee to lead the creation of the new postgraduate institution. Its members were:

- Gerry Karst, Vice President, GC (Chair)
- Claude Sabot, Associate Secretary, GC (Secretary, 2003-2004)
- Luka T. Daniel, President, WAD
- Ceazar Hechanova, Treasurer, WAD
- Chiemela Ikonne, Education Director, WAD
- Andrews Ewoo, Ministerial Secretary, WAD
- Geoffrey Mbwana, President, ECD
- Blasious Ruguri, Executive Secretary, ECD
- Sergie Ferrer, Treasurer, ECD
- Hudson Kibuuka, Education Director, ECD
- Pardon Mwansa, President, SID
- Jannie Bekker, Treasurer, SID
- Tommy Nkungula, Education Director, SID
- Zacchaeus Mathema, Ministerial Secretary, SID
- Roy Ryan, Associate Treasurer, GC
- John Fowler, Associate Director of Education, GC

Werner Vyhmeister, dean emeritus of the Theological Seminary (Andrews University), was invited to attend as a consultant. When Claude Sabot resigned as Committee Secretary in April 2004, Werner Vyhmeister was asked to serve as secretary.

A Bold New Institution

The consultation recommended a bold new institution offering only postgraduate degree programmes, taught in abbreviated intensive sessions each year. Classes would be held at the Main Campus and at Extension Campuses on selected existing Adventist universities and colleges, in the territories of each partnering Division.

2006: A Dream Becomes Reality

AUA was founded in 2006. Its founding charter identified it as a General Conference institution, working in cooperation with other Adventist educational institutions in Africa to provide graduate education, training, development, and certification for the building of God's work.

Twenty years on, we honour every name on this page and give thanks to God, whose faithfulness began this story.



Pioneer Couples



The Owusu-Antwis

Names: Dr. Brempong Owusu-Antwi and Mrs. Mabel Owusu-Antwi
Year of Joining AUA: 2006
Position at Joining: Vice Chancellor and Registrar
Period of Service: 2006-2016



The Mathemas

Names: Dr. Zacchaeus Mathema and Mrs. Nonceba Mathema
Year of Joining AUA: 2006
Position at Joining: Professor and Administrative Assistant
Period of Service: 2006-2017



The Musvosvis

Names: Drs. Joel Musvosvi and Angeline Musvosvi
Year of Joining AUA: 2008
Position at Joining: Dean of Seminary and Assistant Librarian
Period of Service: 2008-2012

Chief Guest

Hon. FCPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH, is the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning of the Republic of Kenya. Appointed in August 2024, he is a distinguished accountant, financial management professional, and public servant with nearly three decades of experience in public finance, governance, and national leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting from the University of Nairobi and is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (FCPA).

Before his appointment as Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Mbadi served in several prominent leadership positions, including Member of Parliament, Leader of the Minority in the National Assembly, and Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee. His extensive experience in legislative oversight, budgeting, and public financial management informs his current responsibility for Kenya's fiscal policy and economic planning. He is a recipient of national honours, including the Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart (EGH).



FCPA Hon. John Mbadi Ngongo, EGH

Cabinet Secretary,
National Treasury and
Economic Planning, Kenya

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

ORIENTATION AND REFLECTIONS

LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

8:00 am - 10:00 am

- Anniversary Week Orientation
- AUA at 20: Historical Reflections
- Journey Through Two Decades of Impact

Programme Coordinator: Perris Onyambu

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH

ONGATA RONGAI

7:45 am – 2:00 pm

Cleanup from Ongata Rongai ChapChap to Kware Market

- 7:45 am Arrival at Library Parking
- 8:00 am Group Divisions (Eight Groups) and Briefs
- 8:30 am Departure to Ongata Rongai ChapChap (Guardmart)
- 8:45 am Arrival at ChapChap
- 9:00 am Cleanup
- 12:30 pm Regroup at Maimoon and Briefs
- 1:00 pm Lunch at AUA Cafeteria

Programme Coordinator: Dr. Alex Ambuchi

Thursday, November 5, 2026

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY
SIMEON NYACHAE AUDITORIUM

7:50 am	All Seated	Staff, Faculty, Guests
8:00 am	Hymn Service	
8:15 am	Anthems	**Pauline Njine**, Director, Human Resource, AUA
8:20 am	Opening Prayer	**Eld. Yohannes Olana** Treasurer, East-Central Africa Division of SDA
8:30 am	Opening Formalities	**Prof. Sampson Nwaomah** Chair, 20th Anniversary Committee, AUA
8:40 am	Recognition of Guests	**Perris Onyambu** Director, Marketing, PR & Alumni Affairs, AUA
9:00 am	VC's Address and Legacy Initiatives	**Prof. Ademola Tayo** Vice Chancellor, AUA
9:25 am	Chief Guest Speech	**FCPA Hon. John Mbadi Ngongo, EGH** Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Economic Planning, Kenya
10:00 am	Music Interlude	**Kamahu Kaumba**
10:10 am	History of AUA	Media Team
10:30 am	Felicitations	**Dr. Gerald Mochoge** AUA Alumni Association President **1. Prof. Phillip Rono** 2. **Amb. Sarah Serem, CBS** Strategic Development Partners (SDP)

	Felicitations	**Prof. Brempong Owusu-Antwi,** 1st Vice Chancellor **Prof. Delbert Baker,** 2nd Vice Chancellor **Prof. Vincent Injety,** 3rd Vice Chancellor (Represented by **Prof. Risper Awuor**, former DVCA) **Dr. Samuel Misiani,** President, West Kenya Union Conference **Dr. Joel Okindo,** President, East Kenya Union Conference
11:10 am	Speech	**Hon. Dr. Raymond Omollo, PhD, CBS** Principal Secretary, State Department for Internal Security and National Administration
11:25 am	Music Interlude	**Maxwell Adventist Academy**
11:35 am	Remarks	**Dr. Moses Maka** President, East-Central Africa Division of SDA
11:45 am	Former Chancellor's Reflections	**Dr. Blasious Ruguri** Former President, East-Central Africa Division of SDA
12:15 pm	Recognition and Pinning Ceremony	**Prof. Moses Kibirango** DVC Academic Administration and 20th Anniversary Committee
12:45 pm	Closing Prayer	**Dr. Tom Ogal,** Executive Secretary, East-Central Africa Division of SDA
12:50 pm	Photography	Media and PR Team
1:15 pm	Lunch Reception	
2:30 pm	Advancement Forum and Networking Session	• Advancement Forum: AUA Administration with Guests and Stakeholders • Alumni Homecoming and Networking Forum

Programme Coordinator: Prof. Sampson Nwaomah

Friday, November 6, 2026

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am: Academic Symposium and Round Table Discussion
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am: Photo Session
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Interviews – Media Team with Former Vice Chancellors

Programme Coordinator: Dr. Melak Tsegaw

VESPERS

LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Vespers Speaker: **Prof. Brempong Owusu-Antwi**

Programme Coordinator: Dr. Alex Ambuchi
Pianist: Siti Magesa
Choristers: Pauline Njine (L), Pauline Sila, Neema Mwamfwagasi, Khumbulani Ndhlovu, Caleb Mbabaali

Saturday, November 7, 2026

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

SIMEON NYACHAE AUDITORIUM

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

8:30 am	Sabbath School	• AUA on Mission • Joint Sabbath School Lesson: Pr. David Odhiambo
9:45 am	20th Anniversary Congratulatory Messages	20th Anniversary Committee • Chief Justice Emeritus, David Maraga • H.E. Hon. Governor, Amos Nyaribo • Dr. Robert Osei-Bonsu, University Council Chair • Dr. Harrington Akombwa, University Chancellor and President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division of SDA (SID) • Dr. Bassey Udoh, President, West-Central Africa Division of SDA (WAD) • Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Education Director, General Conference of SDA • Eld. Erton Kohler, President, General Conference of SDA
10:15 am	East-Central Africa Division of SDA Leadership Transition	Pr. Fidelis Kyuma

Programme Coordinators: Pr. Alex Ambuchi and Pr. Sampson Nwaomah
Pianist: Megan Galgao
Choristers: Caroline Okoth (L), Alexine Bonde, Harlette Munezero, Gabbi Galgalo, Khumbulani Ndhlovu, Felix Oloo

Saturday, November 7, 2026

DIVINE SERVICE

SIMEON NYACHAE AUDITORIUM

11:00 am	Divine Service	Invocation – Pr. Moses Maka Welcome and Introduction – Pr. Alex Ambuchi – Elder Ademola Tayo Opening Song – Pr. Amos Ndlovu Scripture Reading – Pr. Joel Okindo Pastoral Prayer – Pr. Tom Ogal Offertory – Elder Yohannes Olana Special Item – Maxwell Adventist Academy Chorale Children's Sermon – Sis. Susan Baker Special Item – Salasala SDA Church Choir Sermon – Pr. Moses Maka Dedicatory Prayer – Pr. Blasious Ruguri Closing Song – Pr. Amos Ndlovu

Programme Coordinators: Pr. Alex Ambuchi and Pr. Sampson Nwaomah

THANKSGIVING MUSIC CONCERT

SIMEON NYACHAE AUDITORIUM

1:00 pm	Lunch Reception	Invited Guests, Graduation Square
2:30 pm	Thanksgiving Musical Concert	Thanksgiving Concert Speaker: **Prof. Delbert Baker** Musical Groups: • Maxwell Adventist Academy Chorale • Salasala SDA Church Choir • For Him Ministries • Abide Music • One Voice • Shofar • SOPR

Programme Coordinator: Mercy Chebichiy and Pauline Njine

Sunday, November 8, 2026

LEGACY GALA DINNER AND CLOSING CEREMONY

GRADUATION SQUARE

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

11:00 am	Arrival and Setup	
12:05 pm	Opening Prayer	Dr. Alex Ambuchi
12:10 pm	Opening Remarks	Pauline Njine
12:20 pm	Cultural Display	
1:20 pm	VC's Address	Prof. Ademola Tayo
1:30 pm	Lunch	
3:30 pm	Talent and Musical Interlude	Cultural Music and Riddles
4:00 pm	Historical Clip	Media Team
4:20 pm	Reflections	Former Vice Chancellors
4:50 pm	Long Service Awards and Recognition	Prof. Moses Kibirango and Pauline Njine
5:50 pm	Closing Remarks	Prof. Sampson Nwaomah
6:00 pm	Closing Prayer	Dr. Sheron Ndhlovu

Co-Masters of Ceremonies: Brenda Nyangweso and Joshua Momanyi

Graduation Statistics

1,326 Graduates

Since its first graduating cohorts, the Adventist University of Africa has graduated 1,326 students representing every major region of Africa and beyond. Graduates come from the three major divisions served by the university, reflecting AUA's commitment to preparing leaders for ministry, mission, healthcare, business, and leadership across the continent.

445

East-Central Africa Division

ECD has produced 445 graduates, from Kenya (203), Tanzania (66), Rwanda (52), and the Democratic Republic of Congo (33), among others.

443

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

SID accounts for 443 graduates, with Zimbabwe (124), Zambia (84), Angola (63), Madagascar (51), and Malawi (54) among the leading contributors.

436

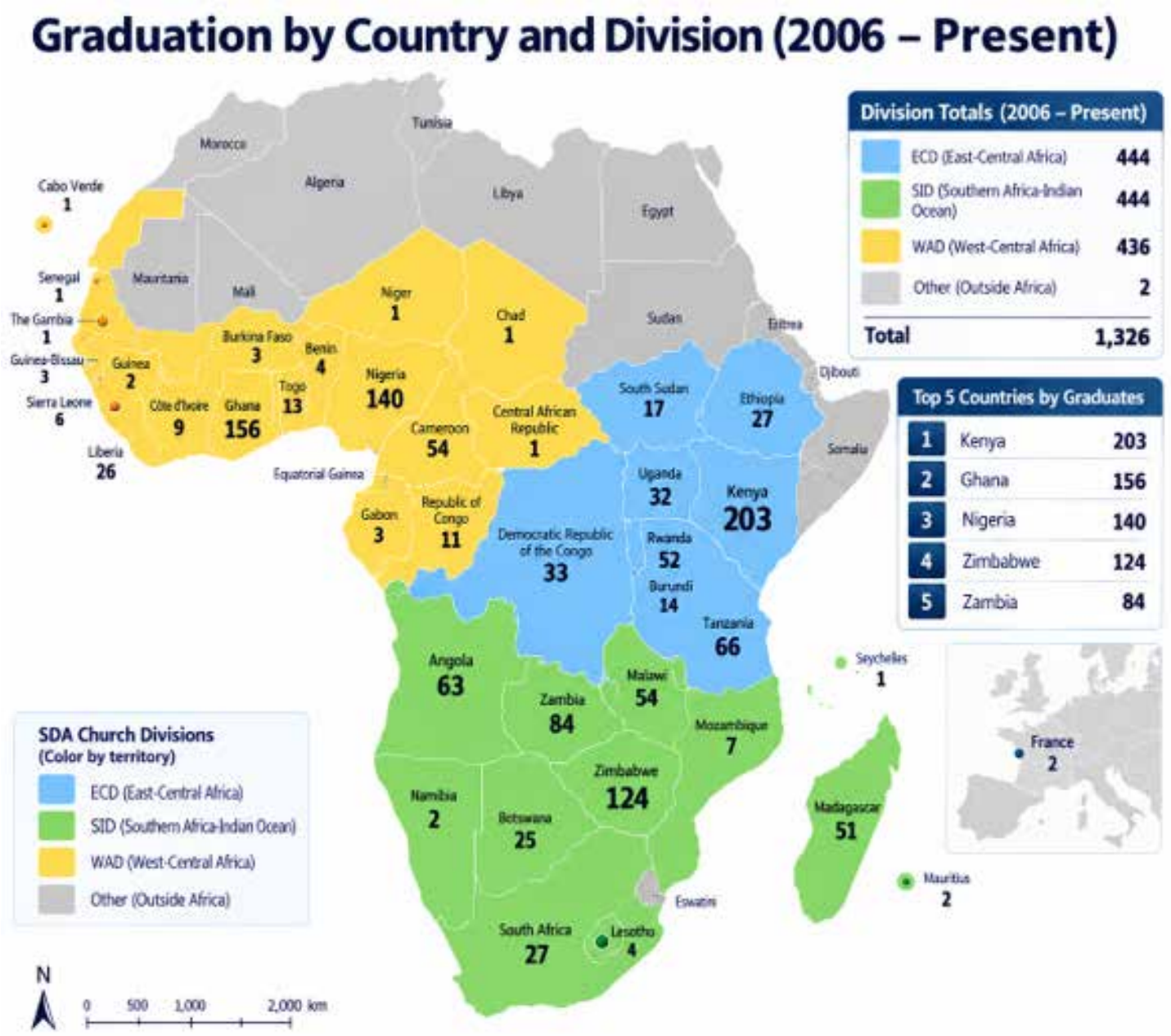
West-Central Africa Division

WAD has contributed 436 graduates, led by Ghana (156), Nigeria (140), Cameroon (54), and Liberia (26), among others.

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Others

Beyond Africa, AUA has graduated students from countries including France, contributing an additional 2 graduates and demonstrating the University's growing international reach.


Graduation by Country and Division (2006 – Present)
Division Totals (2006 – Present)
ECD (East-Central Africa) 444
SID (Southern Africa-Indian Ocean) 444
WAD (West-Central Africa) 436
Other (Outside Africa) 2
Total 1,326
Top 5 Countries by Graduates
1 Kenya 203
2 Ghana 156
3 Nigeria 140
4 Zimbabwe 124
5 Zambia 84
SDA Church Divisions
(Color by territory)
ECD (East-Central Africa)
SID (Southern Africa-Indian Ocean)
WAD (West-Central Africa)
Other (Outside Africa)
N
0 500 1,000 2,000 km
Tunisia
Morocco
Algeria
Libya
Egypt
Cabo Verde 1
Senegal 1
Mauritania
Mali
Niger 1
Chad 1
Sudan
Eritrea
Djibouti
The Gambia 1
Guinea-Bissau 3
Guinea 2
Burkina Faso 3
Benin 4
Nigeria 140
Sierra Leone 6
Côte d'Ivoire 9
Ghana 156
Togo 13
Liberia 26
Cameroon 54
Central African Republic 1
South Sudan 17
Ethiopia 27
Somalia
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon 3
Republic of Congo 11
Democratic Republic of the Congo 33
Uganda 32
Kenya 203
Rwanda 52
Burundi 14
Tanzania 66
Angola 63
Zambia 84
Malawi 54
Mozambique 7
Zimbabwe 124
Namibia 2
Botswana 25
Eswatini
South Africa 27
Lesotho 4
Seychelles 1
Madagascar 51
Mauritius 2
France 2

AUA Programmes

No.	Degree Programme	Year Accredited
1	Master of Arts in Leadership	2008
2	Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology	2008
3	Master of Arts in Missiology	2010
4	Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies	2012
5	Master of Business Administration	2012
6	Doctor of Ministry	2012
7	Master of Public Health	2014
8	Master of Science in Applied Computer Science	2017
9	Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership	2017
10	Master of Divinity	2018
11	Master of Chaplaincy	2018
12	Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical and Theological Studies	2019
13	Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health	2024
14	Master of Divinity in French	2024



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2027 ADMISSIONS

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- Master of Arts in Biblical & Theological Studies
- Master of Arts in Missiology
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology
- Master of Chaplaincy
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Divinity in French
- Doctor of Ministry
- PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies

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