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Dear Dr. Ayano Berasso Hula,

On behalf of IAU President, Prof. Pam Fredman, as well as the Administrative Board Members, I am very pleased to welcome Hawassa University as an official IAU Member.

IAU herewith acknowledges receipt of the payment confirming the Membership of Hawassa University to the International Association of Universities (IAU) for the year 2020-2021. Enclosed please find the formal acknowledgement of payments for your records. We know that each time an institution joins a new association, it is making a choice among other priorities. We appreciate your support and commitment to IAU and look forward to your active participation in our initiatives which will help develop our actions and policies.

As a new Member, you will soon receive your login details to benefit from an advanced access to the IAU [World Higher Education Database](#) (WHED). Your welcome package also includes a free subscription to the quarterly [Higher Education Policy](#) journal and [IAU Horizons](#), the Association's magazine published twice a year. The monthly [electronic Newsletter](#) will keep you updated not only about IAU activities, but also bring to you a variety of higher education news and opportunities to engage from around the world. We invite your university to send us news and updates from Hawassa University so that we can bring it to the attention of the IAU global member network.

IAU serves as a platform for international networking and cooperation by convening representatives from the global higher education community global conferences and meetings, smaller specialised workshops, as well as webinars focusing on key issues pertaining to the global Higher Education agenda and bringing together experts and leaders from all regions. We also offer a series of dedicated thematic platforms for exchange around the IAU priority areas of work: *Internationalisation, Sustainable Development, Digital Transformation of Higher Education, and Value-based Leadership*.

As you will see, the [IAU website](#) offers detailed information about our services and initiatives, including upcoming events, opportunities for Members to get involved, and publications. The 'Calendar of Events' section includes most important international conferences on higher education around the world, while the 'News from our Members' section can once again be of help to you for diffusing news from Hawassa University that might be of interest to the rest of our global community of universities and higher education institutions.

Please participate in the upcoming sessions of the IAU [webinar series](#) on the **Future of Higher Education – short, medium, and long-term perspectives**. I also invite you to watch and share recordings of previous sessions covering a wide variety of topics relevant to the global higher education community and beyond.

You might also be interested in two new projects: the [Innovative Education for Unshaped Futures \(IE4UF\)](#) series on the digital transformation of higher education launched in partnership with the Open University of Catalonia, Spain, and the new [Leading Globally Engaged Universities \(LGEU+\)](#) programme, which aims to empower university leaders to understand emerging trends in higher education and address leadership challenges on the frontline of digital, financial, environmental and societal disruption.

Last but not least, I hope that you, and possibly other representatives of Hawassa University, will be able to attend the next [IAU 16th General Conference 2022](#), which will take place in Dublin in October 2022. Hosted by University College Dublin, this 16th General Conference will focus on **Relevance and Value of Universities to Future Society**. This is a particularly important event for the Association; IAU Members will be invited to elect the [new President and Administrative Board Members](#) for the next four years. We will also present and adopt the strategic plan outlining the future direction of the Association. Please consider standing for election as a Member of the Administrative Board. Heads of all IAU Members present at the event are eligible, if they are in good standing at the time of the General Conference.

Your support, as a new IAU Member, is of tremendous importance to us, and I thank you once again for joining forces with us to advance our mission of building responsible and sustainable societies through accessible, inclusive, and adaptable higher education systems.

I look forward to a fruitful and mutually beneficial collaboration with Hawassa University.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed. Acknowledgement of 2021 Membership fees payment
Request payment for membership year of 2021-2022
Membership welcome package