Who are we?
Mission:

• To achieve **improved representation** and **empower** the African population of all genders, who are **underrepresented** in the global R community.

• Support already existing R User Groups (RUGs) across Africa, and R enthusiasts to embrace **the full potential** of R programming.

• Through fostering a **collaborative continental network** of R gurus, mentors, learners, developers and leaders, to help facilitate individual and collective progress worldwide.
Why AfricaR?
Many R users in Africa, who did not know of the larger global #rstats community.

Lack of awareness about R Conferences that we can apply for, and attend, through diversity scholarships.

People learning R, but are not aware of where/how to apply the skills they learn.

Education system is lacking. Some campuses teach R, but the curriculum is not exhaustive.

“Battle” between R and Python:

- Employment JDs prioritize Python over R
- Python communities stronger than R community.
  - Data Science Africa
  - Pycon
  - IndabaX
What ideas do we have for AfricaR?
01: Adopt and nurture an African RUG
02: Seek remote internships / jobs for students fresh from school
03: Spring up as many African RUGs
R-Ladies Addis Ababa

What we're about

R-Ladies Addis Ababa welcomes members of all proficiency levels, whether you're new or a seasoned developer, in an experienced programmer interested in mentoring, networking, and expert collaboration. Our community is designed to be a friendly and welcoming group for developers to meet, network, and share their knowledge of R.

Organizers

- Esteban Bernal and Luluk
- Akene

Members [35]

See all

Kampala

Johannesburg R User Group

What we're about

Johannesburg R User Group is an initiative for R users in South Africa. The group aims to bring together R users in the city of Johannesburg, providing a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and collaboration.

Organizer

- Leila Basson

Members [147]

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DakaR

What we're about

DakaR is a community for R users in Dakar, Senegal. The group focuses on fostering a supportive environment for learning and sharing R-related knowledge within the city.

Organizer

- Aissatou Dia

Members [14]

See all
04: **Develop a website**

[https://africa-r.org/](https://africa-r.org/)

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Welcome to the AfricaR Website

Africa R is a consortium of passionate Africa R user groups and users innovating with R every day, and are inspired to share their experience as well as communicate their findings to a global audience.

This consortium was birthed from the underrepresentation and minority involvement of the African population in every role and area of participation, whether as R developers, conference speakers, educators, users, researchers, leaders and package maintainers.

As a community, our mission is to achieve improved representation by empowering, inspiring, and nurturing the African population of all.
05: Set up R Clubs in Campuses
06: AfricaR Monetary Fund
07: Have a grand AfricaR Conference
What have we done so far?

- Inception call with R Consortium
- Gathered people who lead/planning to initiate ARUGs in their respective countries.
- Inception call with the ARUGs leads team
- Discussions about potential R Clubs in campuses
- Discussions with different ARUG leads who needed support e.g Cairo, Lagos
- SatRday Kampala
- First remote internship opportunity
- Discussions about 2020 AfricaR Conference
- Twitter (@AfricaRUsers)
- AfricaR Logo
- Kickstarting the website
- Discussions with potential partners and sponsors
Quick Wins ...
Forwards @R_Forwards · May 14
What a great response from the #stats community! Current total stands at $2,941!

Africa R Users @AfricaRUsers
Please support the first ever #stats conference in East Africa - SatRdays Kampala 2019! (SatRday 25th May @ @OutboxHub)
indego.com/projects/satrd... #statsnyc @PolicyOrg @ZindAfrica #AfricaR
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SatRdays @SatRdays_org · May 13
Hey #SatRdayKampala, we’d love to sponsor your conference! We’re paying it forward from #SatRdayLA, who helped us out when we were fundraising for ours.

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Data Science Africa - DSA 2019
Ethiopia: 3rd – 7th June 2019
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Accra, Ghana

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Des questions?