



# THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EAST, CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AFRICA COSECSA




**PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN  
SURGICAL CARE, TRAINING & RESEARCH**

## WELCOME TO COSECSA

The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) is a professional body that fosters postgraduate education in surgery and provides surgical training in the East, Central and Southern Africa region.













COSECSA shapes and leads the training, examination, and accreditation of surgeons in the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) region.

## COSECSA MEMBER COUNTRIES



### COSECSA REACH

The College currently operates in 14 Sub-Saharan African Countries namely:

				
Botswana	Burundi	Ethiopia	Kenya	Malawi
				
Mozambique	Namibia	Rwanda	South Sudan	Sudan
				
Tanzania	Uganda	Zambia	Zimbabwe	

**+ 9 Partner Countries**  
(Cameroon, D.R. Congo, Gabon, Niger, Eswatini, Lesotho, Togo, Madagascar, Somaliland)

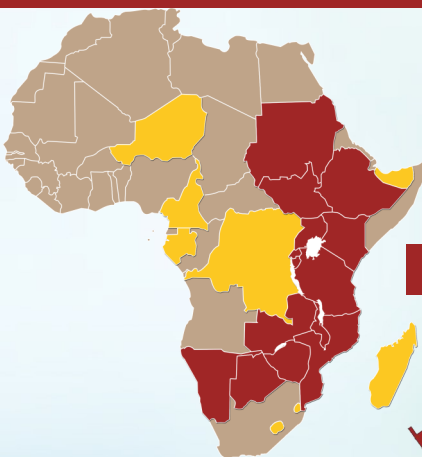
## COSECSA MISSION

To increase accessibility of surgical services, especially to African rural populations by standardizing and widening access to surgical training

## COSECSA VISION

To be the Reference Surgical Body in the Region of East, Central and Southern Africa and beyond.

## TRAINEES & FELLOWS



910

SPECIALIST SURGEONS  
SUCCESSFULLY  
GRADUATED

1261

SURGEONS CURRENTLY  
IN TRAINING

## FEMALES



165+

GRADUATED  
FEMALE  
SURGEONS

24%

FEMALE IN  
TRAINING

ESTABLISHED **WOMEN IN SURGERY**  
AFRICA ASSOCIATION (WiSA)

## TRAINERS



830

OVERALL

73

MASTER  
TRAINERS

ESTABLISHED  
COURT OF EXAMINERS



INTERNATIONALLY  
RECOGNISED  
QUALIFICATION



92%

RETENTION OF SURGEONS IN  
COUNTRY OF TRAINING

## OPERATION LOGS



523455

SURGICAL PATIENTS TREATED  
(As of October 2023)

## ADVOCACY



ESSENTIAL SURGERY IN  
AFRICA, RESULTING IN  
GREATER LEVELS OF  
INVESTMENT

## PUBLICATIONS



63

PUBLISHED  
ECAJS  
ISSUES

## INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD



REGISTERED WITH UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN  
SERVICE

## TRAINING SITES



142

ACCREDITED  
HOSPITALS

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

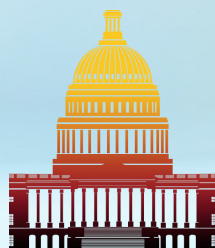


SHORT  
COURSES  
ORGANIZED  
REGIONALLY

## MOBILE LEARNING



"SCHOOL FOR SURGEONS"  
LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
BESPOKE SURGICAL ELECTRONIC  
LOGBOOK



25

YEARS IN  
OPERATION

## SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

ANNUAL  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENTIFIC  
CONFERENCE





# COSECSA: FROM TRAINING TO IMPACT



## TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SURGEONS

COSECSA has developed a decentralized surgical training programme with a common examination, leading to an Internationally recognized surgical qualification at both membership and fellowship levels.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED	SPECIALTY	DURATION
MEMBERSHIP COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (MCS)	Basic Surgery	2 Years
	Cardiothoracic Surgery	3 Years
FELLOWSHIP COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (FCS)	General Surgery	3 Years
	Neurosurgery	4 Years
	Orthopaedic Surgery	3 Years
	Ortorhinolaryngology	3 Years
	Paediatric Surgery	3 Years
	Plastic Surgery	3 Years
	Urology	3 Years
	SUB-SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP	Paediatric-Orthopaedic Surgery

## COSECSA IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Country	Accredited Hospitals	Fellows	Graduates	Trainees	Country Rep Contacts
Botswana	1	19	0	10	botswana@cosecsa.org
Burundi	3	19	5	17	burundi@cosecsa.org
Ethiopia	15	269	192	107	ethiopia@cosecsa.org
Kenya	38	436	264	300	kenya@cosecsa.org
Malawi	7	84	49	102	malawi@cosecsa.org
Mozambique	3	34	5	12	mozambique@cosecsa.org
Namibia	5	23	7	28	namibia@cosecsa.org
Rwanda	7	80	51	56	rwanda@cosecsa.org
South Sudan	0	7	1	0	southsudan@cosecsa.org
Sudan	4	10	0	110	sudan@cosecsa.org
Tanzania	10	134	40	103	tanzania@cosecsa.org
Uganda	16	180	80	149	uganda@cosecsa.org
Zambia	13	175	83	105	zambia@cosecsa.org
Zimbabwe	10	135	82	104	zimbabwe@cosecsa.org
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>1203</b>	

## COSECSA IN SATELLITE COUNTRIES & OVERSEAS

Country	Accredited Hospitals	Fellows	Graduates	Trainees
Cameroon	1	25	20	16
D.R.Congo	2	6	0	11
Eswatini	1	6	0	0
Gabon	1	14	14	10
Lesotho	1	11	5	6
Madagascar	1	2	1	3
Niger	1	16	11	10
Somaliland	1	2	0	0
Togo	1	3	0	0
Overseas	NA	216	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>

## COSECSA ACCREDITED FACILITIES

Country	Organization (Accredited Hospital)
Botswana	Princess Marina Hospital
Burundi	Kamenge Military Hospital
Burundi	Kira Hospital
Burundi	University Hospital Kamenge (CHUK)
Cameroon	Mbingo Baptist Hospital
D.R.Congo	Cliniques Universitaires de Kinshasa Hospital
D.R.Congo	Heal Africa Hospital
Eswatini	Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital
Ethiopia	ALERT Hospital
Ethiopia	Ayder Referral Hospital
Ethiopia	CURE Ethiopia Children's Hospital
Ethiopia	Felege Hiwot Referral Hospital
Ethiopia	Gondar University Teaching Hospital
Ethiopia	Hawassa University Teaching Hospital
Ethiopia	Jimma Medical Center
Ethiopia	Menelik II Hospital
Ethiopia	Myungsung Christian Medical Centre (MCM)
Ethiopia	Negele Arsi General Hospital
Ethiopia	Soddo Christian Hospital
Ethiopia	St Paul's Hospital Millenium Medical College
Ethiopia	Tibebe Ghion Hospital
Ethiopia	Tikur Anbessa (Black Lion) Hospital
Ethiopia	Yekatit 12 Hospital
Gabon	Bongolo Hospital
Kenya	Aga Khan Hospital Kisumu
Kenya	Aga Khan Hospital Mombasa
Kenya	Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi
Kenya	AIC Kijabe, including AIC-CURE International Children's Hospital
Kenya	AIC Letein General Hospital
Kenya	Armed Forces Memorial Hospital, Nairobi
Kenya	Bungoma County Hospital
Kenya	Coast Provincial General Hospital
Kenya	Consolata Hospital Mathari
Kenya	Embu Provincial General Hospital
Kenya	Gertrude Private Children's Hospital
Kenya	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital
Kenya	Kakamega County General Hospital
Kenya	Kenyatta National Hospital
Kenya	Kenyatta University Teaching Research & Referral Hospital

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organization (Hospital)</b>
Kenya	Kiambu County Hospital
Kenya	Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital
Kenya	Kitale Level 5 Hospital
Kenya	Machakos Level 5 Hospital
Kenya	Meru Level 5 Hospital
Kenya	Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital
Kenya	MP Shah Hospital
Kenya	Msambweni County and Referral Hospital
Kenya	Nakuru County Referral Hospital
Kenya	Narok County Hospital
Kenya	Nyeri County Referral Hospital
Kenya	Outspan Hospital
Kenya	Pandya Memorial Hospital
Kenya	PCEA Chogoria Hospital
Kenya	PCEA Kikuyu (including Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Centre)
Kenya	St. Teresa Mission Hospital
Kenya	St.Lukes Orthopaedic and Trauma Hospital
Kenya	Tenwek Hospital
Kenya	The Karen Hospital
Kenya	The Mater Hospital, Nairobi
Kenya	The Mombasa Hospital
Kenya	The Nairobi Hospital
Kenya	Thika Level 5 Hospital
Lesotho	Queen Mamohato Memorial Hospital
Madagascar	Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly Mandritsara
Malawi	Beit CURE International, Malawi
Malawi	Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH)
Malawi	Malamulo Hospital
Malawi	Mzuzu Central Hospital
Malawi	Nkhoma Mission Hospital
Malawi	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH)
Malawi	Zomba Central Hospital
Mozambique	Beira Central Hospital
Mozambique	Maputo Central Hospital (HCM)
Mozambique	Matola Provincial Hospital
Namibia	Katatura Intermediate Hospital
Namibia	Onandjokwe Intermediate Hospital
Namibia	Ongwediva Medipark Hospital
Namibia	Oshakati Intermediate Hospital
Namibia	Windhoek Central Hospital
Niger	SIM Galmi Hospital
Rwanda	Kibagabaga hospital
Rwanda	Kibogora Hospital

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organization (Accredited Hospital)</b>
Rwanda	King Faisal Hospital, Kigali
Rwanda	Ruhengeri Provincial Hospital
Rwanda	Rwanda Military Hospital
Rwanda	University Teaching Hospital of Butare (CHUB)
Rwanda	University Teaching Hospital of Kigali (CHUK)
Somaliland	Edna Adan University Hospital
Sudan	Ibn Sina Hospital
Sudan	Khartoum Teaching Hospital
Sudan	Omdurman Teaching Hospital
Sudan	SOBA University Hospital
Tanzania	Aga Khan Hospital Dar es Salaam
Tanzania	Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC)
Tanzania	Bugando Medical Centre
Tanzania	Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute
Tanzania	Kairuki Hospital (formerly Mission Mikocheni Hospital)
Tanzania	Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC)
Tanzania	Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital
Tanzania	Mnazi Mmoja Hospital
Tanzania	Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH)
Tanzania	Muhimbili Orthopaedic and Neurological Institute (MOI)
Togo	Hospital of Hope & Hospital Baptiste Biblique
Uganda	Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services in Uganda (CoRSU)
Uganda	CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda
Uganda	Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	Gulu Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	Jinja Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	Kagando Hospital (KARUDEC)
Uganda	Kitovu Hospital
Uganda	Lacor Hospital (St Mary's)
Uganda	Lubaga Hospital, Kampala
Uganda	Mbale Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	Mengo Hospital
Uganda	Mulago Hospital
Uganda	Soroti Regional Referral Hospital
Uganda	St Francis Hospital, Nsambya
Uganda	Urocare Hospital
Zambia	Beit CURE Hospital of Zambia
Zambia	Chipata Central Hospital
Zambia	Kabwe General Hospital
Zambia	Kitwe Central Hospital
Zambia	Konkola Mine Hospital



Country	Organization (Accredited Hospital)
Zambia	Levy Mwanawasa General Hospital
Zambia	Livingstone General Hospital
Zambia	Monze Mission Hospital
Zambia	Nchanga South Hospital
Zambia	Ndola Teaching Hospital
Zambia	St Francis Mission Hospital, Katete
Zambia	St John Paul II Hospital (formerly Zambian Italian Orthopaedic Hospital)
Zambia	University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka (UTH)
Zimbabwe	Bulawayo Central Hospital
Zimbabwe	Chitungwiza Central Hospital
Zimbabwe	Gweru Provincial Hospital
Zimbabwe	Harare Central Hospital
Zimbabwe	Harare Children's Hospital
Zimbabwe	Mater Dei Hospital, Bulawayo
Zimbabwe	Mpilo Hospital
Zimbabwe	Mutare Provincial Hospital
Zimbabwe	Parirenyatwa Hospital
Zimbabwe	United Bulawayo Hospitals

## PROGRAMMES AND HOW TO APPLY

Read more about our Memberships and Fellowship programmes in the following links;

- Membership(MCS(ECSA)): <https://www.cosecsa.org/mcs-ecsa-information/>
- Fellowship (FCS(ECSA)): <https://www.cosecsa.org/fcs-ecsa-information/>

To apply;

- All applicants shall submit applications online at <https://bit.ly/47bcU4p>. Remember to include **Certified** copies of your transcripts, certificates, and a passport size photograph. Other relevant information can be obtained from; <https://bit.ly/3MiqIqZ>
- A non-refundable Programme Entry fee of USD 500 (United States Dollars five hundred only) for MCS and USD 600 (six hundred dollars) to be paid to COSECSA through any of the following:
  - Online Payment System <https://payments.cosecsa.org/>
  - Direct Bank transfer to COSECSA Arusha-Tanzania Account

Details of (b) above can be obtained from the secretariat upon approval of your application by the Country representative.

### NOTE

- Only applicants who attach their academic certificates will be considered for admission.
- Applicants who find difficulties filling the online form can receive help at [applications@cosecsa.org](mailto:applications@cosecsa.org)

The closing dates for online applications for new intake are as follows:

- ⇒ **MCS 31st October each year.**
- ⇒ **FCS 31st December each year.**

## Requirements:

- Applicants are required to contact their respective Country's COSECSA Country Representative (CR) before applying for COSECSA training. For contact details visit: <https://www.cosecsa.org/cosecsa-council/>
- Carefully read the appropriate regulations for MCS / FCS and understand them. Applicants must ensure that they meet the requirements laid out, and agree to these regulations.
  - ⇒ For **MCS** Regulations visit <https://bit.ly/463Lc8N>
  - ⇒ For **FCS** Regulations visit: <https://bit.ly/45O31Z5>
- Applicants must attached the following PDF documents when applying:
  - ⇒ A passport photo & copy of the Birth Certificate/National Identity.
  - ⇒ A scanned image of your medical degree & medical registration certificate. (Certified)
  - ⇒ If applicable, applicants must submit a copy of any surgical qualifications that they have; such as MCS or MMED.
  - ⇒ Your application will not be considered if you do not have/submit the above requirements

## Membership of College of Surgeons (MCS)

For those enrolling on MCS please follow the general instructions above

## Birth Certificate and Academic certificates must be notarized

## Fellowship of College of Surgeons (FCS)

### 1. For those progressing from MCS to FCS

Applicants for the FCS programmes should be able to show that they have passed the MCS examination not more than 3 years before applying to the FCS Programme.

### 2. Applicants who possess an MMED in Surgery and would like to register for FCS in the same specialty (Example MMED in General Surgery and want to apply for FCS General Surgery)

Applicants with MMed (Surgery) qualification, may register to sit the FCS exam in the year following their completion of MMed training. On condition that this year is spent in an accredited COSECSA training programme in that specialty.

### 3. Those who possess the MMED in Surgery and would like to register for training in a different specialty (Example MMED in General Surgery but wants to specialize in Orthopaedics) must register for the full FCS training course.

### 4. For the FCS Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery programme, an applicant **MUST** have **FCS Orthopaedics/ MMed-Orthopaedics or equivalent qualifications.**

## FUNDING

COSECSA funding mainly comes from annual subscription, programme entry, Annual events & collaborative partners who fund specific projects and scholarships

**PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO BE KIND TO DONATE TO THE COLLEGE.**

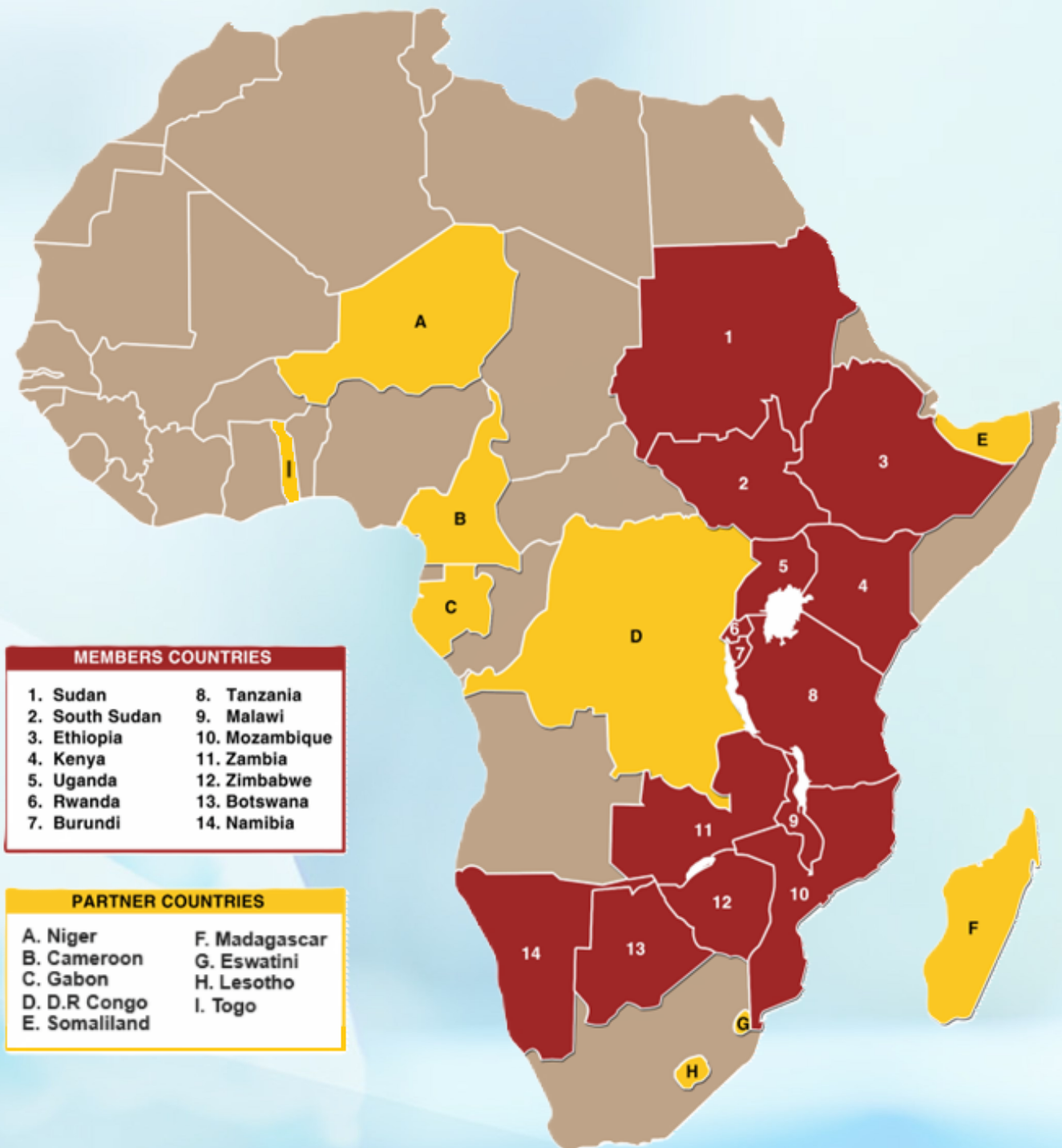
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