



2026 ELECTIONS

Bukola Victoria Bada

**Candidate for President-elect of
Division 5**

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Nominated by:	
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Chair of the Elections Committee
International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)

Dear Dr. Christine Roland-Levy,

Re: Nomination of Dr. Victoria Bukola Bada for the Position of President-Elect of IAAP

I am pleased to formally nominate Dr. Victoria Bukola Bada for the office of President-Elect of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), in accordance with the provisions outlined in the IAAP Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

I am Jennifer Namutebi, Vice President of Division 15 (Early Career Psychologists) and Africa Representative for the same Division within IAAP. I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Bada through our collaboration in the IAAP Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) programme. In a research that brought together participants from Uganda, Nigeria, India, and the United States, Dr. Bada served as a team leader in this multidimensional team. She demonstrated strong leadership in coordinating research capacity-building activities, facilitating scholarly engagement, and fostering effective collaboration across diverse cultural and academic contexts. Dr. Bada's leadership in the ARTS programme resulted in joint scholarly outputs, including co-authored publications emerging from this work. Her ability to lead complex international academic initiatives, while sustaining meaningful collaboration across continents, reflects her strong alignment with the mission and global priorities of IAAP.

Dr. Bada is a developmental psychologist at the University of Lagos, Nigeria, where she is actively engaged in teaching, research, and professional development. With over 15 years as a committed member of IAAP, Dr. Bada's work reflects a sustained commitment to advancing developmental and applied psychology, focusing on areas of research that include flourishing and well-being of adolescents and emerging adults. Currently, she has authored over 35 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in reputable journals. Based on her demonstrated leadership, international engagement, and scholarly contribution, I strongly endorse Dr. Bada's nomination for the position of President-Elect of IAAP. I am confident that she possesses the vision, experience, and commitment required to serve the Association effectively and to contribute meaningfully to its continued global development.

Yours sincerely,



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Jennifer Namutebi
Vice President, Division 15 (Early Career Psychologists)
Africa Representative, Division 15, IAAP

Statement by Dr. Bukola Bada

Candidate for President-Elect, IAAP Division 5 (Educational & School Psychology)

It is an honour to stand for election as President-Elect of IAAP Division 5. My work in educational and developmental psychology has been shaped by a commitment to advancing learning, well-being, inclusion, and global collaboration across diverse educational contexts. If elected, I will work to strengthen the connection between research, policy, and practice in ways that improve learning and psychological well-being for students, teachers, and communities. I hope to foster stronger networks among researchers, school psychologists, and educators across regions and across diverse cultural and resource contexts.

A key priority for me will be promoting studies and professional dialogue that address teacher training, classroom challenges, student assessment, and learner support systems. I am also committed to supporting early-career scholars through mentorship, collaboration, and opportunities for meaningful engagement within the division. Equally important is advancing equity and inclusion by ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives are represented and valued within our professional community.

I would be grateful for your support and the opportunity to serve Division 5 as President-Elect.



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Dr. Christine Roland (Emeritus Professor),
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LETTER OF CONSENT TO BE NOMINATED AS PRESIDENT-ELECT DIVISION 5 (IAAP)

I, Dr. Bada Bukola, a Developmental Psychologist from Nigeria, hereby consent to be nominated for the Division 5 President-Elect, whose focus is on Education and School Psychology. I have my Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees in Psychology, and I have been participating in research activities.

I am nominating myself for this position because I saw a trace of my interest in the aim of Division 5 of IAAP which is to help every student achieve the highest possible degree of maturity, including intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially, and how this is influenced by factors ranging from family, school, community, society and culture to diverse teaching methods, curriculum and a school environment that promote curiosity and encourage creativity.

I have been a committed member of IAAP for more than 15 years, where I have been participating in activities of the Association, attending the Conferences, as well as being involved in the Advanced Research Training Seminar (ARTS). I started as a team member in 2018, and presently I am a team Leader for the second time in the collaborative research among the Scholars.

If elected, I am ready to serve for the full term of office as Division President-Elect (from 2026 until 2030), plus the terms of office as President (2030 until 2034) and Past President (2034 until 2038).

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Bada, Bukola V.

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. BUKOLA VICTORIA BADA

Dr. Bukola Victoria Bada is a Developmental Psychologist in the Department of Psychology, University of Lagos, Nigeria. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Ibadan in 2002, an MSc. in Developmental Psychology in 2006, a Diploma Certificate in Primary Rational Emotive Behavioral/Cognitive Behavioral Training from Albert Ellis Institute, New York in 2011, and a PhD in Developmental Psychology from the University of Ibadan in 2015. She joined her department as a Lecturer II and has been promoted to the position of Lecturer I. Bada is known for her selfless and dedicated service in supervising and mentoring undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department of Psychology. She has published in her area of research, which includes emerging adults flourishing, adolescents' psychological well-being, and drug use prevention, with a high level of citations. Currently, she has authored over 35 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in reputable journals. She is an active researcher who is heavily involved in the International Collaborative Research Programme of Advanced Research Training Seminar (ARTS) affiliated with the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), where she got a travel grant to Montréal, Canada, in June, 2018 and is a multiple recipient of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Research Grant in Nigeria. She is a member of the Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA), the Nigerian Association of Developmental Psychologists (NADP), the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA), and Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA), the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) and International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) where she is the current Country Representative. She has attended several conferences organized by IAAP, namely the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology on the theme 'Connecting Science to Solutions' held at Palais des Congres de Montreal, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on 26th - 30th June, 2018. Advance Research Training Seminar (ARTS) Organized by International Congress of Applied Psychology (IAAP) on Cross Cultural Collaborative Research held at ESCP Business School, London, on 29th June to 2nd July, 2023; 18th European Congress of Psychology (ECP) with the Central theme 'Psychology Uniting Communities for a Sustainable World' from 3th - 6th July, 2023, held in Brighton, United Kingdom; 27th Biennial Meeting of the ISSBD International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development held at Centro De Belem, Lisbon, Portugal on 16th - 20th June, 2024. The Nigerian Psychological Association, Lagos Chapter Conference 3rd Biennial Conference and Student Induction Ceremony titled "Psychology and Artificial Intelligence in Digital Minds held at the Faculty of Social Sciences Lecture Theater, University of Lagos on 26th- 27th February, 2026.