

# TREND IN AFRICA

England & Wales · Charity number 1186066

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-10-31

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL SCIENCE, IN PARTICULAR ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT BY...'(1) FACILITATING IN THE CONDUCTION OF RESEARCH IN NATURAL SCIENCE(2) ORGANISING AND RUNNING TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS IN NATURAL SCIENCES FOR AFRICAN-BASED RESEARCHERS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.(3) ORGANISING AND RUNNING SCIENCE OUTREACH EVENTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS AND DECISION MAKERS. (4) ORGANISING THE COLLECTION, SHIPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF DONATED LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND REAGENTS FOR AFRICAN-BASED RESEARCHERS.

**Activities:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL SCIENCE

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-bissau
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique

- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sudan
- São Tomé And Príncipe
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,506	£41,249	-	-
2024-03-31	£98,126	£38,397	-	-
2023-03-31	£60,065	£58,681	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,570	£18,289	-	-
2021-03-31	£144,710	£94,302	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Professor Thomas Baden FRSB</b>	Chair	2019-10-31
Dr Jelena Aleksic		2019-10-31
Dr Laura Lucia Prieto Godino		2019-10-31
Dr Pauline Essah		2019-10-31

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**TREND IN  
AFRICA**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1186066**

Castle View Accounting Ltd  
Ground Floor Offices  
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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1186066
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	31st October 2019
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st April 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2025
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2025</b>	Prof. Thomas Baden Dr. Laura Prieto Godina Dr. Pauline Essah Dr. Jelena Aleksic
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	CIO - Foundation Registered 31st October 2019

**OBJECTS**

The advancement of education in the field of Natural Science, in particular on the African Continent by: **1.** Facilitating in the conduction of research in Natural Sciences. **2.** Organising and running training courses and seminars in Natural Sciences for African based researchers and University students. **3.** Organising and running science outreach events on the African Continents for all members of the public, including School and University students, teachers, parents, professionals and decision makers. **4.** Organising the collection, shipments and distribution of donated laboratory equipment and reagents for African based researchers.

<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	15A Sussex Heights St. Margaret's Place Brighton BN1 2FR
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<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
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<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Structure, Governance and Management**

During the reporting period, the Trustees oversaw organisational governance and supported a restructuring intended to refine strategy, clarify roles, and strengthen delivery capacity.

Trusteeship changes and recruitment:

- Dr Jelena Aleksic stepped down as Trustee at the end of 2022.
  
- Pauline Essah stepped down as Trustee at the end of 2023.
  
- Sheila Crespo has been invited to serve as a Trustee and indicated willingness to serve, subject to completion of any required formalities.
  
- Trustees noted the requirement for trustees to be UK-based and agreed that recruitment of an additional UK-based trustee remains a priority.

Leadership and operational structure:

- In 2024, TReND faced strong pushback and founders Lucia and Tom decided to restructure the charity.
  
- A revised line of hierarchy was created to refine strategies and actions for the year ahead.
  
- The Director team during the period comprised: Dr Mahmoud Maina, Dr Artemis Koumoundourou, Dr Andre Maia Chagas, and Dr Thomas Auer.
  
- Dr Lucia Prieto-Godino continued as active Founder/Director.
  
- Prof Tom Baden stepped down as Director but continued contributing as a Founder, focusing on strategic support to the charity.

**Objectives and Activities**

During the reporting period, Directors held regular online meetings to develop the charity's aims for the next five years and to identify the practical steps required to achieve them.

- Regular (monthly) online director meetings (approximately one hour) were held to progress strategic planning.
  
- In the first part of the year, Directors interviewed all coordinators (approximately 10 people) to clarify current tasks and confirm willingness to continue volunteering for TReND.
  
- Work continued to strengthen grant readiness by clarifying programme concepts, identifying potential funders and partners, and defining meaningful metrics for impact.

**Achievements and Performance**

Camina course delivery and growth:

- The primary on-site course organised by TReND and funded by grants during the reporting period was the Camina course held in Ghana.
  
- The course was delivered successfully and demand increased significantly, with the number of applicants increasing by 157%.
  
- The Camina course is confirmed to take place again in 2025 in Kenya.

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Communications and visibility:

- A TReND-Camina alumnus joined to support communications by sharing posts and writing updates about TReND's activities.
- Website coordination continued via Samyra, including work with a freelancer based in Brazil to support planned improvements.

Equipment donations and partnerships:

- The equipment programme remained paused while implementation capacity, logistics and partner readiness were reviewed.
- The charity began updating internal documentation of partners that could receive equipment donations, including those linked to FENS.

**Plans for future periods**

The Trustees and Directors identified the following priorities for the coming year (2025):

1. Complete the medium-term plan and the steps required to implement the five-year strategy by the end of 2025.
2. Strengthen funding strategy, including development of fundable programme concepts, grant applications and clearer impact metrics.
3. Deliver the 2025 Camina course in Kenya.
4. Recruit at least one additional UK-based trustee to strengthen governance and ensure ongoing compliance.
5. Improve operational capacity through administrative support (including exploring remote assistant support).
6. Continue communications and website improvements to increase visibility and stakeholder engagement.
7. Progress planning for equipment donations in a structured and sustainable manner, including partner mapping and documentation.

**Financial Management, Compliance and Administrative Systems**

Trustees reviewed recurring legal and administrative requirements, including annual tax and accountancy obligations. The charity identified a need to strengthen financial record-keeping through an electronic accounting system (e.g., QuickBooks, Xero, or equivalent).

- Founder support was noted: Prof Tom Baden donated time from Maddie to assist with assessing accounting system options.
- Trustees discussed overhead levels and the importance of ensuring overheads are appropriate and transparently linked to value and support provided to partners.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ..... 26/01/2026 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee



Printed Name: Prof. Dr. Thomas Baden

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	33,506	-	33,506	98,126
Other Incoming Resources	3b	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>33,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,506</b>	<b>98,126</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	39,869	-	39,869	37,407
Governance Costs	4b	1,380	-	1,380	990
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>41,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,249</b>	<b>38,397</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>(7,743)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,743)</b>	<b>59,729</b>
Funds Brought Forward		97,802	-	97,802	38,073
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>90,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,059</b>	<b>97,802</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	91,439	-	91,439	99,752
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>91,439</b>	-	<b>91,439</b>	<b>99,752</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,380	-	1,380	1,950
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		90,059	-	90,059	97,802
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> less current liabilities		<b>90,059</b>	-	<b>90,059</b>	<b>97,802</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>90,059</b>	-	<b>90,059</b>	<b>97,802</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General Funds		90,059	-	90,059	97,802
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>90,059</b>	-	<b>90,059</b>	<b>97,802</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 26/01/2026 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name: Prof. Dr. Thomas Baden

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Incoming Resources**

***Recognition of Incoming Resources***

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

***Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure***

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

***Grants and Donations***

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

***Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts***

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

***Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants***

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

***Gifts in Kind***

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

***Donated Services and Facilities***

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

***Volunteer Help***

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

***Investment Income***

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

***Investment Gains and Losses***

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

***Liability Recognition***

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

***Governance Costs***

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

***Grants with Performance Conditions***

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

***Grants Payable without Performance Conditions***

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

***Investments***

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

***Unrestricted Funds***

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

***Restricted Funds***

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

***Designated Funds***

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

***Fixed Assets***

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

***Depreciation Expense***

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2025: None

31st March 2024: None

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**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2024/25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>				
Gifts & Donations	2,325	-	2,325	212
Grants Received	31,181	-	31,181	97,914
	<b>33,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,506</b>	<b>98,126</b>
<b>b) Other Incoming Resources</b>				
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2024/25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Administrative Expenses	1,383	-	1,383	1,291
Bank Charges	195	-	195	81
Gifts & Donations	-	-	-	16,984
Insurance Costs	119	-	119	112
Projects Costs	4,094	-	4,094	1,579
Sundry Expenses	507	-	507	255
Training Costs	21,122	-	21,122	16,016
Travel & Subsistence	12,448	-	12,448	427
Website Costs	-	-	-	662
	<b>39,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,869</b>	<b>37,407</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>				
Independent Examiners Fees	9	-	9	990
Legal & Professional Fees	360	-	360	-
	<b>1,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>990</b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

#### 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

##### CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-24</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31-Mar-25</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

##### PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-23</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 31-Mar-24</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	2,472	-	2,472	-	-
	<b>2,472</b>	-	<b>2,472</b>	-	-

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**6. INVESTMENTS**

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

**7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £</b>
Cash at Bank & in Hand	91,439	-	91,439	99,752
	<b>91,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,439</b>	<b>99,752</b>

**8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £</b>
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £</b>
Independent Examiners Fees	1,020	-	1,020	990
Sundry Creditors	360	-	360	960
	<b>1,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,950</b>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

**11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £</b>
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	90,059	-	90,059	97,802
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>90,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,059</b>	<b>97,802</b>

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**12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

The CIO employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

**13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

**14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**15. RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

**16. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/ members of Trend in Africa on the accounts for year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 6 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 29th January 2026

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<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st April 2023
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2024
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2024</b>	Prof. Thomas Baden Dr. Laura Prieto Godina Dr. Pauline Essah Dr. Jelena Aleksic
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**TREND IN AFRICA**  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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**TReND-CaMinA: Computational Neuroscience and Machine Learning in Africa**

**Date:** June 11-24, 2023

**Location:** WACCBIP, Accra, Ghana

This course was designed to enhance scientific capacity in Africa by educating students and researchers in computational neuroscience and machine learning. The two-week immersive program brought together participants from various regions, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing. The event was hosted by the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP) at the University of Ghana, a key partner of TReND.

TReND aims to establish this course as an annual core program, creating a strong network of African computational neuroscientists and machine learning experts to support future initiatives.

**Organisational Update**

**Samyra Salek's Departure:**

- Samyra Salek will step down from the position of General Coordinator. Due to a lack of funds, this role will not be reopened for new applicants.
- TReND in Africa will undergo restructuring, with existing coordinators assuming responsibilities previously held by Samyra.
- Trustees, led by Tom Baden and Lucia Prieto-Godino, will engage active members to oversee ongoing projects and recruit new volunteers.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**Action Items:**

- **Tax Documentation:** : Ensure all financial records related to activities are properly recorded for UK tax filing.
- **Financial Support Review:** : Evaluate available funds for smaller training sessions and volunteer-led projects.
- **Future Planning:** Identify leadership for the neuroscience course to ensure its continuation.
- **Organisational Transition:** Implement strategies for restructuring responsibilities following Samyra Salek's departure


**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ..... 24.3.2025 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee .....  .....

Printed Name: T. Badier

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	98,126	-	98,126	59,397
Other Incoming Resources	3b	-	-	-	668
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>98,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,126</b>	<b>60,065</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	34,935	2,472	37,407	57,271
Governance Costs	4b	990	-	990	1,410
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>35,925</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,397</b>	<b>58,681</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>62,201</b>	<b>(2,472)</b>	<b>59,729</b>	<b>1,383</b>
Funds Brought Forward		35,601	2,472	38,073	36,690
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>97,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,802</b>	<b>38,073</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**TREND IN AFRICA**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-23 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	99,752	-	99,752	39,033
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>99,752</b>	-	<b>99,752</b>	<b>39,033</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	1,950	-	1,950	960
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		97,802	-	97,802	38,073
<b>TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities</b>		<b>97,802</b>	-	<b>97,802</b>	<b>38,073</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year</b>	10	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>97,802</b>	-	<b>97,802</b>	<b>38,073</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General Funds		97,802	-	97,802	35,601
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	2,472
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>97,802</b>	-	<b>97,802</b>	<b>38,073</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 24 3 2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: T. Baden

**TREND IN AFRICA**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Incoming Resources**

**Recognition of Incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

**Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Grants and Donations**

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants**

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in Kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated Services and Facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer Help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

**Investment Income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Investment Gains and Losses**

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

**Liability Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants with Performance Conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants Payable without Performance Conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

**Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**Unrestricted funds**

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Restricted funds**

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

**Designated funds**

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

**Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

**Depreciation Expense**

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2024: None
31st March 2023: None

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2022/23 £</b>
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>				
Gifts & Donations	212	-	212	2,791
Grants Received	97,914	-	97,914	56,606
	<b>98,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,126</b>	<b>59,397</b>

**b) Other Incoming Resources**

Sundry Income	-	-	-	668
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>668</b>

**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2022/23 £</b>
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Administrative Expenses	398	893	1,291	540
Bank Charges	81	-	81	180
Gifts & Donations	16,984	-	16,984	5,500
Insurance Costs	112	-	112	-
Projects Costs	-	1,579	1,579	8,465
Sundry Expenses	255	-	255	12
Training Costs	16,016	-	16,016	35,960
Travel & Subsistence	427	-	427	6,528
Website Costs	662	-	662	87
	<b>34,935</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>37,407</b>	<b>57,271</b>

**b) Governance Costs**

Independent Examiners Fees	<b>9</b>	990	-	990	960
Legal & Professional Fees		-	-	-	450
		<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,410</b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

#### 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

##### CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-23</b> £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	<b>Balance 31-Mar-24</b> £
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	2,472	-	2,472	-	-
	<b>2,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

##### PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-22</b> £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	<b>Balance 31-Mar-23</b> £
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	-	10,937	8,465	-	2,472
	<b>-</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,472</b>

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**6. INVESTMENTS**

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

**7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-24</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £
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	<b>99,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,752</b>	<b>39,033</b>

**8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-24</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-24</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,950	-	1,950	960
	<b>1,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>960</b>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

**11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-24</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	97,802	-	97,802	38,073
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>97,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,802</b>	<b>38,073</b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

The CIO employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

**13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

**14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**15. RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

**16. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

**TREND IN AFRICA**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/ members of Trend in Africa on the accounts for year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 6 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26th March 2025

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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### **BioRTC Summer Course**

Directed by Dr. Mahmoud Maina FRSA, in July 2022, Biomedical Science Research and Training Centre (BioRTC) hosted its first Summer School at Yobe State University in Nigeria. The school focused on hands-on experiments, especially Bioimaging. This course was not sponsored by TReND but was supported by TReND coordinator Dr Andre Maia Chagas, who joined the group to teach about open-source hardware equipment.

BioRTC aims to facilitate the research and training of African scientists using state-of-the-art laboratory infrastructure, enabling them to contribute to solving local and global biomedical science problems. The Centre has secured support from Wellcome Trust, The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the Francis Crick Institute, the University of Sussex, and TReND in Africa.

### **Second (Online) Phyton Course led by Artemis Koumoundourou**

To improve the number of researchers with coding skills, we will offer a second online Phyton course. We are aiming to have 100 participants. For the course, we will count on a team of 20 volunteers.

### **TReND in Africa & IBRO Advanced Neuroscience School at University of Cape Town, South Africa**

#### **Summary:**

The neuroscience school trained African scientists in open-source, low-cost research tools for neuroscience research in resource-limited settings. The course covered a broad spectrum of essential topics for conducting neuroscience research with minimal financial resources. The program aimed to provide practical knowledge that participants could immediately apply to improve their local research environments.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The use of open-source tools to develop lab equipment reduces dependency on expensive imported materials. Implementation of non-mammalian animal models (Zebra Fish, Drosophila, and C. elegans) for research, offering sustainable and cost-effective alternatives for experimentation. Ethics, scientific conduct, project management, and scientific communication ensure that participants uphold the highest standards in their work. A two-week structure combining lectures and practical hands-on sessions allows an interactive and engaging learning experience

**Key Highlights:**

Week 1: The Open Science module provided training in programming, lab hardware development, and self-production of reagents. Participants also engaged in hands-on activities, such as constructing an artificial neuron to understand neural communication principles in a tangible way.

Week 2: Specialized neuroscience modules introduced participants to specific animal models, their applications, and associated research methodologies. By the end of the module, students delivered presentations demonstrating their acquired skills and research insights.

Diversity: The course welcomed 13 students (10 females, 3 males) from 8 African countries, representing a wide range of academic backgrounds, from master's students to senior department heads. This diversity enriched discussions and fostered an inclusive learning environment.

Instructor Participation: Instructors from six different countries facilitated the course. Half of them secured independent grants for travel, reflecting their commitment to fostering neuroscience education in Africa.

**Microscopy Workshops at Ghana University Lead: Dr. David Peran Hayes**

**Summary:**

Dr. Hayes and his team conducted a Bioimaging course, reaching 25 students. The workshop focused on training students in microscopy techniques to enhance their ability to conduct high-quality imaging studies. Small financial support was provided to facilitate the course, covering essential materials and logistical expenses to ensure the smooth execution of the workshop.

**Future Activities and Projects**

Due to challenges in mentor availability, the neuroscience course is on hold until new leadership is identified. Efforts are ongoing to find experts willing to take on mentorship roles.

Smaller training sessions and volunteer-led initiatives may receive limited financial or organizational support. To ensure the sustainability of these activities, a review of available funding sources is underway.

**Upcoming Project:**

**TReND-CaMinA: Computational Neuroscience and Machine Learning in Africa**

Dr. Saray Soldado-Magrane, Dr. Joana Soldado-Magraner, Dr. Gabriela Michel

Location: WACCBIP, Accra, Ghana

Objective: The project seeks to provide training in computational neuroscience and machine learning, two growing fields with significant potential for application in neuroscience research. The program aims to build capacity by equipping African researchers with the necessary skills to apply computational methods in their work.

Expected Impact: By fostering expertise in these areas, the course will help establish a network of skilled researchers who can contribute to scientific advancements on the continent.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Organisational Update**

Dr. Jelena Aleksic has stepped down from her position after contributing significantly to TReND in Africa's mission. Her leadership in organizing programs and mentoring participants has left a lasting impact on the organization.

She emphasized the need for more hands-on leadership within the charity. The board is actively discussing ways to improve governance and ensure the sustainability of its initiatives.

She remains available as a consultant if required, guiding to ensure continuity in ongoing projects.

**Action Items:**

- **Tax Documentation:** Ensure all financial records related to the mentioned activities are properly recorded for tax filing in the UK. The finance team will conduct an internal audit to verify compliance.
- **Financial Support Review:** Evaluate available funds for smaller training sessions and volunteer-led projects. The review will assess potential funding sources to support critical activities.
- **Future Planning:** Identify new leadership for the neuroscience course to resume in the future. Efforts will include outreach to partner institutions and potential faculty mentors.
- **Organisational Transition:** Determine the next steps regarding Dr Aleksic's departure and potential replacement. A leadership transition plan will be drafted to ensure smooth operations and minimal disruption to ongoing programs.


**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ..... 24.5.2025 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee .....  .....

Printed Name: ..... i. Baden .....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	48,460	10,937	59,397	4,570
Other Incoming Resources	3b	668	-	668	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>49,128</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>60,065</b>	<b>4,570</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	48,807	8,465	57,271	17,539
Governance Costs	4b	1,410	-	1,410	750
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>50,217</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>58,681</b>	<b>18,289</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>(1,089)</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>(13,718)</b>
Funds Brought Forward		36,690	-	36,690	50,408
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-23 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-22 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	36,561	2,472	39,033	37,440
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>36,561</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>39,033</b>	<b>37,440</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	960	-	960	750
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities</b>		<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year</b>	10	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General Funds		35,601	-	35,601	36,690
Restricted Funds	5	-	2,472	2,472	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 24.3.2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name:

T. Bredon

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Incoming Resources**

**Recognition of Incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

**Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Grants and Donations**

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants**

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in Kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated Services and Facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer Help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

**Investment Income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Investment Gains and Losses**

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

**Liability Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants with Performance Conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants Payable without Performance Conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

**Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**Unrestricted funds**

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Restricted funds**

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

**Designated funds**

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

**Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

**Depreciation Expense**

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2023: None

31st March 2022: None

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2022/23 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021/22 £</b>
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>				
Gifts & Donations	2,791	-	2,791	676
Grants Received	45,669	10,937	56,606	3,894
	<b>48,460</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>59,397</b>	<b>4,570</b>

**b) Other Incoming Resources**

Sundry Income	668	-	668	-
	<b>668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>-</b>

**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2022/23 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021/22 £</b>
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Administrative Expenses	540	-	540	-
Bank Charges	180	-	180	111
Equipment Costs	-	-	-	640
Gifts & Donations	5,500	-	5,500	-
Projects Costs	-	8,465	8,465	8,258
Shipping Costs	-	-	-	4,285
Sundry Expenses	12	-	12	234
Training Costs	35,960	-	35,960	3,211
Travel & Subsistence	6,528	-	6,528	-
Website Costs	87	-	87	800
	<b>48,807</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>57,271</b>	<b>17,539</b>

**b) Governance Costs**

Independent Examiners Fees	9	960	-	960	750
Legal & Professional Fees		450	-	450	-
		<b>1,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>750</b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

#### 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

##### CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-22</b> £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	<b>Balance 31-Mar-23</b> £
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	-	10,937	8,465	-	2,472
	<b>-</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,472</b>

##### PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-21</b> £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	<b>Balance 31-Mar-22</b> £
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	29	3,894	3,923	-	-
	<b>29</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**6. INVESTMENTS**

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

**7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-22</b> £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	36,561	2,472	39,033	37,440
	<b>36,561</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>39,033</b>	<b>37,440</b>

**8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-22</b> £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-22</b> £
Independent Examiners Fees	960	-	960	750
	<b>960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>750</b>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

**11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-23</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> <b>31-Mar-22</b> £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	35,601	2,472	38,073	36,690
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>35,601</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>36,690</b>

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**12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

The CIO employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

**13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

**14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**15. RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

**16. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/ members of Trend in Africa on the accounts for year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 7 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

K. Collaku MAAT  
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Date: 26th March 2025

**TREND IN AFRICA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186066

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**TREND IN  
AFRICA**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1186066**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1186066
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	31st October 2019
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st April 2021
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2022
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2022</b>	Prof. Thomas Baden Dr. Laura Prieto Godina Dr. Pauline Essah Dr. Jelena Aleksic
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	CIO - Foundation Registered 31st October 2019

**OBJECTS**

The advancement of education in the field of Natural Science, in particular on the African Continent by: **1.** Facilitating in the conduction of research in Natural Sciences. **2.** Organising and running training courses and seminars in Natural Sciences for African based researchers and University students. **3.** Organising and running science outreach events on the African Continents for all members of the public, including School and University students, teachers, parents, professionals and decision makers. **4.** Organising the collection, shipments and distribution of donated laboratory equipment and reagents for African based researchers.

<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	15A Sussex Heights St. Margaret's Place Brighton BN1 2FR
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<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**TReND in Africa Introduction**

TReND in Africa team believes that education and scientific innovation are at the basis of economical and societal development. We perceive that is imperative for every society to have a local group of scientists, that while forming part of the global scientific community, can tackle problems at a local level. Furthermore, it is essential that these local scientists engage with the general population and their governments, for these to implement informed, scientifically-backed policies.

This becomes particularly evident during crises, such as the recent Ebola epidemic, or the current coronavirus global pandemic. Here, trustworthy local scientists can play a crucial job in the education of the population, and the implementation of socially responsible behaviours.

Since its inception in 2011 TReND in Africa supports biomedical research and education in the continent through diverse, complementary activities. These include:

- **Organisation of courses for African scientists on the latest cutting-edge topics.** Through these we have to date educated over 500 scientists from 22 different African countries, from MSc students to professors.
- **Running an exchange volunteering program**, where experts from around the world spend time at an African university to assist with research, teaching and to promote international scientific interactions or participate in project collaborations with online meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- **Coordinate equipment donation programs** to provide universities with the facilities they need to carry out science.
- **Operate regular outreach events** hosted by our alumni in their local communities and high schools to promote science and research to the younger generations.
- **Engagement it with local and national politicians and policymakers** to push for better scientific research and education support across the African continent.
- **Development of laboratory and research equipment** that can be build and repaired locally using accessible tools and open source technologies.

All these activities are developed and implemented by volunteers allowing the TReND team to be able to use all grants and donations exclusive on projects that will directly benefit African researchers and their communities, with very little administration overhead.

**COVID-19 pandemic – Trend's work in the years 2021-2022**

As with a few other sectors, the academic and research sector was still able to start their face-to-face activities in 2021. So our charity maintained the online activities and projects as the main focus. We continue to push online activities promoting collaborations, courses, and webinars, where volunteers, and African scientists could remain active and in communication while maintaining TReND's mission to boost African higher education.

**TReND Hosting Interns**

In partnership with Global Experiences Partnerships TReND in Africa hosted 4 interns in 2021 -2022. Interns worked in communication and personal relation, digital marketing, fundraising, and grant proposal development. This project required weekly online meetings to follow up with the project developed by TReND general coordinator and the intern.

**Online Collaboration Program and Online Courses**

Given travel restrictions, TReND has created an online collaborations program, where researchers in African institutions apply with a project, they would like support with and TReND matches them with a volunteer from our network. Differently from other TReND programs, where very defined goals and timelines are present, this program sets guidelines for collaboration and support during it. This happens because projects are quite diverse and operate in different fields with different timelines.

Our Alumni were invited to apply for a Neuro Data Science Online Course given by Prof. Philipp Berens from the University of Tübingen in Germany. This course allowed African researchers to gain a skill that can be used beyond academics.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**TReND Webinar Series**

Like other institutions, TReND organize a webinar series that would highlight African research or researchers whose work was mindful of African communities. We hosted weekly events where researchers were able to present their work and answer questions from the audience. Our team organized 15 webinars that reached 7560 people.

**First Online Phyton Course**

With more than 300 applications TReND had a workshop for coding with Phyton. The course focused on the introduction to everything that researchers need to start coding. There was no prior knowledge of programming, computer science or Python required, only a stable internet connection and access to a PC/laptop. At the end of the workshop, applicants were expected to: come up with a coding solution for simple real-world problems, perform simple arithmetic operations with Python, and write simple functions in Python to perform different tasks.

**Outreach Events with L'Oréal Sponsorship 2021**

The TReND outreach program aimed to achieve a long-term impact by enhancing public understanding, trust, and support for science in Africa and inspiring young people to pursue STEM disciplines. The program is run by TReND outreach ambassadors, formed by more than 100 alumni across Africa who organize outreach activities in their communities, including science events for school students and teachers, science festivals as well as TV and radio programs.

In the last two years, the outreach program was sponsored by the L'Oréal Foundation throughout the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Programme, where we placed particular emphasis on engaging with African women scientists, who in Africa are even less represented in STEM, to create awareness of these carries to young African students at high school age. The world of science needs women everywhere, and this is particularly critical on the African continent, where women have important responsibilities and societal respect within their communities, meaning that their engagement in STEM can trigger profound domino effects.

**Chain Zuckerberg Institute Grant and Yobe Lab (online) Launch**

Led by Dr. Mahmoud Maina Yobe University will have TReND in Africa's first fixed lab in Africa. After applying to an open call from the Chain Zuckerberg Foundation to expand global access to bioimaging, Dr. Maina has recently won a grant to establish a self-sustained and accessible bioimaging hub in Nigeria to serve as a central resource for facilitating life sciences teaching and research across West Africa. This is a 3-year project that will promote workshops and conferences to scientists from Nigeria, Ghana, and The Gambia.

**Genome Editing (in person) Course at the University:**

After two years TReND had the first in-person course at the University of Ghana. The course aimed to introduce genome editing has for decades been the unapproachable dream of biomedical scientists. revolutionary tools to African scientists and to create a community of scientists able to implement them in their research projects.

**Next Steps 2022 – 2023**

**In-Person Activities**

**BioRTC Summer Course**

After months of planning, organizing, and shipping, in July 2022 Biomedical Science Research and Training Centre (BioRTC) will have its first Summer School. They will focus on hands-on experiments, especially Bioimaging. BioRTC aims to facilitate the research and training of African scientists using state-of-the-art laboratory infrastructure that will enable them to contribute to solving local and global biomedical science problems. The Centre has secured support from Wellcome Trust, The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the Francis Crick Institute, the University of Sussex, and TReND in Africa.

**The TReND in Africa & IBRO Advanced Neuroscience School - A focus on low-cost, state-of-the-art research tools and models** - The objective of the course is to teach how low-cost, state-of-the-art research tools and models can be employed in a low-resource setting using open-source software and hardware to build lab equipment. Throughout, we will also put special emphasis on the importance of good scientific conduct, project design, management, and scientific communication.

**Second (Online) Phyton Course**

To improve the number of researchers with coding skills we will offer a second online Phyton course. We are aiming to have 100 participants. For the course, we will count on a team of 20 volunteers.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

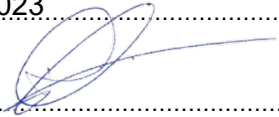
**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 08/03/2023 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee  .....

Printed Name: Prof. Thomas Baden

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	676	3,894	4,570	144,710
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>676</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>144,710</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	13,616	3,923	17,539	93,552
Governance Costs	4b	750	-	750	750
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>14,366</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>18,289</b>	<b>94,302</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>(13,689)</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>(13,718)</b>	<b>50,408</b>
Funds Brought Forward		50,379	29	50,408	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>36,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,690</b>	<b>50,408</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

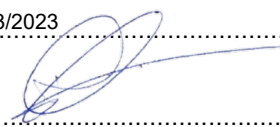
The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	37,440	37,440	51,158
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	37,440	-	37,440	51,158
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	9	750	-	750
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	36,690	-	36,690	50,408
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> less current liabilities	36,690	-	36,690	50,408
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	36,690	-	36,690	50,408
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
General Funds	36,690	-	36,690	50,379
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	29
<b>Total Funds</b>	36,690	-	36,690	50,408

Approved by the Trustees on 08/03/2023 .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee  .....

Printed Name: Prof. Thomas Baden

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Incoming Resources**

**Recognition of Incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

**Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

**Grants and Donations**

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

**Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants**

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**Gifts in Kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

**Donated Services and Facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer Help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

**Investment Income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Investment Gains and Losses**

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

**Liability Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants with Performance Conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants Payable without Performance Conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

**Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**Unrestricted funds**

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Restricted funds**

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

**Designated funds**

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

**Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

**Depreciation Expense**

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2022: None  
31st March 2021: None

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2021/22 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2020/21 £</b>
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>				
Gifts & Donations	676	-	676	9,303
Grants Received	-	3,894	3,894	135,407
	<b>676</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>144,710</b>

**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>TOTAL 2021/22 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2020/21 £</b>
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Bank Charges	111	-	111	325
Equipment Costs	640	-	640	-
Projects Costs	4,335	3,923	8,258	53,344
Shipping Costs	4,285	-	4,285	-
Sundry Expenses	234	-	234	622
Training Costs	3,211	-	3,211	6,842
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	31,362
Volunteers Costs	-	-	-	902
Website Costs	800	-	800	155
	<b>13,616</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>17,539</b>	<b>93,552</b>

**b) Governance Costs**

Independent Examiners Fees	<b>9</b>	750	-	750	750
		<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**5. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD**

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-21</b>	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	<b>Balance 31-Mar-22</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	29	3,894	3,923	-	-
	<b>29</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>3,923</b>	-	-

**PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD**

	<b>Balance 31-Oct-19</b>	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	<b>Balance 31-Mar-21</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	-	78,467	78,438	-	29
	-	<b>78,467</b>	<b>78,438</b>	-	<b>29</b>

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**6. INVESTMENTS**

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

**7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>Total 31-Mar-22 £</b>	<b>Total 31-Mar-21 £</b>
Cash at Bank & in Hand	37,440	-	37,440	51,158
	<b>37,440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,440</b>	<b>51,158</b>

**8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>Total 31-Mar-22 £</b>	<b>Total 31-Mar-21 £</b>
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>Total 31-Mar-22 £</b>	<b>Total 31-Mar-21 £</b>
Independent Examiners Fees	750	-	750	750
	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

**11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	<b>Total 31-Mar-22 £</b>	<b>Total 31-Mar-21 £</b>
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	36,690	-	36,690	50,408
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>36,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,690</b>	<b>50,408</b>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

The CIO employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial period.

**13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

**14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**15. RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

**16. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/ members of Trend in Africa on the accounts for year ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 7 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 10th March 2023

**TREND IN AFRICA**

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# Accounts

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**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**TREND IN  
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**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1186066**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1186066
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	31st October 2019
<b>START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	31st October 2019
<b>END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	31st March 2021
<b>TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2021</b>	Prof. Thomas Baden Dr. Laura Prieto Godina Dr. Pauline Essah Dr. Jelena Aleksic
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	CIO - Foundation Registered 31st October 2019

### OBJECTS

The advancement of education in the field of Natural Science, in particular on the African Continent by: **1.** Facilitating in the conduction of research in Natural Sciences. **2.** Organising and running training courses and seminars in Natural Sciences for African based researchers and University students. **3.** Organising and running science outreach events on the African Continents for all members of the public, including School and University students, teachers, parents, professionals and decision makers. **4.** Organising the collection, shipments and distribution of donated laboratory equipment and reagents for African based researchers.

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<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
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<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	Castle View Accounting Ltd New Barn Mudberry Lane Bosham Chichester West Sussex PO18 8TS
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**TReND in Africa Introduction:**

TReND in Africa team believes that education and scientific innovation are at the basis of economical and societal development. We perceive that is imperative for every society to have a local group of scientists, that while forming part of the global scientific community, can tackle problems at a local level. Furthermore, it is essential that these local scientists engage with the general population and their governments, for these to implement informed, scientifically-backed policies.

This becomes particularly evident during crises, such as the recent Ebola epidemic, or the current coronavirus global pandemic. Here, trustworthy local scientists can play a crucial job in the education of the population, the implementation of socially responsible behaviours.

Since its inception in 2011 TReND in Africa supports biomedical research and education in the continent through diverse, complementary activities. These include:

- **Organization of courses for African scientists on the latest cutting-edge topics.** Through these we have to date educated over 500 scientists from 22 different African countries, from MSc students to professors.
- **Running an exchange volunteering program**, where experts from around the world spend time at an African university to assist with research, teaching and to promote international scientific interactions or participate in project collaborations with online meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- **Coordinate equipment donation programs** to provide universities with the facilities they need to carry out science.
- **Operate regular outreach events** hosted by our alumni in their local communities and high schools to promote science and research to the younger generations.
- **Engagement it with local and national politicians and policymakers** to push for better scientific research and education support across the African continent.
- **Development of laboratory and research equipment** that can be build and repaired locally using accessible tools and open source technologies.

All these activities are developed and implemented by volunteers allowing the TReND team to be able to use all grants and donations exclusive on projects that will directly benefit African researchers and their communities, with very little administration overhead.

**2019 Neuroscience Course in Ghana:**

The TReND in Africa team was hosted by Prof. Gordon A. Awandare from the University of Ghana in Accra on 18th Nov – 6th Dec 2019, to organize and implement the IBRO School on Invertebrate Neuroscience: A focus on open science and disease vectors.

Leading the team of lecturers, Prof. Baden (University of Sussex) and Dr. Pietro Godino (The Francis Crick Institute) have invited a team of neuroscience experts composed by 14 lecturers (at different seniority levels, and gender balanced) coming from 11 different institutions in the UK, continental Europe, USA and Africa.

With more than 300 applications, the course faculty had the chance to teach a group of 18 applicants from 8 different African countries for 3 weeks. They were exposed to an array of different topics during the course, which gave them the skills to understand and perform cutting edge experiments, as well as to incorporate open science ethos into their workflows.

To increase the impact of the course, all applicants were requested to prepare a presentation and mini-workshop at their university to teach all theoretical and practical knowledge acquired during this course to their colleagues.

With the grants acquired, TReND in Africa has covered accommodations, two meals a day, and flights expenses to all applicants and some of the lecturers.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

#### **2019 ASNL Project- Sponsored by the Wellcome Trust Grant**

The African Science Literacy Network (ASLN) is a project led by **Dr. Mahmoud Maina** and sponsored by the Wellcome Trust in collaboration with the University of Sussex and Crick Institute London. This project is a partnership between scientists and journalists that supports more accurate science communication to the general population. In 2019 Our Fellows work together to raise awareness about the importance of science to our lives, society, and its future, dispel science misconceptions, and raise the profile of African research. This work helps to bridge the gap between science, society, and policy, which we believe will help to facilitate the rise of Africa as a science superpower.

#### **COVID-19 pandemic – Trend’s work in the years 2020-2021**

The world went into lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all plans for face-to-face collaborations, workshops, and events had to be postponed until further notice it. The TReND in Africa team implemented new online activities promoting collaborations, courses and webinars, where volunteers, African scientists could remain active and in communication, while maintaining TReND’s mission to boost African higher education.

#### **The role of open technologies for alleviating COVID-19 issues**

In the beginning of the pandemic, the world faced many issues with shortages in personal protection equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other supplies. Responding to these issues, a global community of makers, institutions and makerspaces has started to work on local solutions that had freely available designs. This led to a fast response to the PPE shortage, with thousands of face shields and masks being produced locally in many parts of the globe. At the same time, with so many projects and initiatives popping into existence, it became hard to know where to find accurate information and which projects were presenting good results.

Trend volunteers dedicated some of their time to make sense of this landscape and to make recommendations to the general public regarding the manufacturing and use of locally sourced PPE. The result of this effort became a peer reviewed publication which can be found [here](#).

On a similar effort, a group of TReND Alumni has leveraged existing open projects and the knowledge gained on our workshops to produce over 400 items of PPE. These were distributed free of charge to the local hospital and community in Ogun State, Nigeria. Their efforts has been summarised [here](#).

#### **Online Collaboration Program:**

Given travel restrictions, TReND has created an online collaborations program, where researchers in African institutions apply with a project they would like support with and TReND matches them with a volunteer from our network. Differently from other TReND programs, where very defined goals and timelines are present, this program sets guidelines for collaboration and support during it. This happens because projects are quite diverse and operate in different fields with different timelines. Additionally volunteers have different knowledge and experiences, and their partners in Africa will have different requests and also different knowledge and experiences. While more challenging for us to organize things, we believe this will also be more rewarding, as we hope it will:

- Increase engagement in the “in-person” volunteering program.
- Create long-lasting collaborations between volunteers and African partners.

TReND, represented by the coordinators of the volunteering program is responsible for:

- Providing all the necessary documentation for volunteers and partners.
- Providing volunteer training to “visit” partners.
- Providing partner preparation to “receive” volunteers.
- Assisting with any issues that may arise.

This program run as a series of online interactions between volunteer and partner (the duration and frequency are to be decided by the volunteer and the partner at the beginning of the collaboration, see below) because of the diversity of the projects (partners have different goals, areas of expertise, etc). We are trying to provide this framework so both parties are “in tune” and can work collaboratively in a way that is useful for everyone.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**Outreach Events with L'Oréal sponsorship 2020-2021:**

The TReND outreach program aimed to achieve a long-term impact by enhancing public understanding, trust, and support for science in Africa, as well as inspiring young people to pursue STEM disciplines. The program is run by TReND outreach ambassadors, formed by more than 100 alumni across Africa who organize outreach activities in their communities, including science events for school students and teachers, science festivals as well as TV and radio programs.

In the last two years, the outreach program was sponsored by the L'Oréal Foundation throughout the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Programme, where we placed particular emphasis on engaging with African women scientists, who in Africa are even less represented in STEM, to create awareness of these careers to young African students at high school age. The world of science needs women everywhere, and this is particularly critical on the African continent, where women have important responsibilities and societal respect within their communities, meaning that their engagement in STEM can trigger profound domino effects.

In these two years, we sponsored 14 alumni to engage with more than 1500 African teenagers during these events hosted by them at local schools.

**Next year plans 2021 and 2022**

**ChainZuckerberg Institute grant and Yobe Lab:** Led by Dr. Mahmoud Maina Yobe University will have TReND in Africa's first fixed lab in Africa. After applying to an open call from the Chain Zuckerberg Foundation to expand global access to bioimaging, Dr. Maina has recently won a grant to establish a self-sustained and accessible bioimaging hub in Nigeria to serve as a central resource for facilitating life sciences teaching and research across West Africa. This is a 3 year project that will promote workshops and conferences to scientists from Nigeria, Ghana, and The Gambia.

**TReND base in Ghana – Lab**

After 10 years TReND in Africa have now a solid base of alumni in African countries that could benefit from having a well-structured and equipped lab to move forward on research and collaborations. Therefore, TReND is working on grant applications that will allow our charity to cover all costs for three years of on-site activities. This lab will allow up to have five courses, 3 conferences, and multiple outreach events every year, triplicating the number of participants.

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18/01/2022.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Thomas Baden.....

Printed Name:



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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>				
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	66,243	78,467	144,710
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>66,243</b>	<b>78,467</b>	<b>144,710</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>				
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	15,114	78,438	93,552
Governance Costs	4b	750	-	750
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>15,864</b>	<b>78,438</b>	<b>94,302</b>
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>50,379</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>50,408</b>
Funds Brought Forward		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>50,379</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>50,408</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	51,129	29	51,158
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>51,129</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>51,158</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	750	-	750
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		50,379	29	50,408
<b>TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities</b>		<u>50,379</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>50,408</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year</b>	10	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>50,379</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>50,408</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
General Funds		50,379	-	50,379
Restricted Funds	5	-	29	29
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>50,379</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>50,408</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 18/01/2022.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Thomas Baden.....

Printed Name: 

# TREND IN AFRICA

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

##### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Incoming Resources**

##### **Recognition of Incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

##### **Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

##### **Grants and Donations**

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

##### **Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

##### **Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants**

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

##### **Gifts in Kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

##### **Donated Services and Facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

##### **Volunteer Help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

##### **Investment Income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

##### **Investment Gains and Losses**

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

**Liability Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**Grants with Performance Conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants Payable without Performance Conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

**Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

**Unrestricted funds**

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Restricted funds**

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

**Designated funds**

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

**Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

**Depreciation Expense**

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis
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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The CIO held no fixed assets during this initial financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2021:None

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

#### 3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
<b>a) Donations, Grants &amp; Legacies</b>			
Gifts & Donations	9,303	-	9,303
Grants Received	56,940	78,467	135,407
	<b>66,243</b>	<b>78,467</b>	<b>144,710</b>

#### 4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
<b>a) Cost of Charitable Activities</b>			
Bank Charges	325	-	325
Courses Costs	713	-	713
Projects Costs	5,579	47,765	53,344
Sundry Expenses	622	-	622
Training Costs	6,129	-	6,129
Travel & Subsistence	689	30,673	31,362
Volunteers Costs	902	-	902
Website Costs	155	-	155
	<b>15,114</b>	<b>78,438</b>	<b>93,552</b>

#### b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	9	750	-	750
		<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

#### 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 31-Oct-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-21 £
Wellcome Trust - ASNL Project Fund	-	78,467	78,438	-	29
	<b>-</b>	<b>78,467</b>	<b>78,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29</b>

The restricted funds held are wholly represented by the CIO's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

#### 6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this initial financial period.

#### 7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	51,129	29	51,158
	<b>51,129</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51,158</b>

#### 8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Independent Examiners Fees	750	-	750
	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>

#### 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this initial financial period.

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE FIRST PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

#### **11. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS**

The CIO employed no members of staff during this initial financial period.

#### **12. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES**

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

#### **13. RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

#### **14. RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

#### **15. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

#### **16. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

There are no comparative figures available as this is the initial period of registered Incorporated Charitable Activity.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/ members of Trend in Africa on the accounts for the first period ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 7 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 25th January 2022