

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

**TREND IN
AFRICA**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1186066

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1186066
DATE OF REGISTRATION	31st October 2019
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31st October 2019
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31st March 2021
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2021	Prof. Thomas Baden Dr. Laura Prieto Godina Dr. Pauline Essah Dr. Jelena Aleksic
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	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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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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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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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. 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 have 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 runs 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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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 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds				
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	66,243	78,467	144,710
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		66,243	78,467	144,710
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of Generating Funds				
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	15,114	78,438	93,552
Governance Costs	4b	750	-	750
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		15,864	78,438	94,302
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		50,379	29	50,408
Funds Brought Forward		-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		50,379	29	50,408

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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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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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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

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

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities			
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
	15,114	78,438	93,552

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	9	750	-	750
		750	-	750

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

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

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
	51,129	29	51,158

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-
	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Independent Examiners Fees	750	-	750
	750	-	750

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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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