How to join the SASPEN Network

SASPEN is a loose alliance without membership. You cannot be a member, but you can register with the network. It’s 100% free, takes 3 minutes and will link you up with so many others throughout SADC and beyond.

By joining the website you can become part of the network, which is organized through a social media platform, similar to Facebook, but private. It is only available and accessible for people who have joined with SASPEN, who have registered on the website.

In order to sign up at the website – thereby affiliating with the network – please go to the website

http://saspen.org/network/join

and follow these steps.

1.) Go to saspen.org/network/join
2.) Choose an account type (Pick individual or an institution)
3.) Choose a Username (Use only numbers and letters only, no spaces)
4.) Choose a Password and write it down.
5.) Enter the chosen Password again to make sure you didn’t have a typo
6.) Press Continue

On the new page, do the following

7.) Choose your Title, Mr/Ms/Dr/Prof etc.
8.) Enter your Real and Full Name. This is mandatory. Users without verifiable real name will be deleted. Remember this is a professional network, everyone knows who they are talking to.
9.) Choose your Gender
10.) Indicate your Nationality
11.) Choose the country of main professional activism or region such as SADC.
12.) Fill out your Contact Information

Be VERY careful with the email address or you will not receive any email notifications on network updates!

13.) Choose your main interests in social protection (multiple choice, tick all that apply)
14.) Choose your interests in social protection instruments (tick all that apply)
15.) Indicate the countries you are interested in (tick all that apply)
16.) You can upload a photo as your avatar which facilitates interaction with other network users. It is not mandatory and can in be done at any time later still
17.) Agree with the Terms of Use
18.) Fill in the Captcha you can see – type the letters and numbers you see. This makes sure that the registration is done by a human and not by a spam-program. If you can’t decipher the “Captcha”, click “reload”.
19.) Press Join
Congratulations, you are now subscribed to the network and affiliated. Your website will redirect to the dashboard of the network. Here you can do many things, among others:

- Read Network News
- Post your own news to the network
- Upload media
- Discuss on the message forum
- Start your own micro-blog.

Wonder who else is in SASPEN? You cannot – yet, however – browse other network affiliates. This function is only available if you become a “registered” user on the website. In order to upgrade from “affiliated” to “registered” status, please complete your professional resume at your soonest convenience. You can do so in the “profile edit” menu at following link:

http://saspen.org/network/profile/edit

If your institution should be affiliated as well – please sign out (http://saspen.org/network/sign-out) and start the process over; this time using “institution” as account type and not “person”.

Welcome to SASPEN! With any problems please never hesitate to contact SASPEN Secretariat at info@saspen.org