AFRICA: A REGION DEFINED BY RESILIENCE

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DISCUSSION POINTS

- Background
- Introduction to the continent
- Objectives
- Challenges
- Achievements
- Lesson learnt
- Future goals
“Africa my beginning, Africa my ending”. Ingoapele Madingoane

- Colonialism
- Separation
- Dark continent
- UBUNTU

- Independence
- Unity
- Enlightenment
INTRODUCTION TO THE REGION

- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Malawi
- Botswana
- Swaziland
- South Africa
Tau Lambda-at-Large Chapter (Region)

- Founded 08/2001
- Chartered 08/2004
- Unique model within STTI
- 16 nursing schools in 8 countries (members in 12 countries)
- Close to 1000 members
- Above 50% active
OBJECTIVES

- Visionaries

- Part of the global nursing community
To promote and reward excellence in teaching, research and practice;

To creating networking opportunities in Africa;

To join nurses of Africa with the world

To have a voice in current nursing topics
CHALLENGES

- Geographical distance
- Communication problems
- Infrastructure
- Economics
- Inactive members

How we function within a larger group
SUCCESSES
Launch of research hall of fame
International recognition in research and leadership, e.g. Dorothy Ford Buschmann Presidential Award, Spirit of Philanthropy Award
Grant support for members
Successful projects: e.g. MCHNLA, ALDA
Successful Pilot of the Africa Office
Increase in active membership
First STTI president outside of North America
“You have to put in many, many, many tiny efforts that nobody sees or appreciates before you achieve anything worthwhile”.  
*Brian Tracy*

"It always seems impossible until it’s done”.  
*Nelson Mandela*

Unity, Perseverance, Creating awareness, Working with other organisations
FUTURE GOALS

- Restructuring into 4 at large chapter, again we are doing things differently, we will still be brothers and sisters, we are still going to be a united Africa
- Increase membership particularly young nurses
- Increase membership of nurses in practice
Community participation and Philanthropy
Collaborate with other regions
Engage/Participate at other international forums e.g. WHO

Impact on the nursing profession post 2020
When you got inaugurated into STTI, you signed up for a wonderful experience....
FUTURE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- Celebration of 10 years of existence

- Annual conference in Johannesburg (4-6 August 2014)
SOME OF THE DRIVERS TEAM
Thank You