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Upcoming Event

COSECSA AGM, GRADUATION CEREMONIES & SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2025



Dates: November 30 – December 5, 2025



Venue: Donatus Conference Center,
Bujumbura, Burundi



About COSECSA

146

Accredited
Hospitals

1300+

Trainees in Training

1048

Graduated Fellows



The College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSA) was established in 1999 by the Council of Ministers of Health of the EAC to address the shortage of qualified surgeons, particularly in district health facilities. The College is distinguished by its mission to train surgeons directly at their workplaces at affordable costs, while minimizing brain drain.

COSECSA offers training in several specialties, including General Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Orthopaedics, Pediatric orthopaedics, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, ENT, and Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Today, COSECSA is the largest institution in sub-saharan Africa dedicated to surgical education.



ABUC Proud Host Of COSECSA 2025

The Burundian Surgical Society (ABUC) is a leading advocate for timely, safe, and affordable surgical care in Burundi.

Founded in 2007 by 14 surgical providers, ABUC emerged in the wake of the country's long-standing civil conflict, with a shared commitment to improving the quality of surgical care nationwide. From the outset, the society has embraced a spirit of inclusivity, with gynecologist, ophthalmologists, and ENT clinicians counted among its founding members.

ABUC became the 10th national society to join the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA), and currently supports 3 accredited COSECSA training centers: Kamenge Military Hospital, Centre Hospitalo-Universitaire de Kamenge (CHUK) and Kira Hospital.

In 2026, ABUC is supporting two additional training centers to open at Tanganyika Hospital and Hope Africa University/Kibuye Hope Hospital, further expanding much needed opportunities for surgical education within Burundi.

Since its creation, ABUC has organized an annual scientific conference in the capital city, Bujumbura, bringing together surgical professionals from across the country. These vibrant gatherings feature scientific presentations, hands-on workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities, fostering both professional growth and a strong sense of community among Burundi's surgical providers.

From its original 14 founding members in 2007, ABUC has grown into a thriving society with 61 surgeons across all specialties, 37 surgical residents among which 6 are females, and a growing number of passionate medical students — the future of the operating room.

We continue to actively engage both local and international partners, starting with the Ministry of Health, to advocate for enhanced access to surgical education, surgical care, in Burundi.

We are honored to announce that, in collaboration with the Government of Burundi, ABUC will proudly host the **2025 COSECSA Annual General Meeting and Scientific**



Conference — a milestone moment for the surgical community in our country.

Welcome; Karibu iwacu, i Burundi!

Discover the key stages of the event



Pre-Conference Workshops

November 24th - 30th 2025

Enhance your surgical skills and knowledge by participating in your preferred workshop.

To find out **click here**

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Examination Day

December 1st 2025

Official COSECSA exams.

It will be held at :

CUBAHIRO International School

Hopital Militaire de Kamenge





Annual General Meeting and Graduation Ceremonies

December 3rd 2025

COSESCA members meeting and graduation ceremonies at Donatus Conference Center (DCC).



Scientific Conference

December 4th - 5th 2025

Share knowledge and discuss innovations in surgery.

This year's theme is "Meeting the surgical needs in Africa through teaching and training."

Essential Travel Information

Visa On Arrival

Health Precautions

Transport

December Weather In Bujumbura

Packing Recommendations

- **The Visa is free** for EAC citizens (Burundi, Rwanda, DRC, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia, and South Soudan).
- For travellers requiring a visa:
Multiple Entry Visa (\$90 USD) The visa is free for all participants. It will be issued at the airport on arrival.

Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond planned departure date.

Please have the following documents before starting your application:

1. Passport photocopy
2. Passport photo



For the visa application process, please follow the steps below:

1. Visit <https://migration.gov.bi/>
(<https://migration.gov.bi/>)
2. Select "**Airport Entry Visa**"
3. Complete and submit the online form
4. Download the **visa certificate** sent to your email by COSECSA
5. Present both the **visa certificate** and your **invitation letter** upon arrival at the airport

Check travel requirements based on your passport at TravelDoc
(<https://www.traveldoc.aero/>).

For your registration, visit COSECSA website.

Register
At
COSECSA (<https://www.cosecsa.org/conference-graduation-and-agm/>)

Already registered? [Click here to make a payment.](#)

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Your
Payment (<https://payments.cosecsa.org/conference.php>)

For your accommodation, book your hotel.



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Easily book your accommodation at our partner hotels, located near the conference venue.

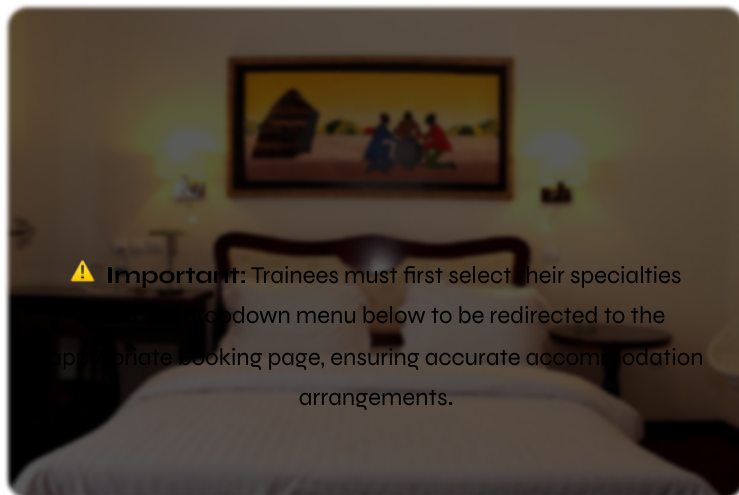
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Trainees ▼

ABUC.org (<https://abuc.org>)

ABUC (Association Burundaise de Chirurgie) was created with the aim of bringing practitioners and their discipline closer together, and of promoting their specialty in Burundi,

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