

I have been involved in anesthesia education and training projects throughout low- and middle-income countries since 2009, primarily in Ethiopia but also in other parts of Africa, Asia and South and Central America. I am also involved in many individual and group efforts to improve mentoring, sponsorship and long-term development of anesthesiologists working in these settings.

Through these many personal and professional partnerships and relationships, I have become increasingly aware that that we not only need to help TRAIN anesthesiologists around the world, but that we also need to lead efforts to MAINTAIN and SUSTAIN their on-going work and education and participate in a variety of efforts to support and advocate for them.

I believe that WFSA is in the best position to advocate for improving anesthesia care and education around the world and to encourage collaborative efforts to accomplish these goals. The only way we are going to succeed in meeting the goals of safe, affordable and timely anesthesia care is to improve number and quality of anesthesia providers and to nurture them as they seek to work in their home environments.