# DSA AGM 2022

Thursday 7 July 2022

# **Agenda**

- Welcome from DSA President
- Apologies from Council members
- Approval of minutes from AGM 2021
- Annual Trustee's Report
- Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners
- President's Report including Comms Report
- PGT and PGR prizes
- Nominations and elections
- Any Other Business

# **Welcome and thanks.....**

- James Howard, Winfred Nyokabi and the NomadIT team for their work in organizing and running DSA2022
- Our 18 conference volunteers
- Andrea Rigon, Michael Walls, Hanna Baumann (conference convenors) and their UCL Comms team

- Our conference sponsors: *Journal of Development Studies, Oxford Development Studies & Journal of International Development,* UCL Grand Challenge and Global Engagement Office, Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL

- Our Treasurer, Dan Brockington, Secretary, Uma Kambhampati & Communications Manager, Laura Roberts
- Outgoing DSA Council members: Dan Brockington, PB Anand, Amal Chammas & Felix Danso

# Apologies from Council members

# Approval of minutes from AGM 2021 (Online - University of East Anglia)

# Budget

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 2,693 | - | 2,693 | 745 |
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| **Charitable activities** | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 110,830 | - | 110,830 | 89,278 |
| | | | | | |
| Investment income | 2 | 371 | - | 371 | 949 |
| Other income | | (468) | - | (468) | (468) |
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| **Total** | | 113,426 | - | 113,426 | 90,504 |
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| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | | | |
| Promotion of development research | | 127,643 | - | 127,643 | 102,448 |
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| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | (14,217) | - | (14,217) | (11,944) |
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| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| **Total funds brought forward** | | 146,632 | - | 146,632 | 158,576 |
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| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 132,415 | - | 132,415 | 146,632 |

# Treasurer's proposals

1. The AGM accepts the accounts as presented.
   Seconded:
        Show of hands in favour, against, abstention

2. We use Sterling Partners again to prepare our accounts next year.

    Seconded:
        Show of hands in favour, against, abstention

# President's Report I: Progress & plans against objectives

| Objective | 2021-22 Progress | 2022-23 Plans (additional to continued 2021-22 activities) |
|---|---|---|
| *1. Advance connections to deepen understanding of development* | DSA2022<br>DSA-OUP book series<br>New journal plans update<br>Webinars: COP26, FCDO's new IDS, BRAC@50<br>REF2021 debrief | DSA2023 (see final slide)<br>Webinars<br>Study Group activities |
| *2. Raise profile of the UK DS community and provide a platform for its collective voice* | Comms: new strategy<br>Policy engagement (IDS)<br>Academy of Social Science: nine new fellows | Comms: continued roll-out new strategy<br>Advocacy and engagement |

# Communications report

- Delivery and implementation of a new Comms Strategy aimed at deepening/broadening our community and raising the profile of DS
- Improved communication of ongoing activities (design, SM presence, DSA-OUP book series, SG activities, newsletter, conference)
- Enabling new activities: webinars, advocacy/engagement

## Twitter

**40%** Follower Increase

**28.4** Number of Tweets
Q1+Q2 2021 9 Tweets per month
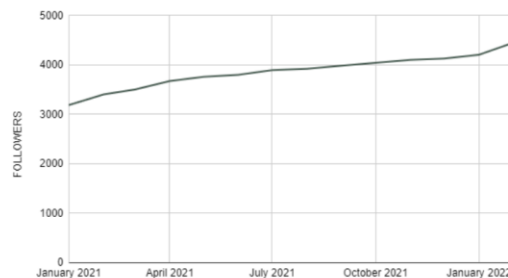Q3 2021 onward 39 Tweets per month

**33k** Impressions
a total tally of all the times DSA Tweets have been seen
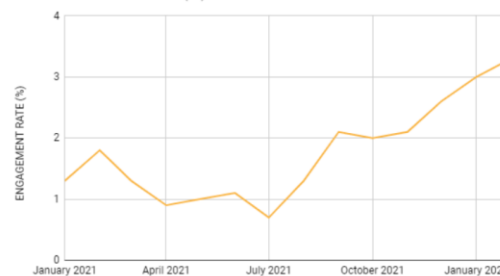
**195** Link Clicks

**69** Retweets

**113** Likes

FOLLOWERS

ENGAGEMENT RATE (%)

how interested audiences are in the content shared on our feed

- Increased posting frequency has had a positive effect on all metrics measured

- From Dec 2021 posting frequency has doubled (+50 posts per month) which accounts for increased follower growth and engagement in early 2022

- Average engagement rate for NGOs is 0.02-0.09% - The DSA Twitter is significantly out performing that

- Not only are we are seeing a growing follower base, but an increasingly more diverse one too: e.g. recent follows inc: Italian Association of Development Economists, SANEM, Hegoa Institutua, Olumidel DOWU, AI4DA
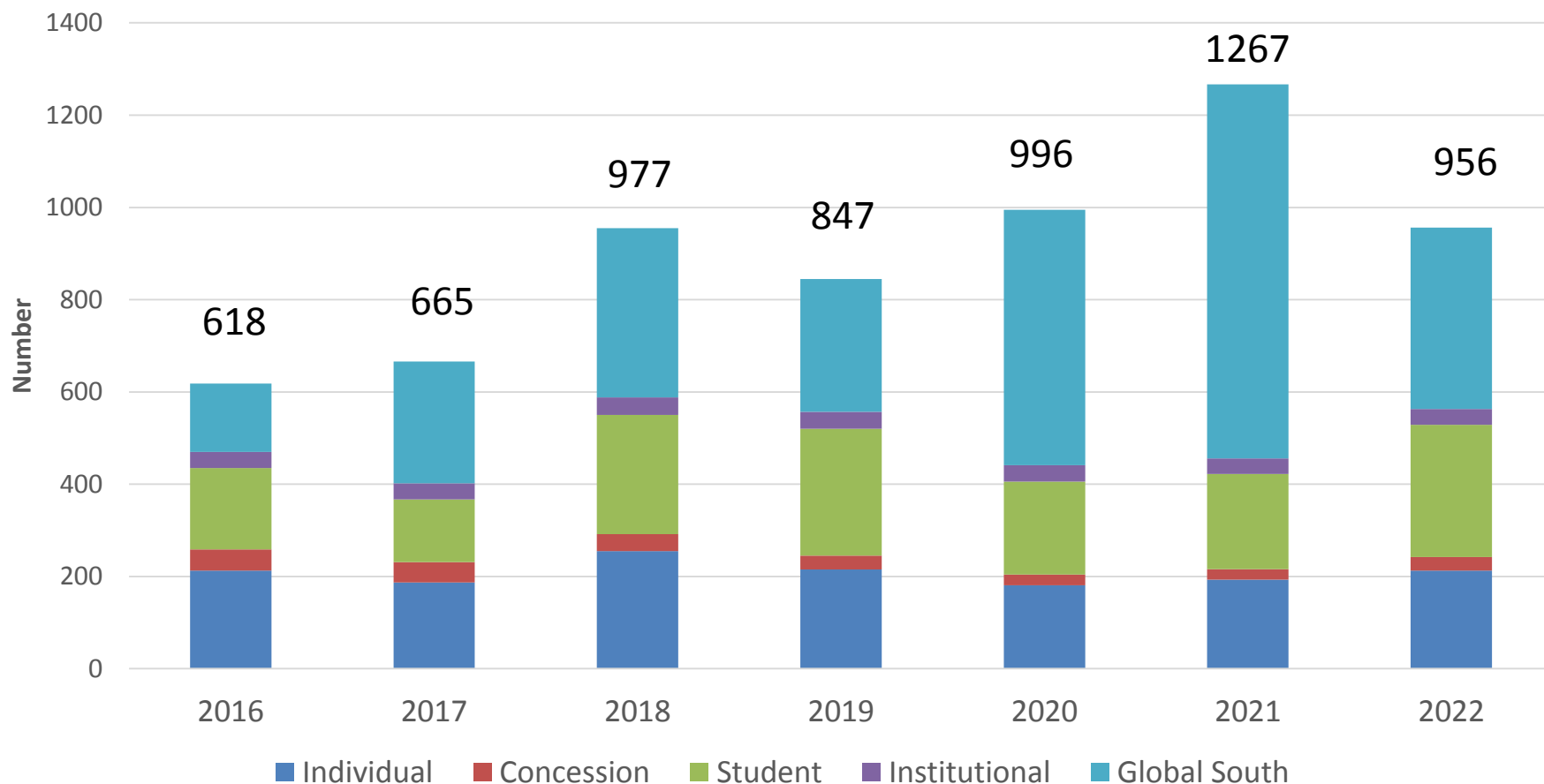
development studies association

With the exception of % follower increase, all numbers shown are a monthly average from Jan 2021 to Feb 2022

# President's Report II: Progress & plans against objectives

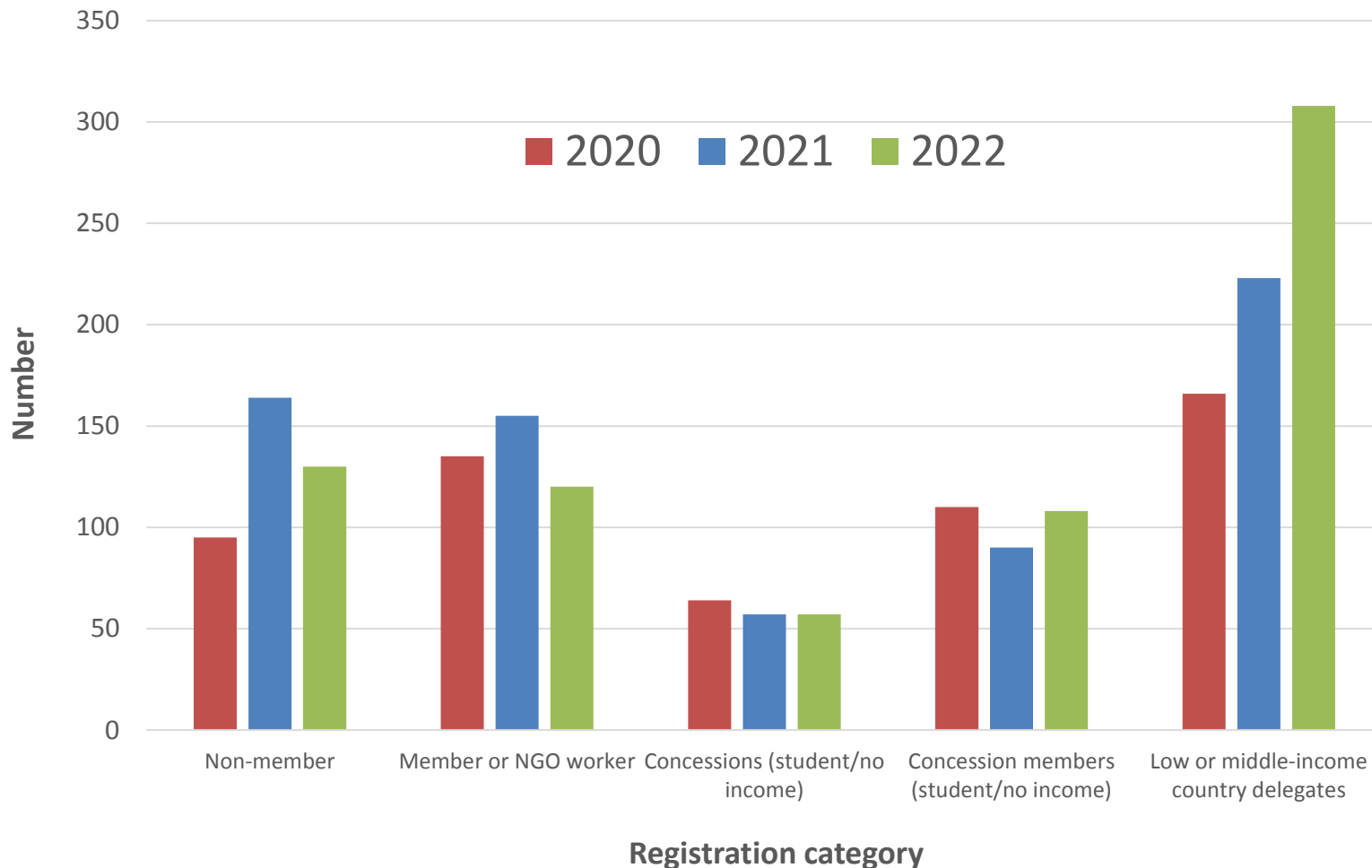| Objective | 2021-22 Progress | 2022-23 Plans (additional to continued 2021-22 activities) |
|---|---|---|
| *3. Build the institutional strength of the DSA* | New institutional members (WICID, BPI) Comms Manager New study groups | Invite new institutional members New/re-vitalised SGs |
| *4. Nurture the future of DS thro' support to students, ECRs and HE teachers* | Dissertation prize: new PhD prize ECR awards | Decolonising network and resources Review of ECR support strategy |
| *5. Promote greater EDI within the DS community* | gS: South-South mentoring; participation at DSA2022 EDI audit: method agreed, HoC support secured - £? | GS: GS publishing Decolonising: shared teaching, resources EDI audit implemented |

# Membership



**Membership breakdown**

- Individual
- Concession
- Student
- Institutional
- Global South

# Online conference attendance

Totals - DSA2020: 570    DSA2021: 711    DSA2022: 723

# PGT & PGR Prizes 2022

• DSA Masters Dissertation Prize

Winner – Joy Lin (IDS)

• DSA PhD Thesis Prize

Winner – Ikuno Naka (ODID)

Highly commended:
   Arie Ruhyanto (IDD, Birmingham)
   Elizabeth Storer (LSE)

# **Nominations & elections**

- For the two Council elected positions, we have just one nomination.

- For the one student representative position and

- For the one gS representative co-opted position available

  – we have a process in place for identifying replacements

# Candidate

- Rama Dieng (Edinburgh)

# Voting instructions

- We'll put up a Zoom poll with an opportunity to signal your approval (or not) for the nomination.

- We are posting to the chat the link to the candidate's bio and statement for you to read

# Any Other Business

# **And looking forward .....**

- DSA 2023
  *Crisis in the Anthropocene: rethinking connection and agency for development*

  University of Reading, 28 – 30 June.

  *Hope to see you all there in-person or online!*