

The SAAC-Kenya

*The following is **an account of major events and activities that took place in the year 2025 and over into 2026**. Over and above these highlights, it is important to note that the members, mainly trainers of trainers, had numerous interactions with teachers, parents/caregivers, Disability service providers and persons who benefit from AAC as every small available opportunity was taken to create awareness about AAC.*

Date	Event details and Target group	Participants	Facilitators/animators
23 rd to 25 th January January 2025	Nairobi parents and caregivers AAC sensitization seminar at St Andrews Church Hall, Nairobi	33 Persons	Methu Arubina, Gloria. Lucy
17 th to 23 rd February, 2025	<i>Visit to SACEN Foundation Uganda</i> on invitation for a Sensitization Seminar involving parents and teachers at the BCK school of hope in Terego District.	35 participants including parents, teachers and SACEN-Uganda officials trained on the four AAC strategies advanced by SAAC- Kenya	Lucy Methu Arubina

3 rd -4 th April 2025	AAC sensitization seminar for <i>SNE teachers and EARC/CSO's</i> at NURU Palace, Nakuru	6 CSO's and 34 SNE teachers and	Methu Grace Lucy Arubina Gloria
30 th may 2025	Meeting with <i>leaders of organizations of and for PWDs</i> who may need to use AAC. Including the NCPWD,DTSK and CPSK	11 persons representing the various organizations and agencies	Makumi Asaph Methu Gloria
2 nd to 5 th june 2026	<i>Mr and Mrs Ole and Lisbeth Holst of SWB,Denmark</i> visited schools and units that had been sensitized on AAC usage in Nakuru	Nakuru workers Sp. Unit. Lanet special unit Njoro special school Nakuru hills special Pangani specialschoool	Methu Lucy Gloria
6 th june 2025	Saac-Kenya Nakuru officials and Mr. and Mrs Holst met with <i>Educational Assessment and Resource Centre officers/ Curriculum support Officers(CSOs) along with AAC model schools heads</i> . The meeting discussed and impressed on the CSO's to support the use of AAC in the schools	11 participants including EARC/CS officers and the Heads Pangani, Hills and N	Methu Grace Gloria Lisbeth Ole
6 th September 2025	Facilitation of an Online seminar on the importance and <i>generation of AAC Aids</i> for the Neurodiversity community with complex communication Needs.	33 online participants	The Differently Talented Society of Kenya (DTSK), Methu. Lucy Arubina,Gloria

10 th September 2025	Local resource Mobilization strategies webinar facilitated by CISU and The Kenya community Fund for development.(KCDF)	CISU Denmark partner organizations world over	Attended by: Methu Lucy Gloria
27 th September 2025	Facilitation of a physical seminar on the importance and <i>generation of AAC Aids for the Neurodiversity community</i> held at the Blessed house in Thika road Nairobi.	Over 30 Participants including parents of neurodiversity children and officials of Differently Talented Society of KTSK and Inclusion Development Partners	Methu Gloria Shared the time with EASY READ presentation by Inclusion and Development.
24 th November 2025	<i>Visit by Mr. Kim Jensen of CISU Denmark</i> on information gathering about the activities of SAAC-Kenya and understanding of the Kenyan special education concept. Visited two homes with individuals using AAC. Had encounter with Parents and their children who use AAC.	SAAC Officials <i>Mr. Wacania/Hills</i> <i>Mr. Richard Atuma Selected Parents and children from Hills and Pangani</i>	Methu Arubina Lucy Mark Grace.
25 th to 29 th January 2026.	<i>Visit to SAAC-Kenya by SACEN Uganda team</i> on an experience sharing trip. The Uganda team visited and interacted with AAC ToTs at Pangani and Nakuru Hills special schools. They also visited Workers and Lanet Special units in Nakuru. Apart from AAC they were keen on exploring and gaining insight about the	The Uganda Team comprised of: • Bakolo stella-Team leader, SACEN Official • Anzeti Bostus- Parent • Avako Gladys- Teacher • Aduru Rose- Parent	The Kenyan Facilitators: • David Methu: Coordinator • Gloria : Headteacher Pangani/AAC ToT • Wacania:Headteacher, Nakuru hills • Atuma: AAC ToT at Nakuru Hills • Jacqueline:AAC Tot at nakuru hills. • M/s Watuku-Incharge Workers unit. • Rose: Lanet Special Unit • G- Muthumbi-SAAC-Kenya Treasurer and Parent.,Tunaweza • Violet Mwoshi- Parent/ Pangani Staff

	structure and day today running of our Special schools and units		
31 st January 2026	<i>Society's Annual General meeting</i> held virtually: Key resolutions included: • Proposal for amendment of the constitution regarding the clause on categories of membership to allow accommodation of Groups including Parents and institutions. • Fundraiser event to be held to enable carrying out of mission activities now that there was no donor engaged. • Society to continue advocacy pursuit for full-fledged entrenchment of AAC content in schools and colleges curricular. • Launch of the society's published book titled "<i>Perspective on Augmentative and alternative communication</i>" to be scheduled as soon as significant partners/audience for the event are identified and ready.		
17 th march 2026	Methu visited a group called East Africa Women League (EAWL) on invitation by their chairman to give highlights on the Mission of SAAC-Kenya for 30 minutes. The group appreciated the initiative of the society in leveraging Inclusion of PWDs who live with complex communication challenges through availing a system for functional communication and promised future engagement for more insight on our AAC strategies.		

10 th April 2026	A Special General meeting was held virtually: Mainly explored Grants applications to fund camps for AAC users, their parents/caregivers. These camps to take the perspective of sessions of AAC training and practice also provide opportunity to share experiences and evaluate the proficiency of various AAC methods. The camps, if funds are available, would initially be held in major centres across counties
14 th & 21 st April 2026	Methu gave 30 minutes talks on each of two consecutive Tuesdays to members of the Rotary club of Nakuru at the club's weekly fellowship giving highlights on the Mission of SAAC-Kenya. The talks began with a presentation on the topic: 'Understanding Neuro-diverse disabilities' highlighting on characteristics and educational as well as social implications including communication needs. Then, highlighted on the AAC methods that have been developed by SAAC-Kenya as well as progress made so far in propagating the Use AAC in the Kenyan special schools and amongst parents as well as professional service providers. The club members appreciated the initiative of the society in leveraging Inclusion of PWDs who live with complex communication challenges through availing a system for functional communication and promised future engagement for more insight on our AAC Methods.
15 th to 16 th April 2026	Lucy Wangombe visited BCK School of Hope in Terego district Uganda and conducted successful 2-day training on the SAAC-Kenya flagship AAC methods on invitation by SACEN Uganda.

27 th June 2026	A special meeting was held to assess work in progress regarding the resolutions of the AGM The book launch event was scheduled to be held in August 2026 along with the fundraiser activity..
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