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Dear Kennedy
Cc: Michael Spiro, Bruce McKellar, IUPAP office

We participated in the workshop organised by the Abdus Salam ICTP and the newly launched East African Institute for Fundamental Research in Kigali this week on *Reviving the African Physical Society (AfPS)*.

There was agreement that the Society did not achieve its expectations over the course of the past eight years. Prof Francis Allotey's sad demise has prompted us to reflect on the AfPS in order to define a roadmap for strengthening the organization to realize his dream. Prof Ahmadou Wagué, who was Vice President, has now formally assumed the presidency. It was decided to view the next two years as an interim period, and an Interim Council was constituted under the leadership of President Wagué. The task of the Interim Council is to place the AfPS on a more sustainable footing. It is anticipated that there will be structural changes, and changes to the constitution, goals, etc. All of this will culminate in a General Assembly planned for late 2020 when the newly conceptualised AfPS will be launched.

Regards,
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