

# Global Anaesthesia, Surgery and Obstetric Collaboration (GASOC)

## An update from the anaesthetic representatives

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GASOC represents over 1500 surgical, anaesthetic and obstetric trainees with an interest in promoting the global health agenda. Our goal is to increase ethical and effective trainee engagement in global surgery activity and, in doing so, strengthen the partnerships that we have with colleagues in resource-constrained settings and improve outcomes for patients through improved training.

### Tanzania Anaesthesia Workshop

This was the fourth Anaesthesia Workshop run in conjunction with VRiMS ([Virtual Reality in Medicine and Surgery](#)). Previous workshops have run in Uganda (2023), Cameroon (2024) and Zambia (2024). Our workshop ran over three days with 30 candidates each day and included teaching about advanced airway techniques and ultrasound-guided regional anaesthesia. The course ran with an all-African faculty (made up of colleagues from Cameroon, Zambia and Tanzania). After the workshop, participants received mentorship support from local anaesthetists with management of clinical cases in Mbeya.

### Research webinar series

We kickstarted 2025 with a joint research webinar series, run with colleagues from EADP (Ethiopia Anaesthesia Development Project) and OUGSG (Oxford University Global Surgery Group). The Ethiopian team highlighted the lack of formal research methodology teaching. Key areas covered included basic research methodology and qualitative and quantitative research with a focus on performing research in resource-constrained settings. We ran the course over Zoom with anaesthetic residents attending and had international speakers running the interactive virtual sessions.

### Global Anaesthesia stream at the Association of Anaesthetists' Resident Doctors' conference

In June, we hosted the Global Anaesthesia stream at the Association of Anaesthetists' Resident Doctors' conference in London. This session looked at the landscape of global surgery, with our Ethiopian and Zambian colleagues sharing an insight into the life of a resident doctor in the global south. Catch up on the Association's Learn app!

### GASOC International Conference 2025

Our 10-year anniversary hybrid conference will be held in Glasgow, Scotland on 24–25 October 2025!

With the theme 'Engage, Empower, Elevate: 10 Years of Global Surgery', we invite you to partner with us to shape the future of Global Surgery, helping to foster a more equitable, sustainable and collaborative approach to surgical and anaesthetic care worldwide.

Take this opportunity to submit abstracts on global anaesthesia projects and subjects and stand a chance to win a prize; abstracts close 1 August 2025!

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