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- a) Strengthen and diversify cooperation among individuals and organizations in the student affairs and services field worldwide.
- b) Promote the student affairs and services profession at the international level through advocacy with governmental and higher education organizations, networking and sharing information among practitioners and student groups, and encouraging highquality preparation and professional development programs.
- c) Provide a platform for the improvement of multi and intercultural communication and understanding.
- d) Promote the welfare of students in higher education worldwide through collaboration with international governmental and non-governmental organizations and addressing such issues as access, retention, quality, student rights, and the cost of higher education.

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IASAS Website: <http://www.iasasonline.org>

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