



**ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES  
ASSOCIATION DES UNIVERSITES AFRICAINES  
اتحاد الجامعات الإفريقية**

## **ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES (AAU)**

### **ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD (2021 – 2025)**

#### **RULES AND NOMINATION FORM**

##### **General Conditions in Accordance with AAU Bye-Laws**

###### **Bye-Law 7**

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

(1) Six months before a General Conference, the Secretary-General shall call for nominations from members of the Association for the positions of President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Governing Board.

(2) Each nomination for the position of President or Vice-President shall be seconded by at least five members of the Association, and that of a member of the Governing Board by at least two members.

###### **Bye-Law 8**

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

(1) An Elections Committee of five (5) members, other than Associate members and observers, shall be constituted by the Governing Board on a recommendation from the President before the start of the General Conference.

(2) The Elections Committee shall vet the nominations and, in consultation with the regional caucuses, propose candidates for the election of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Governing Board.

(3) In proposing candidates for the election, the Elections Committee shall take into account regional representation, gender balance and continuity in the membership of the Governing Board.

(4) In all cases for the election, voting, when necessary, shall be by secret ballot.

(5) Once a person has been elected onto the Governing Board, that person continues to be a member of the Board even if the person ceases to be the head of the institution of membership, so long as the person remains a member of that institution.

### **Other Key Issues**

1. Nominations for election to the positions of President, Vice-President and Member of the Governing Board of the Association of African Universities shall be invited from members of the Association in accordance with the Association's Constitution and Bye-Laws.
2. Only serving Executive Heads of members of the Association in good standing, and present at the General Conference, are eligible for election as President, Vice-President, Members or Alternate Members of the Governing Board
3. Beside the election of the President and three Vice Presidents, the General Conference elects eleven Members and eleven Alternate Members of the Governing Board for a term of four years.
4. Members of the outgoing Governing Board who have held office for two consecutive periods between General Conferences are not eligible for re-election as Governing Board Members.
5. The outgoing President is not eligible for re-election but will be a Member of the new Governing Board for one term only.
6. The President-nominee and the Secretary-General shall not come from the same country.
7. Nominations shall be submitted by the Executive Head of an AAU Member in good standing (not more than two years in arrears of membership subscription payments) and sent to the Secretary-General of the AAU, prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> General Conference to be held virtually on 5 – 8 July 2021.
8. All nominations shall include:
  - a. a brief curriculum vitae of the candidate
  - b. a signed letter of commitment to serve the Association.
9. Nominations for election to the office of **President** or **Vice President** shall be seconded by **at least five (5)** duly accredited representatives of members in good standing, who shall have secured the consent of the candidate and who shall not nominate more than one candidate.

10. All other nominations for election to the Governing Board shall be seconded by at **least two (2)** duly accredited representatives of members in good standing, who shall have secured the consent of the person nominated.

**Please Note:**

11. The Elections Committee shall vet the nominations from the valid candidates and, in consultation with the regional caucuses, propose candidates for election if there are insufficient candidates.
12. Where necessary, the Governing Board and the Election Committee may take measures to solicit additional nominations.
13. In the election of the President, the Vice-Presidents and Members of the Governing Board, regional representation and gender balance shall be taken into consideration.
14. Voting, when necessary, shall be by secret ballot. Each Member in good standing, and having a duly accredited representative actually present, shall have one vote. A representative may not exercise more than one vote despite the number of Members s/he may represent.
15. Where prevailing conditions disallow a physical meeting, voting shall be electronic with each qualified voter giving a unique code to vote.

**Deadline for Submission**

16. Duly accredited representatives of members of the Association in good standing shall be invited to submit their candidacy or make nominations for election to the office of President or Vice-President of the Association, by completing the online form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZCMYNS> no later than **20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.
17. Accredited representative of member institutions seconding candidates for the various positions are also to fill a separate online form, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DZS8VGZ> which requires them to among others, upload Letters of Consent no later than **20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

A copy of the online form is presented below for your information; however, all information should be submitted via the online links only. Should you encounter any challenge filling the form, please reach out to Mr. Tettey Enoch Kpani for Technical Assistance – Email - [tekpani@aau.org](mailto:tekpani@aau.org) | Phone Number - +233.203.448.704

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**NOMINATION FORM**

TITLE:            PROF .....    DR. ....    MR.....    MRS.....

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-region: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position Applying For (please tick):**

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Alternative Board Member</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Checklist (tick where complete):**

Brief Curriculum Vitae submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of Commitment submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of 1 <sup>st</sup> Secunder	
Institution:	
Contact Email:	
Name of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Secunder	
Institution:	
Contact Email:	
Name of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Secunder	
Institution:	
Contact Email:	
Name of 4 <sup>th</sup> Secunder	
Institution:	
Contact Email:	
Name of 5 <sup>th</sup> Secunder	
Institution:	
Contact Email:	