

May 11, 2023

To: Fellows of the African Academy of Sciences

RE: AAS GENERAL ELECTION FOR 2023 – 2026

The term of the current Governing Council of the African Academy of Sciences is coming to an end in June 2023. In view of this, the Council hereby announces commencement of the election season for the Academy.

The following are the elective positions of the Academy:

1. The President.
2. The Secretary General.
3. The Treasurer.
4. The Vice President for the Northern Africa Region.
5. The Vice President for the Eastern Africa Region.
6. The Vice President for the Western Africa Region.
7. The Vice President for the Southern Africa Region.
8. The Vice President for the Central Africa Region.

Timelines for the election have been outlined as follows:

#	Activity	Proposed Timelines
1.	Governing Council (GC) to make resolution to set up the Nomination and Election (NEC) Committee	March 24, 2023
2.	SG to issue notice of Elections to Fellows	2 nd week of May 2023
3.	Appointment of NEC and EDC members by GC and Announcement of the names and contact by SG	Deadline of 2 nd week of May 2023
4.	Expression of Interest to contest by the existing GC members	2 nd week of May 2023
5.	Signing of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest statements by NEC members	2 nd week of May
6.	Setting of modalities of conducting business, timelines and list of activities by NEC members	12 th May 2023
7.	Call for nominations and communication of the NEC guidelines and nomination forms to be sent out by NEC to AAS Fellows.	15 th May 2023
8.	Deadline AAS Fellows to submit nominations to NEC	29 th May 2023

9.	Selection and announcement of candidates to AAS Fellows by NEC	5 th June 2023
10.	Invitation by NEC to AAS Fellows to participate in the online voting (should include explanation on how to use the voting system)	On or before 12 th June 2023
11.	Voting period	12 th June to 24h00 EAT on 16 June 2023.
12.	Counting of votes and announcement of Election results by NEC	On or before June 26, 2023
12a.	Conflict resolution and finalization of results	By 3 rd July 2023
13.	Issuing appointment letters by NEC to elected candidates	By 4 th July 2023
14.	Handover meeting convened by NEC (joint meeting for outgoing and incoming GC)	By 11 th July 2023
15.	Final report by NEC to GC	Before 31 st December 2023
16.	Period between set-up of NEC and handover	Four months

All members are requested to note the announcement. For any clarifications please contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,



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The African Academy of Sciences**