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1. The process of election of the President and Vice President of the Pan African University (PAU) Council is based on the provisions of the Statute of the PAU as well as the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
2. It should be recalled that the Statute of the PAU were adopted by the Twentieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2012 and were amended by the Twenty-First Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in May 2013.
3. It should further be recalled that the PAU is a continental academic and research institution hosted by existing African institutions operating at graduate level. The PAU comprises five (5) institutes corresponding to the thematic areas as follows:
 - i) Space Sciences (Southern Africa)
 - ii) Water and Energy (including climate change) (Northern Africa)
 - iii) Life and Earth Sciences (including health and agriculture) (Western Africa)
 - iv) Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (Eastern Africa)
 - v) Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences (Central Africa)
4. The following three (3) institutes have been operationalized, having admitted its first batch of students in November 2012.
 - i) Life and Earth Sciences (including health and agriculture) located at University of Ibadan in Nigeria for West Africa
 - ii) Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation, located at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya for Eastern Africa
 - iii) Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences located at University of Yaoundé II in Cameroon for Central Africa
5. The fourth institute on Water and Energy (including climate change) located at University of Tiemcen in Algeria for North Africa is in the process of being operationalized. The Assembly is yet to decide on the hosting of the institute of space sciences.
6. Article 7 of the Statute of PAU provides for the establishment of the PAU Council. The PAU Council shall be the highest governing body and shall have oversight of the policy, finances and properties of the PAU. Under Article 7 (4), it is provided that the PAU Council shall be composed of twenty-eight (28) members including the President and Vice President.
7. In terms of Article 7 (5) of the Statute of PAU, “the Executive Council shall elect the President and Vice President of the PAU Council from a list of five (5) candidates who should be citizens of the AU member States presented by the Bureau of the COMEDAF or STC in charge of education”. Council members shall serve for a three (3) year term renewable only once.

8. During the January 2014 Summit, the Executive Council in its decision EX.CL/Dec.812 (XXIV) considered the requirement of the PAU Statute on the nomination of candidates for the President and Vice President for the PAU Council. The Executive Council expressed concern on the slow response from the members of the Bureau of COMEDAF in nominating their regional candidates for the PAU Council. In this regard, the Executive Council decided that the Commission should identify competent regional candidates in consultation with COMEDAF Bureau Members and submit the list of potential candidates during the June 2014 Summit.

9. In conformity with the above decision, the Commission had requested Member States to nominate eminent personalities to be considered for the presidency or vice presidency of the PAU Council. The list of candidates was submitted to COMEDAF VI during its meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 21 to 25 April 2014. During the COMEDAF VI meeting, COMEDAF requested the Commission to identify an eminent African of outstanding academic and social profile to be the PAU Council President and serve as PAU patron or sponsor in order to enhance the image of the PAU and attract resources. In view of this, the Commission noted the need to amend the PAU Statute on the appointment of the PAU President. Consequently, a draft decision has been submitted for the consideration of the policy organs of the Union. If the decision to amend the PAU Statute is made by the policy organs, the election of the President will not be conducted.

10. Regarding the election and appointment of the Vice President of the PAU Council, COMEDAF VI requested its Bureau to go through the list of candidates submitted by the Commission and to nominate one (1) candidate per region.

11. The Executive Council should note that the voting procedure specified in Rule 38 of the Executive Council is applicable to all elections conducted by the Executive Council (See Rule 38 (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council)

12. In accordance with the practices of the Union, the Executive Council must ensure merit and competence as well as gender equality in electing the President or Vice President of the PAU Council

13. Upon the election of the President and Vice President, the Executive Council will thereafter recommend the elected members for appointment to the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly

14. The candidatures for the election of the Vice President of the PAU Council are the following:

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