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1. The process of election of the Vice President of the Pan African University (PAU) Council is based on the provisions of the Revised Statute of the PAU and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. It should be recalled that the Revised Statute of the PAU was adopted by the Twenty Sixth Ordinary Session of the Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2016 vide decision Assembly/AU/Dec.589 (XXVI).

3. Under Article 6 (2) of the Revised Statute of the PAU, it is provided 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. Article 8 of the Revised Statute of PAU provides for the establishment of the PAU Council. The PAU Council is the highest governing body and it has oversight of the policy, finances and properties of the PAU. Under Article 9 (1) of the Revised Statute, it is provided that the PAU Council shall be composed of, inter alia, the President and Vice President.

5. In terms of Article 9 (2) of the Revised Statute, “the Executive Council shall elect the President and Vice President of the PAU Council from a list of five (5) candidates presented by the Bureau of the STC [on Education, Science and Technology]. The candidates presented shall be citizens of AU Member States.” Regarding the term of office of Council Members, Article 10 (1) of the Revised Statute provides that PAU Council members shall serve for a three (3) year term renewable only once.

6. The Commission would like to recall that following the expiry of the term of office of Prof. Tolly S. Mbwete (Tanzania) and Prof. Paulo Horacio de Sequeira de Carvalho (Angola) as President and Vice President of the PAU Council who were appointed in January 2015, the Executive Council under Decision EX.CL/Dec.1004 (XXII) adopted in January 2018, elected Mr. NZINZI Pierre Dominique (Gabon) (Central Region) as President of the PAU Council for a three (3) year term and recommended him for appointment by the Assembly. The Thirtieth Ordinary Session of the Assembly appointed

Mr. NZIZI Pierre Dominique and decided that the Vice President of the PAU Council be elected during the Thirty-Three Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in June 2018.

7. In this regard, the Commission informed the Bureau of the STC on Education, Science and Technology of the election of the Vice President of the PAU Council and requested the Members of the Bureau from the **Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Regions**[1] to undertake consultations in their respective regions in order to identify one (1) suitable candidate from each region. Considering that the PAU Council is the highest governing body of the PAU, the Commission further informed the Bureau that the nominated candidates must possess a significant and relevant experience with a good track record in running and managing universities.

8. The Commission would like to remind the Member States that during the election of the President of the Pan African University Council in January 2018, the Executive Council deliberated and decided that only candidates submitted in accordance with Article 9 (2) of the Revised Statute of the Pan African University would be considered during elections.

9. It should be recalled 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).

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

11. The Executive Council will recommend the elected Vice President of the PAU Council to the Thirty-First Ordinary Session of the Assembly for appointment for a term of three (3) years.

12. The candidatures received from the Bureau of the STC on Education, Science and Technology for the post of Vice President of the Pan African University Council are the following:

NO	NAME	GENDER	COUNTRY	REGION
1	Salif GAYE	Male	Senegal	Western
2	Nthabiseng Audrey OGUDE	Female	South Africa	Southern

[1] The President of the PAU Council is from the Central Region.

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