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ALL-AFRICA STUDENTS UNION

# 54<sup>TH</sup> ELECTIVE CONGRESS



## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



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# PREAMBLE

The All-Africa Students Union (AASU) held its 13th Elective Congress in 2021, in Accra, Ghana, in a hybrid format (voting both in-person and online). In line with the constitutional requirement of a four-year electoral cycle, we now commence the processes toward the 14th Elective Congress. This Call for Nominations formally opens the path for eligible member unions to present candidates for leadership in service to Africa's student movement.

The Electoral Commission is committed to delivering elections that are free, fair, transparent, and inclusive. To that end, the conduct of candidates and member unions must adhere strictly to the Election Guidelines and to the letter and spirit of AASU's Constitution. Campaigns must be issue-based and dignified, eschewing intimidation, misinformation, hate speech, inducement, or any form of malpractice. The Commission will enforce the rules impartially and apply appropriate remedies where violations occur.

Voting shall be conducted online, using secure accreditation and verified credentials. Only financially compliant member unions may nominate candidates, vote, and be voted for. Candidates are reminded that all information submitted is subject to verification; false declarations are grounds for disqualification or subsequent removal.

AASU's strength rests in its diversity. We therefore encourage nominations that reflect our continental breadth and values, with particular attention to gender balance, service leadership, the inclusion of persons with disabilities, and equitable regional representation. Communications will be facilitated in English, French, and Portuguese to ensure broad participation.

The Electoral Commission counts on the full cooperation of all member unions, partners, and observers. Together, let us uphold the highest standards of governance and ensure a seamless transition that equips the next administration to serve effectively from day one.

We invite you to study this Call in detail, respect the timelines and requirements therein, and engage the Commission promptly for clarifications where needed. May this 14th Elective Congress strengthen our common purpose and renew our commitment to students across Africa.

Electoral Commission  
14th Elective Congress  
All-Africa Students Union (AASU)

## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

### Executive Committee



President



Vice President  
for Central Africa



Executive Committee Member  
for Central Africa



Deputy  
President



Vice President  
for Southern Africa



Executive Committee Member  
for Southern Africa



Vice President  
for West Africa



Executive Committee Member  
for West Africa



Vice President  
for Eastern Africa



Executive Committee Member  
for Eastern Africa



Vice President  
for Northern Africa



Executive Committee Member  
for Northern Africa

### Secretariat Officers



Secretary General



Secretary for Press  
and Information



Deputy Secretary General



Secretary for Gender  
and Affirmative Action



Secretary for Finance  
and Administration



Secretary for Education  
and Students' Rights

The AASU logo is positioned on the left side of the header banner. It consists of a white silhouette of the African continent with a red flame and an open book inside it, set against a red background.

## DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVES AND OFFICERS

### President

- Shall be the head of the Executive.
- Shall call and preside over the Congress.
- Shall ensure harmony within the organisation.

### Deputy President

- Shall deputise the President.
- In the absence of the President due to any reason, the Deputy President shall assume office as the Acting President.

### Regional Vice Presidents (for West, Central, East, South, North Africa)

- Serve as the official representatives of AASU in their regions, provide political and strategic direction, and engage with governments, student unions, regional bodies, and other stakeholders.
- Plan, coordinate, and deliver AASU activities, campaigns, and projects at the regional level, ensuring alignment with continental priorities and effective participation of member unions.
- Strengthen relations with national student organisations, facilitate communication and collaboration, lead advocacy on key issues such as education, student rights, gender equity, and climate action, and amplify the voices of students.
- Track developments affecting students in the region, confirm and prepare regional delegates for Congresses and Assemblies, provide regular updates, and submit activity and financial reports to the Secretariat.
- Identify and pursue partnerships and funding opportunities to sustain regional activities, mediate disputes among member unions, and promote unity and solidarity within the region.

## **Executive Committee Members**

### **(for West, Central, East, South, North Africa)**

- Executive Committee Members serve as key support to the Regional Vice Presidents, helping to coordinate and implement AASU's activities, campaigns, and projects across the regions.

## **Secretary General**

- Shall be the Executive/Administrative Officer and also the Chief spokesperson of the Union.
- Shall preside over all secretariat meetings.
- Shall be the main signatory to all monetary transactions of the organization.
- Shall be responsible for co-operation with governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Shall have a casting vote during Secretariat meetings.
- At the regional level, the Secretary General will be represented by the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG).
- At the national level, the Secretary General will be represented by the Under-Secretary General.

## **Deputy Secretary General**

- Shall assist the Secretary General in the execution of his/her duties.
- Shall act as the Secretary General in the absence of the latter.
- Shall formulate and write projects and programmes to be undertaken by AASU.
- Shall be head of Programmes and Project Department.

## Secretary for Press and Information



- Shall be in charge of publicity regarding the organisation.
- Shall ensure good public image of the organization.
- Shall, in consultation with the Secretary General, prepare and issue releases on the organisation's activities.
- Shall be chairperson of the editorial board.

## Secretary for Education and Students' Rights



- Monitoring student rights violations in the world, particularly in Africa.
- Initiating AASU programmes on education including literacy and the reform and democratization of education.
- Explore and propose means and ways by which students' rights and interests can be promoted and protected.

## Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action



- Shall provide brief updates on the development of gender-related issues in the region.
- Shall promote girl-child education and equal access to education for girls.
- Shall organise seminars, workshops, conferences and other activities aimed at enabling women to become equal partners with men in development efforts.
- Shall monitor and report on gender-related project issues.
- Shall formulate and lead the Union's gender-related efforts and/or campaigns.

## Secretary for Finance and Administration



- Shall collect all monies due to the organisation.
- Shall keep an up-to-date financial account of the organisation.
- Shall mobilise resources for the organisation.
- Shall give a written financial report to the Congress.
- Shall be a co-signatory to any financial transaction of the organisation.



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### All nominees must:

- Belong to a member organization of AASU
- Be a current student of a recognised Higher Education Institution in Africa, or has graduated within the last 12 months.
- Be a citizen of an African country recognised by the United Nations.
- Not have any criminal record.
- Have verifiable leadership experience.
  - **President and Secretary General** positions require prior national-level leadership experience.
- Be nominated by a full or associate AASU member organisation in good financial standing.
- Submit all required documents before the stated deadline.

## REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Candidates must demonstrate leadership qualities and technical competencies relevant to the position they seek. These include:

### Leadership and Personal Competence

- Integrity, resilience, and accountability
- Commitment to Pan-Africanism and the student movement
- Experience in leadership roles, especially in student or youth organisations
- Ability to work in multicultural, multilingual environments

### Strategic and Analytical Thinking

- Visionary thinking and ability to develop strategic plans
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Knowledge of current educational, political, and youth-related issues on the continent



**Organisational and Administrative Capacity**

- Ability to organise and manage programs, projects, and campaigns
- Financial oversight and fundraising (especially for Finance and Admin roles)
- Experience with documentation, reporting, and institutional communication

**Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

- Effective oral and written communication (multilingualism is an asset)
- Ability to engage constructively with stakeholders, institutions, and fellow students
- Advocacy skills and conflict resolution

**Commitment to Gender Equity and Inclusivity**

- Understanding of gender rights, minority rights, and inclusion practices
- Willingness to promote the leadership of women and underrepresented groups

## ELECTORAL TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Opening of Nominations	8th September 2025
Deadline for Submission	27th September 2025
Publication of Eligible Candidates	29th September 2025
Voting	3rd October 2025
Announcement of Results	3rd October 2025

## NOMINATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Completed Nomination Form (signed and stamped)
2. Nominee Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. 300–500 word personal profile of nominee, with a brief summary of nominee's background, education, accomplishments, interests, experience and competencies.
4. 1000–1500 word manifesto, including your strategic plans to complete the tasks/-main duties of the position you are applying for
5. Passport-size photo
6. Introductory letter from the nominee's Higher Education Institution or Proof of Graduation within 12 months.
7. A letter of nomination on letter-headed paper, signed and stamped by a recognised member union of AASU in good financial standing.

**The nomination letter should be addressed to:**

**The Secretariat**

**All-Africa Students Union (AASU)**

**No 8 Finch Street, New Road**

**Madina, Accra-Ghana**

### SUBMISSION DETAILS

All completed nomination documents should be submitted via email to:

Email: [14electivecongress@aasuonline.org](mailto:14electivecongress@aasuonline.org)

Email Subject Line: Nomination – [Position] – [Full Name]

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