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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UAPS 2016 COUNCIL ELECTION

BACKGROUND

In line with the constitution of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), the election of the next Council will take place during the Union's General Assembly at the 7th African Population Conference to be held in Johannesburg between November 30 - December 4, 2015.

In order to provide more time for UAPS members to explore various candidates and enhance efficiency in identifying suitable candidates to vie for various positions on the Council, the UAPS Council and the Nominating Committee would like to open the nomination process ahead of the 7th African Population Conference.

1. OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2016 ELECTIONS

1. The Vice President (Francophone)
As per Article 9 of the UAPS Constitution, "the President and the Vice-President shall not be of the same linguistic community" thus a Francophone.
2. The Secretary General
3. The Treasurer
4. The Representative for Central Africa
5. The Representative of West Africa
6. The representative of East Africa
7. The Representative of Southern Africa
8. The representative of North Africa (Maghreb)
9. Editor for the UAPS' African Population Studies journal (The AGM will discuss a proposal to stop subjecting this position to elections and let the Council appoint the editor)

More details about the responsibilities of the Council members, as defined in the constitution, are reproduced below.

2. KEY QUALIFICATIONS

To be officially nominated for election for any position in UAPS Council, the candidate must fulfill the following:

1. Must have been a fully paid up member of UAPS for at least 2 years, including 2015
2. Must be nominated by a minimum of five (5) fully paid up members of UAPS from different countries.
3. Must have strong interest and passion in contributing to enhancing the effectiveness of UAPS and be prepared to commit ample time to fulfill the designated responsibilities for the position he/she is vying for.
4. Must be a renowned expert to peers in his/her area of specialization in the population and development field.

3. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates should submit an application via email to the UAPS Secretariat (uaps@uaps-uepa.org) with the Subject Heading “**Nomination for 2016 Council Elections**”.

The application should contain the following information:

1. Full name,
2. Institution and Position,
3. Date of Registration as UAPS Member
4. Position for which he/she is applying
5. Brief biography (maximum 300 words)
6. Brief motivation for the application, stating what the applicant wishes to accomplish if elected (maximum 300 words).
7. Personal details (Full Name, Institution and Position; and Date of Registration as UAPS member; Email address; Phone Number) and signatures of the five nominating members.

Candidates who fail to include all the required information will be disqualified.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 27th November 2015

REVIEW OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Applications will be reviewed by the Nomination Committee, which has been appointed by the UAPS Council and will be chaired by the immediate Past President of UAPS, as provided for in the constitution. The Committee will verify that each candidate meet the required qualifications, and has provided all the application information. It will take the ultimate responsibility for determining the final list of candidates to be listed on the ballot paper for elections, and function as the returning officers during the actual elections to be held during the forthcoming General Assembly.

The 2016 **Nominating Committee** consists of the following individuals:

1. Dr. Eliya Zulu (Chair)
2. Dr. Jean Christophe Fotso (Representative of Central Africa)
3. Dr. Lazare Sika (Representative of West Africa)
4. Dr. Moses Yovani Lubaale (Representative of East Africa)
5. Dr. Leon Swartz (Representative of Southern Africa)
6. Dr. Jalila Attafi (Representative of North Africa)

Article 11 (old article 8)

Powers and obligations of Council Members

President shall:

- 1. Preside over all meetings of the Council and the General Assembly.*
- 2. Be responsible for the Union. He/she is assisted by other Council members and the Secretariat.*
- 3. Act on behalf of Council in signing legal documents and contracts (e.g. contract for the Executive Director) or in case of emergency when decisions need to be made quickly.*
- 4. Ensure that Council, Bureau and General Assembly meetings take place as required by the Constitution or agreed upon by the Council.*
- 5. Support the Secretariat to mobilize resources for the Union.*
- 6. Delegate duties to any member of Council as he/she deems necessary.*
- 7. Work closely with the Executive Director to ensure that activities of the Union are implemented according to approved work plans and budgets.*

Vice-President shall:

- 1. Deputize for the President in his or her absence*
- 2. Be the chair of the African Population Conference and other scientific activities of the Union.*
- 3. Undertake any other duties or activities delegated to him/her by the President and/or the Council.*

Secretary-General shall:

- 1. Be the custodian of minutes of the General Assembly, Council and other official meetings.*
- 2. Communicate with members on issues relating to the Union or oversee such communications from the Secretariat.*
- 3. Assist the President to implement decisions of the Council and the General Assembly.*
- 4. Prepare reports on the activities of the Union in collaboration with the Secretariat.*
- 5. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly.*

Treasurer shall:

- 1. Supervise the accounts and finances of the Union.***
- 2. Prepare and present financial reports of the Union to the General Assembly.***
- 3. In collaboration with the Executive Director, in exceptional cases be signatory to cheques in the absence of the responsible program officers.***
- 4. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly.***

Regional Representatives shall:

- 1. Promote activities of the Union within the region they represent.***
- 2. Mobilize members in their respective regions and update them of development in the Union.***
- 3. Collect membership dues in their regions, when the need arises, and forward the amounts to Headquarters.***
- 4. Create, maintain and update regularly a data base of members within their regions.***
- 5. Facilitate networking and collaboration among members and with national and regional population associations within their regions.***
- 6. Identify and register new members subject to the ratification of the Council;***
- 7. Represent UAPS in national and regional population activities in their regions.***
- 8. Ensure communication and co-ordination of activities of the Union within their regions.***
- 9. Report to Council all regional population activities.***
- 10. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly.***