



PRESS RELEASE ON CALL FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

The **Africa Private Sector Summit [APSS]** has in furtherance to resolutions reached by its Board to restructure and update its EcoSystem based on very successful years of collaboration with other continental agencies from early 2020 to date, here-in announces a **call for nominations to its [a] Advisory Board and [b] Executive Board** respectively, **by Africa's 5 + 1 Regions as listed here-in.**

Context on APSS Mandate

The **Africa Private Sector Summit (APSS)** is a **Non-Profit, Non Partisan, Pan-African Private Sector Continental Think (Do) Tank organization** that convenes the private sector, public sector, CSO, Labour and Academia from Africa and the Diaspora, to advocate for favourable governance, legal, regulatory, policy, commercial, trade and investment environment which promote business, investment and trade in Africa at the back of Regional Economic Communities [REC]s' protocols and especially drawing from the spark-plug of the African Continental Free Trade Area [AfCFTA]. As a Facilitating 'Think Tank' body, APSS focuses on enablers that propel the implementation of protocols of Regional Economic Communities [RECs] and the African Continental Free Trade Area [AfCFTA] agreement, to deliver the Africa we want, within an Ecosystem of multilayered partnerships with continental policy advocacy bodies including the Pan African Chamber of Commerce & Industry [PACCI], Africa Business Council [ABC], Trade, Business and Manufacturing Associations and others.

Based on various activities with partners and sponsors as well as APSS serving on various continental panels, it now has a ***Draft Charter on Private Sector Development Rights and Protection Environment in Africa [a.k.a Private Sector Bill of Rights for an Enabling Business Environment in Africa]***. The plan is to engage in multi-layered **Experts' Pre-Consultation and Buy-in Engagements with Public and Private Sector – National, Regional and Continental Bodies, Stakeholders and Influencers to feedback on the emerging Charter and work towards getting** regional validation of the Charter via regional summits, and a continental ratification summit led by PACCI as well as aspirational adoption at the AU Head of States Summit, led by the ABC.

These opportunities have informed a major restructuring for APSS, thus this call for nominations.

Call for Nominations

The **Africa Private Sector Summit [APSS]** is calling on the business community and professional associations, stakeholders and the general public to nominate two candidates by the 5+1 regions listed below, for consideration to serve as **Non-Executive Directors** on the **Executive Board** restructured Africa Private Sector Summit. The **nominees must be resident in the regions so designated** for their nomination.

The regions are:

- North Africa Region
 - South Africa Region
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- East Africa Region
- West Africa Region
- Central Africa Region
- African Diaspora Region [Eco-6 Region]

** Special attention to inclusion of a candidate from a Lusophone country

APSS Structure as emerging will consist of:

1. **An Advisory Board**, that has a Chairman, and consists of APSS Founders and non-partisan notable business leaders, academicians, leaders of thought, bureaucrats, former ambassadors, heads of states, heads of provincial or subnational governments, retired professionals of repute with passion for Africa and pan-African Agenda, philanthropists etc. Advisory Board members are not remunerated. Only approved travels costs in the course of duty by project, are reimbursed. Tenure based [3 years each], renewable 2x. APSS Advisory Board Members are considered APSS Ambassadors [open doors for APSS globally, provide experience, raise funds and advise].
2. **An Executive Board**, Chaired by the Chair of the Advisory Board with support of a member of the Advisory Board. The executive Board will consist of a Chief Executive Officer, an Executive Director and Non-Executive Directors, as announced here-in. The Non-Executive Directors should ideally be technocrats and business leaders in Trade and Investments, Diplomacy, Convening, Education, Logistics, Health, Technology, Infrastructure, Policy formulation and Execution, etc. Non-Executive Director roles are not remunerated. Only approved travel costs in the cost of duty by project, are reimbursed. Tenure based [3 years each], renewable 2x. APSS Non-Executive Directors lead assigned regional block initiatives in thematic areas, ensure technical relevance and constituent inclusion, with customisation.
3. **An Executive team** of APSS as led by the Chief Executive Officer, supported by the Executive Director, who handles the operations with support of Project Manager[s]. Within the executive team are the Treasurer, the Company Secretary and the Legal Adviser, Project Manager[s] by specific termed contracts, on convening arrangements with applicable Non-Disclosure Non-Circumvention bases. Interns and Research Scholars are by project and on project-linked term basis.

Nationality & Residence Requirements:

The ideal candidate for any of these positions [Advisory Board and Executive Board], must be of **African descent or a dual citizen of countries with African ancestry**. Candidates who have lived in Africa for upwards of 15 years and/or have owned and run a business on the continent for at least 10 years during which s/he has lived and worked on the continent for a minimum of 5 years. **African Diaspora nominee candidates and Advisory Board nominees do not require the current residency in Africa criteria.**

Language:

Candidates for **Advisory Board** and **Executive Board** roles will be required to commute and network across the continent, which is geographically diverse. To this end, candidates will be required to be able to communicate in one or more of Africa's diverse lingua franca (English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Swahili) and any other indigenous African language.

Experience:

Ideal candidates that are regional block nominees should be a citizen and a resident who have lived in the nominating region for upwards of 15 years and/or have owned and run a business on the continent for at least 10 years during which he/she has lived and worked anywhere on the continent for a minimum of 5 years.

Submission of Nominations by email to:

The APSS Board Recruitment Committee, C/o The APSS CEO
by email at Board@africaprivatesectorsummit.org
cc: Lucy@africaprivatesectorsummit.org

Duration of opening: Monday, 11th to Midnight [CAT] on Monday 25th September, 2023.

Signed: September 9, 2023.



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