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The Africa Private Sector Summit (APSS) Announces Leadership Transitions and Strengthens Governance Structure for Higher Continental Impact

Accra, Ghana [14 November 2025] – The Africa Private Sector Summit (APSS) has announced leadership transitions as decided at its Joint Executive and Advisory Board meeting held on Tuesday, 11th November 2025, to address recent developments in its leadership transitions and to reinforce its organizational structure for enhanced continental impact.

It may be recalled that in August 2023, Dr. Lucy Surhyel Newman joined APSS as CEO. Thereafter, APSS announced a new structure that saw the creation of three levels of governance - the Advisory Board, the Executive Board and the Executive Committee respectively. Based on this restructuring, in November 2023, the APSS Founder Mr. Judson Wendell Addy, stepped down as Chair of the former APSS Board to become a member of the APSS Advisory Board, while Dr. Benjamin Acheampong, an APSS co-founder stayed on the APSS Advisory Board as Member and Prof. Sam Ndogo, a co-founder of APSS stayed on the APSS Executive Board as Member. Consequently, at the AfCFTA / APSS Joint Side Private Sector Event at IATF2023 in Cairo Egypt, Mr. Judson Wendell Addy handed the gavel to Professor Kingsley Moghalu, as Chair of both the Advisory Board and Executive Boards of the APSS. In furtherance to the 2023 re-alignments in structure and governance arrangements, another level of leadership transition has been concluded, to enable the APSS deepen its continental reach in furtherance to its mandate as a private pan African non partisan non profit organisation.

The APSS is delighted to report that the Joint Advisory and Executive Board has at its meeting of Tuesday November 11, 2025 as Chaired by Mr. Denis Karera, Member of the APSS Executive Board for East Africa (Rwandan) has approved the following leadership transitions following the resignation of its CEO Dr. Lucy Surhyel Newman from her role as CEO and its erstwhile Chairman of the Advisory and Executive Boards, Professor Kingsley Moghalu. The following appointments, which are with immediate effect and aimed at further enhancing APSS institutional capacity, governance arrangements and continental impact of its mandate in line with the 15 Strategic Objectives (SOs) of the APSS 2024-2027 Strategic plan .

- Dr. Lucy Surhyel Newman [Nigeria], former APSSCEO is now the Chairperson of both the APSS Advisory and Executive Boards.
- To strengthen APSS’s continental presence and streamline coordination, the Joint Board also finalized appointments for Regional Deputy Chairs across all 5+1 regions, as follows:
 1. East Africa – Mr. Denis Karera [Rwanda]
 2. North Africa – Dr. Engr. Sherif El-Gabaly [Egypt]
 3. Central Africa – Barr. Mary Concilia Anchang [Cameron]
 4. Southern Africa – Dr. M’Zee Fula Ngenge [Angola]
 5. African Diaspora – Mr. Gerald F. B. Cooper [Liberia]
 6. **West Africa remains open, to be filled after invitation of additional members, preferably Francophone West African, for balanced representation.



The APSS Joint Advisory and Executive Boards is also happy to announce the promotion of Mr. Fortunate Kwiringira [formerly APSS Director Technical] to succeed Dr. Lucy Surhyel Newman as CEO and Mr. Adedayo Dayo-Dunmoye [formerly APSS Director Projects], to the new role of COO, thus, making both of them full members of the APSS Executive Board, as follows;

- **Mr. Fortunate Kwiringira [Uganda]** – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- **Mr. Adedayo Dayo-Dunmoye [Nigeria]** – Chief Operating Officer (COO)

APSS here-in expresses gratitude to all Stakeholders, Partners, and Members of goodwill who have continued to support its mission through the years. With key role re-arrangements and renewed zeal within a strengthened structure, the APSS remains steadfast in championing policy reforms, private-sector led growth, and continental integration for Africa’s socio-economic transformation. The APSS remains a viable advocate of our collective journey in pursuit of the Africa we want, by advocating for emergence of more predictable and effective business environments across the continent in ways that enhance the African private sector’s role as a key stakeholder in our collective implementation of key continental frameworks such as African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Agenda2063 and other global frameworks, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The *Africa Private Sector Summit (APSS)* is a pan-African nonprofit, nonpartisan corporate organisation. It operates via research and convening within an ecosystem-based approach to bringing the African private sector together and supports the successful implementation of the continent’s Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) protocols and principles, already signed by African Heads of States. APSS is presently advocating for the adoption of the Charter on Private Sector Development, Rights and Protection Environment in Africa (a.k.a Private Sector Bill of Rights (PSBoR) for an enabling business environment in Africa.

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