



Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance

Guidelines for Nomination/Election into AfICTA Board

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1 Introduction

Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance (AfICTA) is a concerned private sector led alliance of ICT Associations, multi-national corporations, companies, organizations and individuals in the ICT sector in Africa. Registered in Nigeria in 2013, its vision is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa. The mission of AfICTA is to encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue fostering accelerated and ICT enabled development in Africa and the use of cutting-edge innovative technologies including mobile, computing and satellite technologies to achieve an Information society in Africa.

The board of directors comprises of 15 members from the 30-member nations in Africa. The incumbent AfICTA board of directors will have their tenure elapse at the end of this year and hence shall have its election conducted at the general assembly which will hold during the AfICTA Summit 2018, it will be done by majority vote of members in good standing as stated in **Article VI, Section 6.2.1** of the AfICTA constitution.

2 AfICTA Elections

The AfICTA elections for the board of directors is forthcoming and would be conducted at the Annual General Assembly which will hold during the Annual Summit 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya from 8th – 9th October, 2018. As stated in the constitution in **Article VI, Section 6.2.3**, directors shall be elected for a term of three years (or until the next General Assembly if elected between General Assemblies by the Board) and shall serve until their successors qualify and are elected in their stead. The outcome of which will see the outgoing incumbent Board of Directors slots filled by incoming board members elected into office.

2.1 Timeline

- The nomination period will be opened on Wednesday, 8 August 2018 and will close on Monday, 24 September 2018 at 23:59 UTC.
- Voting will commence on Tuesday, 2 October and will close on Monday, 8 October 2018.
- An AfICTA Members' call will take place on Tuesday, 9 October at 12:00 UTC.
- The Election results will be announced by the AfICTA Nominating Committee on Tuesday, 9 October 2018.
- Successful candidates notified (October 8/9)
- Successful candidates begin 3-year term October 10 2018.

2.2 Powers of Office

The Board of Directors consisting of the directors shall be the apex decision-making organ of the Alliance after the General Assembly. The property, affairs, and business of the Alliance shall be managed by its Board of Directors (individually, ("Director")), which may exercise all such powers of the Alliance and do all such lawful acts and things as are not prohibited by statute, the Articles of Alliance, or this Constitution.

2.3 Principal Officers

The principal officers of the Alliance shall consist of elected officers: Chairman, Vice Chairmen, and Treasurer; and an Executive Director (who shall be employed by the Board as the Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance) who shall serve as the Secretary to the Board as stated in **Article I, Section 9.1** of the Constitution.

3 Nominations

3.1 Nominating Committee

It is inherent that a Nominating Committee is selected by the board of directors appointing members of at least more than one person to the committee, currently said committee has the persons of the incumbent Chair (whose tenure also elapses this year) acting as the chair and organizer of the committee and Past Vice Chairman (who retired earlier) as its member.

The primary function of the Nominating Committee is to select candidates who will stand for election to offices. Nominations may come from any source, including the membership, the board, and the Nominating Committee.

3.2 Qualifications/Eligibility for Nomination for Board Membership

Only Association Member Representatives or alternates are eligible to serve as Directors of the Alliance, provided

- a) the Association Member for which the individual is the Association Member Representative or alternate is a Member in “**Good Standing**” as stated in **Article IV, Section 4.2.5** of the constitution. See ***Annex I*** for list of members in good standing.
- b) the individual agrees with, commits to contribute to advancement of, and is committed to the mission of the Alliance, as set forth in the Alliance’s Constitution, and Mission Statement.
- c) the individual pledges to attend a majority of meetings of the Board of Directors.

3.3 Vacancies

In the event of vacancy in any office as a result of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, the Board shall elect, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Director, a successor or successors, who shall serve the unexpired terms of the vacated Directorship(s).

Find in the ***Annex II*** the members of board of Directors whose term elapses this year and the number of seats available.

3.4 Nominations and Election proceedings

- The Nominating committee shall receive recommendations for and also solicit candidates who would campaign for elections.
- The Committee shall determine the qualifications of each candidate and shall publicize its slate of qualified candidates to the entire membership thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.
- The Committee shall present its slate of candidates at the General Assembly.
- Voting is carried by means of ballot which is done online with members sending in votes for counting via e-mail.
- Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the Members in good standing at the General Assembly or other regular meeting of the Members called for the stated purpose of electing Directors. The Chairman, upon his election as Chairman, shall automatically become a Director.

Noteworthy conditions for considering belated nominations of candidates

1. Additional nominations of candidates for directors may be made by any Member, provided such nominations are received by the Executive Director or any other designated Officer of the Alliance at least fifteen (15) days prior to the General Assembly, are seconded by another Member, and the nominee(s) meets the qualifications set forth below.
2. Nominations from the floor at a General Assembly shall not be permitted. Such elections shall be conducted consistent with this section and rules and procedures, as shall be approved and amended from time to time by the Board and as administered by the CEO or any other designated Officer of the Alliance

3.5 Modality in Cases of Ties

In cases of ties between nominees for a particular post the modality is that there is a recount of votes that were spread within other candidates and the new vote is cast based on the availability of just the two nominees who have a tie and a majority of vote then decides who the prominent candidate will be.

3.6 Compensation of Directors

Directors and members of any committee of the Board shall serve as volunteers without compensation but may receive reimbursement of reasonable expense as may be approved by the Board on application through the Executive Director or any other designated Officer of the Alliance as stated in **Article VI, Section 6.7** of the constitution.

3.7 Standing and Other Committees

The Board shall establish, and appoint two or more Directors to serve on, certain Standing Committees (including but not limited to Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Africa Trade Committee, Strategic Initiative Committee, Event Committee and a Public Policy Committee) and may establish such other special committees as in its discretion as Stated in Article VI, Section 6.9 of the constitution.

3.8 Ex Officio Members of the Board

In addition to the duly elected Directors, the Board shall include past Chairmen elected by the Board as Ex Officio Directors. Ex Officio Directors shall have voice and can vote at meetings of the Board and their presence count in forming a quorum as Stated in **Article VI, Section 6.8** of the constitution.

3.9 Advisory Groups

The Board may select and appoint individuals to serve on one or more advisory groups. Such individuals are not required to be members of the Board. An advisory group shall have no delegated or governance authority but shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity to the Board, the Chairman, or committees. The Board may remove any members of the advisory group whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Alliance shall be served by such removal.

4 Annex I Members in Good Standing

Members in Good Standing		
S/N	Registered Name	Amount Paid (\$)
1	Kontemporary Konsulting	200
2	Yusuph Kileo	100
3	Afenoid Enterprise Ltd	100
4	Mainone Cable	500
5	WHOGOHOST	200
6	Letago Training & Coaching Development. Center	200
7	Wav Technology (2017/2018)	200
8	IITPSA- Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa	200
9	Dot-Enger Nig. Enterprise	100
10	ATCON	200
11	ICT Professionals Association of Namibia	200
12	Chace Systems Limited	100
13	Diamond Security	100
14	Information Technology Association of South Africa	200
15	Meocloud Technologies	100
16	Isaac Eregae	100
17	Waddah Fadul	100
Total Membership Revenue		2900

5 Annex II Board Members Tenure System

Board Membership Tenure Monitoring System					
S/N	Name	Began	Ends	Eligibility	Category Representing
1	Dr. Jimson Olufuye (Chair)	May, 2012	May, 2018	<u>Not Eligible</u>	Kontemporary (Company)

2	Adrian Schofield (Thabo Mashegoane)	May, 2012	May, 2018	Adrian Schofield is <u>Not Eligible</u> but Thabo is <u>Eligible</u>	IITPSA (Association)
3	Dr. Waudu Siganga	May, 2012	May, 2018	<u>Not Eligible</u>	CSK (Company)
4	Engr. Hossam Elgamal	May, 2013	May, 2015	<u>Eligible</u>	EITESAL (Association)
4	Engr. Hossam Elgamal	May, 2016	May, 2018	<u>Eligible</u>	Engr. Hossam Elgamal (Individual)
5	Fijabi Olugbenga	Sep, 2015	Sep, 2018	<u>1 more term</u>	Great Financiers Consulting Ltd. (Company)
6	Mohammed Saeed	Dec, 2017	Dec, 2020	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	EITESAL (Association)
7	Paul Rowney	Sep, 2015	Sep, 2018	<u>1 more term</u>	ICT-PAN (Association)
8	Arinola Akinyemi	Sep, 2015	Sep, 2018	<u>1 more term</u>	DigiSphere Ltd (Company)
9	Dr. Anthony Nwosu	May, 2017	May, 2020	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	ATCON (Association)
10	Yusuph Kileo	Oct, 2016	Oct, 2019	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	Yusuph Kileo (Individual)
11	Opeyemi Onifade	Mar, 2017	Mar, 2020	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	Afenoid (Company)
12	Ms. Chantal Barkhuizen	June, 2018	June, 2021	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	ITA (Association)
13	Laicana Coulibaly	Sep, 2017	Sep, 2020	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	Diamond Security Consulting (IC) (Company)
14	Olugbile Segun	Sep, 2017	Sep, 2020	<u>Term still</u> <u>Valid</u>	CPAA (Association)
15	Tola Sogbesan	May, 2012	May, 2018	<u>Not Eligible</u>	ChaceSystems (Company)