

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF MEMBERS' FORUM: June 30, 2022**

As per AFF Constitution:

[\(2012 Revised AFF Constitution-English.pdf\)](#)

### **4. The governance organs of AFF are:**

The Members' Forum;  
The Governing Council;  
The Executive Committee; and,  
The Secretariat;

#### **a) The Members' Forum**

The Members' Forum of AFF shall be constituted by the entire membership of AFF.

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, as the apex organ of the AFF, the powers of the Members' Forum are, among other things, to ratify this Constitution.

#### *1. Functions and Powers*

In addition to the other functions and powers set out and conferred upon it by this Constitution, the Members' Forum shall have the power to:

- (i) Consider and determine any matter which the Governing Council may refer to it, and vice versa;
- (ii) Generally provide broad guidance to the Governing Council in the discharge of its functions;
- (iii) Perform such other functions and exercise such other powers as may be incidental or conducive to the discharge of any of the functions or exercise of any of the powers provided under this Constitution.

#### *2. Delegation of Powers*

Subject to this Constitution, the Members' Forum may, by resolution, either generally or in any particular case, delegate to the Governing Council the exercise of any of its powers or the performance of any of its functions under this Constitution.

#### *3. Chair of the Members' Forum*

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Members' Forum shall be elected by the Members' Forum and shall hold office for five years, i.e. until the following Members' Forum meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be members of the Governing Council.

#### *4. Meetings*

The Members' Forum shall meet at least once in every five years, preferably electronically, and may hold extraordinary meetings at the request of any Member, provided that such a request is supported by at least one-third of the Members. All meetings of the Members' Forum shall be held at a place and in a manner determined by the Governing Council. The Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Members' Forum.

## 5. Quorum

For the purposes of transacting any business under this Constitution, thirty percent of the Members shall constitute the quorum for a face-to-face meeting of the Members' Forum. For a meeting held electronically all the Members responding electronically to a call for a meeting shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Members' Forum.

## 6. Voting

Every Member of the Forum shall have one vote, provided that when any matter affecting a member personally comes before the meeting, although he may be present at it, he shall not be entitled to vote on the question and the Chair may require him to withdraw during the discussion, and he shall, in that case, withdraw accordingly.

At a meeting of the Members' Forum, a resolution put to vote shall be decided by a simple majority of those participating in the meeting provided that the said meeting has the requisite quorum.

In case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

## 7. Rules, Regulations and Procedure

Subject to this Constitution, the Members' Forum is hereby empowered, either on its own motion or on the recommendation of the Governing Council, to make rules and regulations prescribing for matters that are required or permitted by this Constitution to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving full effect to the provisions of this Constitution, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, its own procedure.

### **b) The Governing Council**

The Governing Council shall be constituted by *twenty-one (21) members* made up as follows:

- i) The Chair of the Governing Council who shall be a representative from the African Continent;
- ii) The Vice-Chair of the Governing Council who shall be a representative from the African continent;
- iii) Fifteen (15) representatives from the African Continent, equally and equitably drawn from the geographical sub-regions from which the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected;
- iv) Two (2) individuals from outside the African continent (from the Friends of African Forestry);
- v) Two (2) individuals from civil society organizations;
- vi) Two (2) individuals from the private sector in forestry;
- vii) The Executive Secretary who shall also serve as a Secretary in the Forum Meetings and shall be an *ex-officio* member.

The Governing Council may invite and grant observer status to specific meetings and activities any organisation or institution which promotes and supports the goal of AFF from within and outside Africa.