



Call for Nomination and Elections

AYFST Executive Members and Regional Steering Committee



BACKGROUND

The African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) is a leading multi-disciplinary network of researchers, practitioners and policy makers that promotes science, technology and innovation (STI) policy research, dialogue and practice, for African development. Its mission is to improve the quality of science, technology, and innovation research, policy and practice for sustainable development in Africa. ATPS works primarily through its National Chapters in at least 27 African countries, and with a chapter in the UK and the US to represent the African Diaspora. ATPS supports science, technology and innovation capacity building for African development through knowledge generation; knowledge brokerage; knowledge dissemination & outreach; and knowledge valorisation.

The African Youth Forum on Science and Technology (AYFST) is a key thematic program of the ATPS supported by its consortium of Donors, including the Netherlands Directorate-General of Development Cooperation.

AYFST Vision

Empowered African communities that enjoy sustainable livelihoods

AYFST Mission

To build the capacity of African youth in agriculture, science, technology and innovation and empower them to participate in policy formulation processes and advocacy for sustainable development

Objectives of AYFST

1. To build the capacity of African youth through training, information sharing, networking and dialogue in relevant topical and developmental issues.
2. To promote youth participation in policy formulation and implementation processes at all levels with a focus on agriculture, science, technology and innovation (ST&I) and development.
3. To promote a culture of science, technology and innovation consciousness among Africa's young generation.
4. To promote youth-led, demand-driven research and development initiatives in agriculture, science, technology and innovation.

AYFST is seeking nominations of dynamic trans-disciplinary individuals with leadership skills amongst its membership to stand for election to fill the executive positions of the forum for a 3 year term, renewable once.

ATPS members are invited to nominate candidates for the following positions:

- African Youth Forum for Science and Technology (AYFST) Chairperson
- African Youth Forum for Science and Technology (AYFST) Vice Chairperson
- AYFST Steering Committee members

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Candidates nominated for these positions must have the following minimum qualifications:

- Master's Degree in the STI related fields
- Maximum age of 32 years
- Good reputation and character
- Organizational management skills/experience will be an advantage
- A track record in Youth leadership
- Membership of ATPS and a minimum of 3 years of active participation in ATPS activities, including AYFST research projects and related conferences, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- The Committee shall liaise with the ATPS Secretariat Management to promote the AYFST program;
- Liaise with AYFST Program Coordinators (appointed by the ATPS) to facilitate the implementation of the ATPS activities under the AYFST program and ensure full compliance to ATPS policies and procedures;

ELECTION PROCEDURE

Election will be conducted through an online voting system. Only officially registered AYFST members as per the laid down registration procedure are eligible to vote (see attached Resolutions of the Executive Committee for clarification on membership criteria)

ELECTION CALENDAR

- Call for nominations- 26th March, 2012
- Nomination Closed- 25th April, 2012
- Short listing completed – 25th - 30th April, 2012
- Electronic Voting open on ATPS website: - 1st - 15th May, 2012

HOW TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTED POSITIONS:

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to: ayfst@atpsnet.org copied to executivedirector@atpsnet.org indicating:

1. the specific position the candidate is being nominated for,
2. a written confirmation by the nominee to stand for elections by members including a brief manifesto of what he/she plans to achieve for the AYFST program if elected, and
3. the most recent Curriculum Vitae of the nominated candidate including most recent experience in youth leadership and participation in ATPS activities,

We are looking forward to receiving your nominations by 17:00 hours on the 25th of April 2012 accordingly. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. In case of any questions, please contact ayfst@atpsnet.org

SHORT LISTING PROCESS:

The shortlisting process shall be conducted by the current AYFST Coordinators in liaison with the ATPS Secretariat Management using the set of criteria mutually developed by the AYFST Executive Committee.

Table I below provides details on elected positions available and number of candidates to be shortlisted to stand for the elections:

Executive Committee:

Position	Number of candidates to be shortlisted	Number of Candidates to be elected by members
Chair	4	1
Vice Chair		1
Regional Representatives:		
Eastern Africa	4	2
Western Africa		
▪ Anglophone	4	2
▪ Francophone	2	1
North Africa	4	2
Southern Africa		
▪ Anglophone	2	1
▪ Lusophone	2	1
Central	2	1
Diaspora		
▪ USA	2	1
▪ Europe	2	1
Total	28	14

Note: SELF NOMINATION IS NOT ALLOWED