

**COMMUNIQUE AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 3RD AFRICAN WOMEN FORUM FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AWFST)
AND THE 6TH AFRICAN YOUTH FORUM FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AYFST)
EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 08TH MARCH, 2012
AT THE ATPS BOARD ROOM, KENYA**

We, the Executives and Coordinators of the African Youth Forum for Science and Technology (AYFST) and the African Women Forum for Science and Technology (AWFST), being programs of the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS), convened at the ATPS Board room on 08 March 2012:

Having considered the outcomes and recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation Report on the implementation of the ATPS Phase VI Strategic Plan now approved by the ATPS Board and Development Partners;

Affirmed the need to further strengthen ATPS and its programs as the centre of excellence and reference for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy research and policy making capacity building in Africa;

Recognised the need to fully implement the recommendations of the mid-term evaluation report by completing the outstanding institutional reforms started in 2007;

Recognising the positive outcome of the evaluation and significant impacts of both programs AYFST and AWFST within the overall ATPS Phase VI programs;

Hereby do resolve as follows:

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/001: AWFST and AYFST visions, mandates, and projects shall be guided and fully embedded in the overall vision, mandates, and programs of the ATPS.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/002: AYFST and AWFST activities shall be clearly aligned within and implemented through the ATPS National Chapters following the laid down policies and procedures of the ATPS.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/003: Membership of AYFST and AWFST shall be by subscription as stipulated in membership criteria defined in "*Resolution: ATPS/NCRSC/2010/001: Membership*" of the 3rd ATPS Regional Council approved by the 18th ATPS Board Meeting and ratified by the 2010 Annual General meeting of the ATPS. For ease of reference, the membership categories as per the resolution referred are provided in the table below:

ATPS Membership Categories and Fees

Membership Criteria	Resolution for membership	Payment fees	
		In Africa	In Diaspora
Individual membership	Shall pay	US\$50 per year US\$200 for five years	US\$100 per year US\$400 for five years

Institutional membership	Shall pay	Government 1 year= US\$500.00 5 years= US\$2000.00 Private sector 1 year= US\$500.00 5 years= US\$2000.00 Universities/Research Institutes 1 year= US\$500.00 5 year= US\$2000.00 Civil society NGOs/CBOs, etc. 1 year= US\$100.00 5 years= US\$400.00	Government 1 year= US\$2000.00 5 years= US\$8000.00 Private sector 1 year= US\$2000.00 5 years= US\$8000.00 Universities/Research Institutes 1 year= US\$1000.00 5 year= US\$4000.00 Civil society NGOs/CBOs, etc. 1 year= US\$500.00 5 years= US\$2000.00
Honorary membership (students, retirees, others)	Free	No voting rights	No voting rights
Donor membership	Active Donor Partners	No voting rights	No voting rights

It was further noted that all membership criteria earlier set by the programs are superseded summarily by the decisions of the ATPS Board and AGM as per the above.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004: AYFST and AWFST shall be administered by a Regional Steering Committee (RSC) composed to reflect the regional, gender, technical diversity of the ATPS as specified in the ATPS Articles of Association (Clause 38), respectively. The RSC of the AYFST and AWFST shall be chaired by a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson democratically elected by members, respectively.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004/1: The candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair positions of AWFST must have: (i) track record in women leadership and mentorship; (ii) Organization management skills; (iii) PhD in STI related fields plus a minimum of 10 years' experience in STI policy research or policymaking; (iv) be a fully registered and active member of ATPS for a minimum of 3 consecutive years; and (v) be of reputable character.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004/2: The candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair positions of AYFST must have: (i) track record in youth leadership and mentorship; (ii) organization management skills; (iii) MSc/PhD in STI related fields; (iv) be a fully registered and active member of ATPS for a minimum of 3 consecutive years; (v) maximum age of 32 years and (vi) be of reputable character.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004/3: The composition of the AYFST and AWFST Regional Steering Committee members shall include the following representation: Eastern Africa (2); Western Africa – Anglophone (2); Western Africa – Francophone (1); North Africa (2); Southern Africa – Anglophone (1), Southern Africa – Lusophone (1), Central Africa (1); and Diaspora (2).

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004/4: Following the policies of the ATPS and international standards, it was agreed that all election of officers shall be preceded by a minimum of one month announcement of forthcoming dissolution of the committee and call for nominations

of potential candidates by members. Thereafter, the AYFST and AWFST Executive Committee shall shortlist the nominated candidates following a transparent process using the criteria listed above.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/005: AYFST and AWFST Executive Committee shall comprise of the Chair Person and Vice Chairperson elected as per resolution *ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/004* above, and a Secretary/Coordinator appointed by the ATPS Secretariat Management from time to time. The Secretary/Coordinator shall ensure consistency with ATPS vision, mission and mandates for all AWFST and AYFST activities.

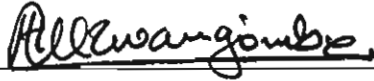
ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/006: The RSC Executives shall follow due process in all its activities ensuring full compliance to ATPS policies and procedures and report to the ATPS Executive Director.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/007: AWFST and AYFST Executives shall appoint a Patron who shall provide international clout and publicity for AWFST and AYFST, respectively. Such Patron shall (i) be of high international reputation; (ii) show outstanding achievement in terms of STI leadership; (iii) show great passion and commitment for STI and African development; and (iv) have a track record in Youth and Women leadership and Mentorship.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/008: The maximum term of office for AYFST and AWFST Executive Committee shall be 3 year where 1/3 will be rotated out every three years through a democratic election process.

ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/009: Considering that the current Steering Committee and Executives of the AWFST and AYFST were elected on 16 July 2009, it was resolved that the Committees shall dissolve on 16 July 2012, accordingly. It was therefore agreed that a notice of dissolution of both committees and a call for nominations shall be announced on 15th March 2012. The election shall be electronic and be conducted 01 – 14 May 2012.


ATPS/AYFST/AWFST/2012/010: The ATPS Secretariat Management shall nominate Mentors and Technical Coordinators for each project activity to ensure quality outputs and outcomes.



Signed: AWFST Chair
Prof. Agnes Mwang'ombe

10/3/2012


Date



Signed: AWFST Patron
Prof. Norah Olemba

10.3.12

Date



Signed: AYFST Chair
Mr. Tennyson Magombo

12/03/2012

Date

 10/03/12

Signed: AYFST Vice Chair
Mr. Teddy Morlai **Date**

 13.03.2012


Signed: AWFST Secretary
Ms. Phina Victoria Magara **Date**

 10.03.2012

Signed: AWFST Coordinator
Dr. Michèle Mbo'o-Tchouawou **Date**

 10/03/2012

Signed: AYFST Coordinator
Mr. Ernest Nti Acheampong **Date**

 12/03/12

Signed: AWFST Project Coordinator
Dr. Anthonia Achike **Date**

 14/03/12

Signed: AYFST Project Coordinator
Prof. Atieno Ndede Amadi **Date**