



African Governors Caucus



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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AFRICAN CAUCUS AT THE IMF AND THE WBG

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Preamble

The African Governors at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG), - pursuant to the objectives of African unity:

- Resolved to reinforce African solidarity through close cooperation with a view to safeguarding their individual and collective interests at the IMF and the WBG;
- Considering that only a united front of all Africans will serve their best possible interest from their membership in the Bretton Woods Institutions (BWIs);
- Determined to coordinate and harmonize their positions on issues of common interest at the Annual Meetings of the IMF and the WBG;
- Convinced of the necessity for a careful preparation of the participation of the Governors in the Annual Meetings within the framework of a united front referred to above;

Have decided to establish Guiding Principles on how they work as a group (hereinafter referred to as "The African Caucus" or "The Caucus") to engage with the IMF and the WBG. The African Caucus will be guided by the following principles:

Article 1

The Caucus will have as its objective to provide a conducive environment for the African Governors at the IMF and the WBG to coordinate and harmonize their actions in order to effectively safeguard the interests of Africa, and to reap the highest benefits from their membership of the Bretton Woods Institutions.

Article 2

The Caucus membership will be open to all African member states of the IMF and the WBG.

Article 3

To achieve the objectives stated in Article 1, The Caucus will have a General Assembly, an Africa Consultative Group (ACG), and a Bureau.

Article 4

The General Assembly, which will be the supreme organ of the Caucus, will formulate the general directions regarding the policies of The Caucus. In particular, it will approve the draft memorandum to be transmitted to the Heads of the two Bretton Woods Institutions.

Article 5

The General Assembly will meet twice a year, at the country of the Chairman of the Caucus and at the venue of the Annual Meetings of the IMF and the WBG. The invitation to the General Assembly will be issued by the Chairman of The Caucus.

Article 6

The provisional agenda of the General Assembly will be proposed by the Chairman of The Caucus after consultation with the African Executive Directors at the BWI and the Bureau.

Article 7

The deliberations of the General Assembly will be conducted in closed sessions. However, the Assembly, may, by a simple majority, decide that some of its sessions will be public.

Article 8

The members of the Bureau will comprise:

- Chairman,
- First Vice-Chairman,
- Second Vice-chairman, and
- Reporting Secretary,

All of whom will be appointed by the General Assembly. The members of the Bureau will serve for one year term or for any extended period as may be determined by the General Assembly.

Article 9

The Chairman will chair the Caucus sessions, as well as represent The Caucus before the Management of the IMF and the WBG and other fora, as Chair of the African Caucus, and as may be designated by the General Assembly. In the absence of the Chairman, the sessions will be chaired by the first Vice-Chairman, and in his absence the second Vice-Chairman.

Article 10

The Caucus decisions will be reached by consensus.

Article 11

The Reporting Secretary will constitute the Secretariat of the General Assembly.

Article 12

The Bureau will be tasked with the preparations for the General Assembly. To this end, the Bureau will draft a memorandum which summarizes the position of the African countries on issues of common interest and make proposals to The Caucus for consideration.

The draft memorandum will be submitted to The Caucus, which after approval will be transmitted to the Managing Director of the IMF and the President of the WBG.

Article 13

The work of the Bureau will be supported by the Offices of the Executive Directors representing African countries at the Bretton Woods Institutions, who will give advice on the agenda for the meetings, and follow up on the decisions of The Caucus.

Article 14

The Executive Directors represent the interests of Africa in general, in addition to those of their primary Constituency countries.

Article 15

During the Spring Meetings, the General Assembly will be represented by the African Consultative Group (ACG) of the WBG and IMF

Article 16

The ACG will be chaired by the Chairman of The Caucus.

Article 17

Meetings of the ACGs will be convened by the Chairman after due consultation with the Executive Directors and the members of the Bureau of the General Assembly.

Article 18

The composition of the ACG is as follows:

A. At the IMF

The Caucus Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Constituency Chairpersons, and the Caucus members of the IMFC and the DC

B. At the WBG

The Caucus Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Constituency Chairpersons, and the Caucus members of the DC and the IMFC

Article 19

All questions relating to the interpretation of the provisions of the guiding principles will be submitted to the General Assembly which may modify the guiding principles from time to time. All decisions of the General Assembly will be by consensus.

Article 20

The chairman of the Group will be elected by members of the African Caucus. The Chairman will serve in that capacity for a term of one year. In the task of electing the Chairman, The Caucus will be guided by the rotation arrangement approved by the General Assembly.

Article 21

Any member Country which desires to withdraw from The Caucus will inform the Chairman of The Caucus in writing.

The latter will notify the other members of The Caucus.

The withdrawal will take effect from the date of conveyance of the withdrawal by the Country.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CHAIR COUNTRIES

Proposed Chair Countries are expected to meet the following listed criteria:

1. A member has not produced the Chair of the African Caucus to date.
2. Countries are listed in strict alphabetical order.
3. Countries not ready to take the Chair would cede the opportunity to the next country on the list and wait for the next round of rotation.
4. The Chair, the first and the second Vice-Chairs as well as the Secretary would NOT come from the same Constituency (where practicable) to ensure balanced representation.
5. The Constituencies in the World Bank were used as guide in Para 4, because they are more in number compared to those in the IMF. By using this methodology, if two countries happen to fall in to the same constituency in the IMF, the relevant Executive Directors in the Bank and the Fund would resolve the issue of the Office that would provide the Secretariat.
6. The ascension to the Chair shall be from the position of Second Vice-Chair and First Vice-Chair in that order. In this way, the Chair country would have spent two years in the Bureau before assuming the Chairmanship of the Caucus. This will ensure adequate familiarity with the workings of the Caucus and sufficient preparations for the position of the Chair.
7. The tenure of the Chair of the African Caucus, as approved by the Governors in Khartoum in August 2013 has been shortened to one calendar year, instead of the previous two years. The essence is to give opportunity to more countries to assume the Chair of the African Caucus in view of the long waiting list of members yet to host the Caucus meeting and to reduce the burden of hosting these meetings on member countries.
8. In spite of all the above, there will be flexibility in the order of rotation to accommodate countries on the rotation table willing to swap the order of rotation to provide for any prevailing exigencies.

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Annex I

| CATEGORY | 1995-1997 | 1997-1999 | 1999-2001 | 2001-2003 | 2003-2005 | 2005-2007 | 2007-2009 |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| BUREAU | | | | | | | |
| CHAIR | GABON | ETHIOPIA | MADAGASCAR | UGANDA | BURKINA FASO | MOZAMBIQUE | MAURITANIA |
| VICE-CHAIR | ETHIOPIA | MADAGASCAR | UGANDA | BURKINA FASO | MOZAMBIQUE | MAURITANIA | SIERRA LEONE |
| SECRETARY (ENGLISH) | SUDAN | UGANDA | GHANA | LIBYA | SIERRA LEONE | SIERRA LEONE | SUDAN |
| SECRETARY (FRENCH) | MADAGASCAR | BURKINA FASO | BURKINA FASO | CAMEROON | MAURITANIA | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
| WORKING PARTY | | | | | | | |
| CENTRAL AFRICA | CAMEROON, CONGO | CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC, CHAD | CAMEROON, RWANDA | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, GABON | EQUATORIAL GUINEA, DR CONGO | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE |
| EAST AFRICA | ERITREA, KENYA | SEYCHELLES, TANZANIA | ERITREA, SUDAN | KENYA, TANZANIA | ETHIOPIA, BURUNDI | MAURITIUS, UGANDA | SEYCHELLES, KENYA |
| NORTH AFRICA | ALGERIA, EGYPT | LIBYA, TUNISIA | EGYPT, MOROCCO | TUNISIA, ALGERIA | EGYPT, TUNISIA | LIBYA, MOROCCO | ALGERIA, TUNISIA |
| SOUTHERN AFRICA | SWAZILAND, ZIMBABWE | BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA | MOZAMBIQUE , SOUTH AFRICA | MALAWI, ZIMBABWE | SWAZILAND, NAMIBIA | BOTSWANA, LESOTHO | SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA |
| WEST AFRICA | BENIN, NIGERIA | GHANA, GUINEA-BISSAU | MALI, NIGERIA | BENIN, SIERRA LEONE | GHANA, NIGER | GUINEA, LIBERIA | NIGERIA, COTE D'IVOIRE |

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COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FIELD OF SELECTION

Annex II

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|----|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Algeria | Angola | Benin | Botswana | Burundi | Cameroon | Cape Verde | Central African Republic |
| 2. | Chad | Comoros | Congo, Republic of | Côte d'Ivoire | Djibouti | Egypt | Equatorial Guinea | Eritrea |
| 3. | Gambia, The | Ghana | Guinea | Guinea-Bissau | Kenya | Lesotho | Liberia | Libya |
| 4. | Malawi | Mali | Mauritius | Morocco | Namibia | Niger | Nigeria | Rwanda |
| 5. | São Tomé and Príncipe | Senegal | Seychelles | Somalia | South Africa | South Sudan | Swaziland | Tanzania |
| 6. | Togo | Tunisia | Zambia | Zimbabwe | | | | |

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PAST CHAIRS OF THE AFRICAN CAUCUS

| | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|
| Burkina Faso | Democratic Republic of Congo | Ethiopia | Gabon | Madagascar |
| Mauritania | Mozambique | Sierra Leone | Sudan | Uganda |

AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

2ND ROUND OF ROTATION 2010-2019

Annex III

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2011-2012 | 2013-2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | SUDAN | ANGOLA | BENIN | BOTSWANA | EGYPT | GHANA |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | SUDAN | ANGOLA | BENIN | BOTSWANA | EGYPT | GHANA | CAMEROON |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | ALGERIA | BENIN | BOTSWANA | EGYPT | GHANA | CAMEROON | BURUNDI |
| 5 | SECRETARY | ANGOLA | BOTSWANA | EGYPT | GHANA | CAMEROON | BURUNDI | LIBYA |

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

3rd ROUND OF ROTATION 2020-2026

Annex IV

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|----------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | CAMEROON | BURUNDI | LIBYA | MOROCCO | CAPE VERDE | ERITREA | NIGERIA |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | BURUNDI | LIBYA | MOROCCO | CAPE VERDE | ERITREA | NIGERIA | TUNISIA |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | LIBYA | MOROCCO | CAPE VERDE | ERITREA | NIGERIA | TUNISIA | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC |
| 5 | SECRETARY | MOROCCO | CAPE VERDE | ERITREA | NIGERIA | TUNISIA | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | THE GAMBIA |

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

4th ROUND OF ROTATION 2027-2033

Annex V

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | TUNISIA | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | THE GAMBIA | SOUTH AFRICA | ALGERIA | CHAD | KENYA |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | THE GAMBIA | SOUTH AFRICA | ALGERIA | CHAD | KENYA | COMOROS |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | THE GAMBIA | SOUTH AFRICA | ALGERIA | CHAD | KENYA | COMOROS | LESOTHO |
| 5 | SECRETARY | SOUTH AFRICA | ALGERIA | CHAD | KENYA | COMOROS | LESOTHO | CONGO, REPUBLIC OF |

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

5th ROUND OF ROTATION 2034-2040

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 | 2037 | 2038 | 2039 | 2040 |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | COMOROS | LESOTHO | CONGO, REPUBLIC OF | LIBERIA | COTE D'IVOIRE | MALAWI | DJIBOUTI |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | LESOTHO | CONGO, REPUBLIC OF | LIBERIA | COTE D'IVOIRE | MALAWI | DJIBOUTI | NAMIBIA |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | CONGO, REPUBLIC OF | LIBERIA | COTE D'IVOIRE | MALAWI | DJIBOUTI | NAMIBIA | EQUATORIAL GUINEA |
| 5 | SECRETARY | LIBERIA | COTE D'IVOIRE | MALAWI | DJIBOUTI | NAMIBIA | EQUATORIAL GUINEA | RWANDA |

Annex VI

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

6th ROUND OF ROTATION 2041-2047

Annex VII

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2041 | 2042 | 2043 | 2044 | 2045 | 2046 | 2047 |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | NAMIBIA | EQUATORIAL GUINEA | RWANDA | GUINEA | SEYCHELLES | GUINEA- BISSAU | SOMALIA |
| 3 | 1ST VICE- CHAIR | EQUATORIAL GUINEA | RWANDA | GUINEA | SEYCHELLES | GUINEA- BISSAU | SOMALIA | MALI |
| 4 | 2ND VICE- CHAIR | RWANDA | GUINEA | SEYCHELLES | GUINEA- BISSAU | SOMALIA | MALI | SOUTH SUDAN |
| 5 | SECRETARY | GUINEA | SEYCHELLES | GUINEA- BISSAU | SOMALIA | MALI | SOUTH SUDAN | MAURITIUS |

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

7th ROUND OF ROTATION 2048-2054

Annex VIII

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2048 | 2049 | 2050 | 2051 | 2052 | 2053 | 2054 |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | MALI | SOUTH SUDAN | MAURITIUS | SWAZILAND | NIGER | TANZANIA | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | SOUTH SUDAN | MAURITIUS | SWAZILAND | NIGER | TANZANIA | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE | ZAMBIA |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | MAURITIUS | SWAZILAND | NIGER | TANZANIA | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE | ZAMBIA | SENEGAL |
| 5 | SECRETARY | SWAZILAND | NIGER | TANZANIA | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE | ZAMBIA | SENEGAL | ZIMBABWE |

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AFRICAN CAUCUS BUREAU APPROVED TABLE OF ROTATION OF CHAIR

8th ROUND OF ROTATION 2055-2058

Annex IX

| 1 | CATEGORY | 2055 | 2056 | 2057 | 2058 |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2 | CHAIR | ZAMBIA | SENEGAL | ZIMBABWE | TOGO |
| 3 | 1ST VICE-CHAIR | SENEGAL | ZIMBABWE | TOGO | |
| 4 | 2ND VICE-CHAIR | ZIMBABWE | TOGO | | |
| 5 | SECRETARY | TOGO | | | |

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