

ANNEXURE 1A

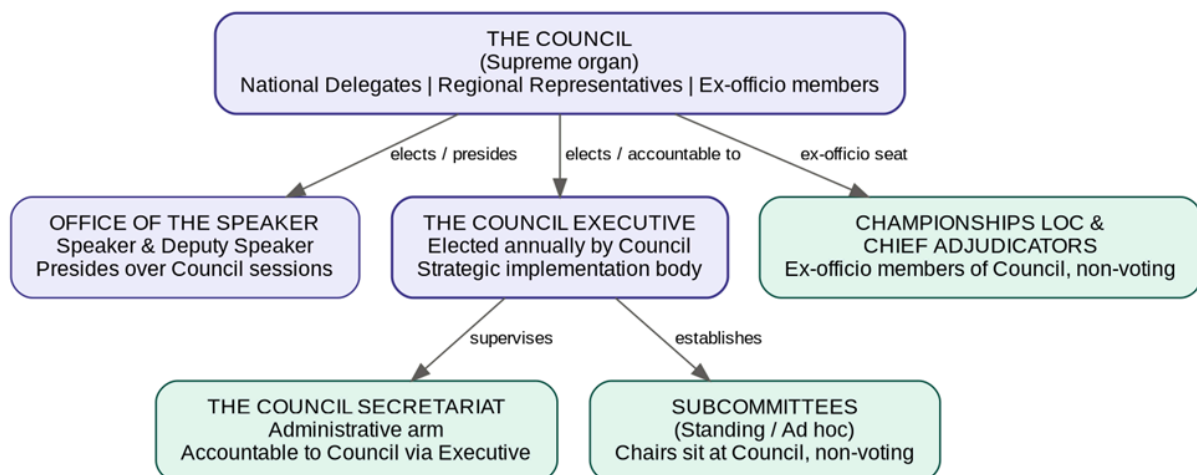
ORGANISATIONAL ORGANOGRAM OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL WITH REFERENCES AND ARTICULATION

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure maps the organs, offices and lines of reporting established under the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), for the purposes of institutional clarity, induction and governance reference. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

The Constitution delegates the powers of the Pan-African Universities debate community to three constitutional organs, namely the Council, the Council Executive, and the Council Secretariat (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 1.3), supplemented by the Office of the Speaker, Subcommittees, the Championships Local Organising Committee (LOC), Chief Adjudicators, and the Equity Committee.

2. Organisational overview

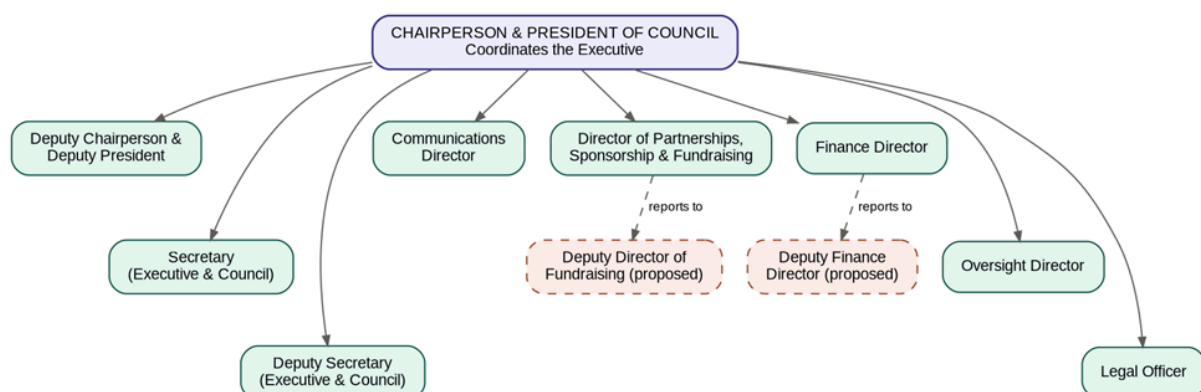


The Council is the supreme organ of the Community and the ultimate authority on policy, governance and accountability (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 4.1-4.2); all other organs derive their authority and legitimacy from it (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 4.3). Two organs sit immediately beneath the Council: The Office of the Speaker,

which is elected by and presides over the Council but holds no executive or administrative authority beyond implementing Council decisions (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 19.3), and the Council Executive, which is elected annually and functions as the strategic implementation body for Council policy (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 22.1-22.2).

The Council Secretariat and the Subcommittees, together with the Championships LOC and Chief Adjudicators, form the third tier. The Secretariat is the permanent administrative and technical arm of the Community, operating under the supervision of the Executive and accountable to the Council only through the Executive (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 38.2; 42.1). Subcommittees, the LOC and Chief Adjudicators hold ex-officio or advisory seats at Council but do not vote (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 8.2.4; 8.2.6; 8.2.7; 10.1-10.2).

3. Composition of the Council Executive



The Executive comprises nine constitutional offices, each an ex-officio member of Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 25.1.1-25.1.9): the Chairperson of Council, the Deputy Chairperson, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Communications Director, the Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship and Fundraising, the Finance Director, the Oversight Director, and the Legal Officer. No individual may hold more than one Council position concurrently (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 25.2).

The two dashed portfolios in the diagram above, namely; the Deputy Director of Fundraising and the Deputy Finance Director, are optional additions and do not presently exist under the ratified Constitution. Both are developed in full, together with their recommended constitutional route to formal adoption, at section 6 below.

4. Guided articulation of the lines of reporting

4.1 The Council as the apex of authority

All constitutional organs derive their legitimacy from the Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 4.3). The Council approves the annual budget, the fundraising framework and eligibility guidelines that the Executive must operate within (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.1.4-6.1.6), meaning the reporting relationship runs upward for approval and downward for implementation.

4.2 The Speaker's office is procedural, not executive

The Speaker communicates Council decisions to the Chairperson of the Executive for implementation (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 19.1) and is assisted by the Secretary of the Executive and Council in preparing agendas and minutes (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 19.2), but has no administrative authority over the Secretariat or Executive beyond what is necessary to give effect to Council decisions (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 19.3). The Speaker and Deputy Speaker are themselves accountable to, and removable by, the Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 20.3; 21.1).

4.3 The Executive reports to, and is time-limited by, the Council

Executive members serve a single, non-renewable one-year term (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 22.2) and must present the annual budget and yearly plan to Council within thirty days of assuming office (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 23.1.6). The Executive must report to Council at least once every six months on the progress of its duties (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 23.1.10), and the Oversight Director independently reports on the governance performance of both the Executive and the Council on the same cycle (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 33.1.4), a structural check that runs alongside, rather than through, the Chairperson.

4.4 The Secretariat's reporting line is deliberately filtered through the Executive

The Secretariat communicates to Council only through the Council Executive (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 42.1), and the Executive may not directly execute the Secretariat's operational tasks save in exceptional, Council-approved cases (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 41.2; 43.1). This separation of functions is a deliberate non-duplication safeguard: any dispute over functional overlap is referred to Council for final interpretation (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 43.3).

4.5 Subcommittees, the LOC and Chief Adjudicators sit outside the voting hierarchy

Subcommittee chairs, LOC Convenors and Chief Adjudicators attend Council in an ex-officio or advisory capacity without a vote (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 8.2.4; 8.2.6-8.2.7; 10.2). Standing or ad hoc subcommittees may be established by the Executive with Council approval and must operate under written terms of reference specifying purpose, membership, duration and reporting obligations (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 23.1.11-23.1.12); the Executive may additionally create purely internal operational committees on its own authority, subject only to a duty to notify Council within fourteen days (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 24.2-24.3).

4.6 The Equity Committee is constitutionally insulated from the reporting chain

The Equity Committee is an independent, quasi-judicial body, chaired by the Legal Officer in an independent capacity rather than as an Executive representative (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.1-68.2). The Oversight Director sits as a non-voting Deputy Chairperson for continuity purposes only, with no deliberative authority (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 33.1.5; 68.3). This organ therefore does not report through the ordinary Executive-Secretariat chain; it is a deliberate check independent of both.

5. Detailed function mapping

The table below maps every office and organ shown in the organogram to its constitutional basis, core functions and reporting relationship, including the two proposed deputy portfolios.

Organ / office	Constitutional basis	Core functions	Reports to
The Council	Art. 4.1-4.3; 6.1-6.2; 7.1; 8.1-8.2	Supreme policy, decision-making and oversight organ; approves budget, fundraising framework and eligibility guidelines; ratifies	Ultimate authority accountable to the Community it represents.

		resolutions; hears disputes (subject to Art. 88A).	
Speaker of Council	Art. 15.1; 16.1-16.2; 17.1	Convenes and presides over Council sessions; sets agenda with Executive/Secretariat; authenticates resolutions; liaises between Council, Executive and Secretariat.	The Council (elects and may remove the Speaker).
Deputy Speaker	Art. 18.1-18.4	Performs the Speaker's duties in their absence or incapacity; assists in maintaining order and decorum.	The Speaker; and the Council directly where the Speaker's office is vacant.
Chairperson & President of Council	Art. 26.1	Chairs Executive meetings; upholds constitutional aims; ensures the Championships are held annually; represents PAUDC institutions at WUDC; oversees Council-Executive coordination.	The Council (elected annually; reports on Executive performance).
Deputy Chairperson & Deputy President	Art. 27.1	Assists and stands in for the Chairperson; oversees inter-departmental coordination; leads strategic planning as delegated.	The Chairperson; accountable to the Council through the Executive.

Secretary of the Executive and Council	Art. 28.1	Maintains records and contact details; records and publishes Executive minutes and decisions; gives meeting notice; coordinates Executive reporting.	The Chairperson; the Executive collectively.
Deputy Secretary of the Executive and Council	Art. 29.1	Records and publishes Council minutes; assists the Secretary; deputises in the Secretary's absence.	The Secretary; the Chairperson.
Communications Director	Art. 30.1; Sched. XI	Official spokesperson; maintains website/social media with the Secretariat; publishes minutes and resolutions; administers digital platforms and crisis communications.	The Chairperson (approves sensitive publications).
Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship & Fundraising	Art. 31.1	Coordinates fundraising and sponsorship opportunities with the Secretariat; maintains sponsor pipeline; discloses sponsor conflicts under Sched. VII/VIII.	The Chairperson.
Deputy Director of Fundraising (optional portfolio, not in the ratified Constitution)	Proposed; see section 6.1	Proposed: supports the Fundraising Director with pipeline maintenance, correspondence and sponsor liaison; deputises in the Director's absence.	Proposed: the Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship & Fundraising.

Finance Director	Art. 32.1	Manages financial records; drafts the annual budget framework; signatory to the Council Account; publishes exchange-rate methodology; reports on bid budgets.	The Chairperson; the Council (financial reporting).
Deputy Finance Director (optional portfolio, not in the ratified Constitution)	Proposed; see section 6.2	Proposed: supports reconciliation of accounts, budget administration and audit liaison; deputises for the Finance Director; not a Council Account signatory.	Proposed: the Finance Director.
Oversight Director	Art. 33.1; 33A	Monitors implementation of resolutions; oversees sub-committee accountability; facilitates internal audits; maintains the Conflicts Register and whistle-blower channel; reports on governance performance biannually.	The Chairperson; reports directly to the Council on governance matters.
Legal Officer	Art. 34.1; 68.2	Advises Council and Executive on constitutional interpretation; ensures Championships compliance; chairs the Equity Committee (independent appointment); oversees dispute resolution under Art. 88A.	The Chairperson for general Executive duties; independent of Executive direction when chairing the

			Equity Committee.
Head of Secretariat	Art. 39.1; 41.3; 44.3	Appointed by Executive with Council approval; responsible for internal administration of the Secretariat; attends Executive meetings ex-officio, non-voting.	The Council Executive (supervision); accountable to Council through the Executive.
Secretary to the Secretariat; Secretariat members	Art. 39.1; 40.1	Implement operational directives; maintain institutional records and the PAUDC website; support elections, fundraising infrastructure and IP registers.	The Head of Secretariat; the Council Executive.
Subcommittees (standing/ad hoc)	Art. 8.2.7; 10.1-10.3; 23.1.11-23.1.12	Address specific mandates (oversight, PR, capacity-building, fundraising, equity, alumni relations, Africa Debater of the Year) under written terms of reference.	The Council Executive; Chairs sit at Council in an advisory, non-voting capacity.
Championships LOC (Convenors) & Chief Adjudicators	Art. 8.2.4; 8.2.6; 80.1	Organise the edition of the Championships; Chief Adjudicators appointed per the ratified bid document; audited 3-6 months pre-Championships.	Ex-officio, non-voting Council members; accountable to Council/Execut

			ive for host readiness.
Equity Committee	Art. 68.1-68.6	Independent, quasi-judicial body determining Code of Conduct and equity matters for each Championships edition; chaired by the Legal Officer.	Independent of the Executive; reports outcomes for institutional record only.
Finance and Audit Sub-committee	Art. 85B.4-85B.5	Oversees the annual external audit and the Secretariat's financial administration on Council's behalf.	The Council (reports not less than once every six months).

6. Optional portfolios

6.1 Deputy Director of Fundraising (optional)

This portfolio does not currently exist under the ratified Constitution. It would report directly to the Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship and Fundraising, and would attend Executive meetings only in a non-voting, supporting capacity, mirroring the ex-officio, non-voting attendance already afforded to the Head of Secretariat (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 41.3). Recommended duties include maintaining the prospective-sponsor pipeline, supporting sponsorship correspondence, coordinating routine sponsor liaison, assisting the Finance Director with sponsorship-income reconciliation, supporting Schedule VII/VIII disclosure obligations, and deputising for the Director in their absence.

6.2 Deputy Finance Director (optional)

This portfolio is similarly absent from the ratified Constitution. It would report directly to the Finance Director and would attend Executive meetings only in a non-voting, supporting capacity, on the same footing recommended for the Deputy Director of Fundraising above. Recommended duties include:

- Supporting the Finance Director in maintaining financial records and preparing the annual budget framework (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 32.1.1-32.1.2, for reference to the underlying duties supported);
- Assisting with reconciliation of Council Account transactions and sponsorship income between Council meetings;
- Supporting preparation of materials for the Finance and Audit Sub-committee and liaison with the external auditor appointed under Art. 85B;
- Assisting in monitoring adherence to the published exchange-rate methodology under Art. 85C;
- Deputising for the Finance Director in correspondence and non-signatory administrative matters during their absence.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Deputy Finance Director is not recommended as a signatory to the Council Account. Article 32.1.4 and Article 85A.2 name the signatories exhaustively, the Finance Director, the Chairperson, the Head of Secretariat, and one further elected member, and extending signatory authority to a new office would itself require an Expanded Majority amendment to those Articles, not merely the creation of the post (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 89.1).

6.3 Recommended constitutional route to adoption

Two routes are available for either proposed portfolio, depending on the degree of permanence intended. The lighter-touch route is for the Executive to establish the post as an internal operational appointment under its own authority, subject only to notifying Council within fourteen days (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 24.2-24.3); this route does not require a constitutional amendment, but nor does it entrench the post as a Council-recognised office, and the appointee would not become an ex-officio Council member under Art. 25.1.

The more durable route is to insert the office into the list of Executive members at Article 25.1 by way of formal amendment. Under the Constitution's numbering protocol, the Deputy Director of Fundraising would be inserted as Article 25.1.6A and the Deputy Finance Director as Article 25.1.10A (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 91.1). As amendments to the body of the Constitution rather than to a technical policy Schedule, either would require an Expanded Majority, not less than two-thirds of votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a Quorate Council meeting (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 89.1; 96.1.15).

ANNEXURE 1B

DELEGATIONS REGISTER OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and scope

This register consolidates every instance in the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025) in which authority is expressly delegated from one constitutional organ or office to another. It is a companion instrument to Annexure 1A (Organisational Organogram of the PAUDC Council) and should be read together with it: Annexure 1A maps who reports to whom, while this register maps who may act on whose authority, and within what limits.

Delegation, for the purposes of this register, is distinguished from independent constitutional appointment. Where an office is created as a check on another organ, rather than as an extension of its authority, this register notes that the relationship is one of institutional insulation rather than delegation (see, for example, item 13 below).

2. Guided interpretation of delegation principles

2.1 The general principle of derived authority

The Community exercises its powers through the organs identified in the Constitution, which perform their functions in accordance with it (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 1.2-1.3). Every delegation recorded below is therefore a sub-delegation of authority that ultimately traces back to the Council, which remains free to reclaim or overrule any exercise of delegated authority through its ordinary decision-making procedures (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 92.1).

2.2 Financial delegation is deliberately dispersed

No single officer may unilaterally move funds. The Council Account requires two of four named signatories; the Finance Director, the Chairperson, the Head of Secretariat and one further elected member, to authorise any disbursement (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 32.1.4; 85A.2). Sole-signatory authority is delegated to the Head of Secretariat only in a narrowly defined emergency (transfer delay beyond sixty days, or signatory deadlock), is capped at USD 2,000, and must be reported to Council at its next meeting (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85A.3).

2.3 Discretionary “residual duty” delegation

Most Executive portfolios close with a clause permitting the Chairperson to assign “any other duties” within that officer’s remit (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 27.1.5; 28.1.8; 30.1.7; 31.1.6; 32.1.10; 33.1.7; 34.1.7). This is the most flexible form of delegation in the Constitution, but it is not unlimited: in the case of the Legal Officer, the Constitution expressly prevents any such delegation from compromising the independence of the Legal Officer’s role as Chairperson of the Equity Committee (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 34.1.7).

2.4 Independent authority is not delegated authority

The Equity Committee is constituted as an independent, quasi-judicial body, and the Legal Officer chairs it in an independent capacity rather than by delegation from the Executive (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.1-68.2). The Oversight Director’s role as Deputy Chairperson is similarly constitutional rather than delegated, and is expressly confined to a non-voting, continuity-preserving function (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 33.1.5; 68.3). These entries are included in the register for completeness but are marked to distinguish them from ordinary delegations.

2.5 Procedural (tagging) and communications delegation

The Speaker, in consultation with the Legal Officer, classifies proposed instruments as a Council Bill or an Executive Instrument (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 37.1-37.2); this classification is not final, as any National Delegate may challenge it, with the Council retaining ultimate determination (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 37.3). Similarly, the Communications Director’s authority to publish is subject to the Chairperson’s (or the Chairperson’s delegates) prior approval for sensitive content (Schedule XI, paragraph 2).

3. Delegations register

The table below lists each delegation in the order addressed above, with its constitutional basis.

No.	Delegating authority	Delegate / recipient	Scope of delegated authority	Conditions / limitations
1	The Council	The Council Executive	Annual mandate to implement Council policy, manage the Community’s day-to-day affairs and organise the Championships.	Single one-year term; must report to Council at least biannually. (Art. 22.1-22.2; 23.1.6; 23.1.10)

2	The Council	Speaker & Deputy Speaker	Authority to convene, preside over and maintain order at Council sessions.	No administrative authority beyond implementing Council decisions; removable by Expanded Majority. (Art. 15.1; 19.3; 21.1)
3	Speaker	Deputy Speaker	Full presiding authority in the Speaker's absence or incapacity.	Automatically reverts to the Speaker on their return. (Art. 18.1)
4	Speaker	Any Council member (written delegation)	Authority to chair a Council meeting where neither Speaker nor Deputy Speaker is available.	Written delegation to the Council Secretary required 24 hours before the meeting. (Art. 6.5.1)
5	National Delegate / Council member	An appointed delegate	Authority to attend, speak and vote at Council on the member's behalf.	Requires notice to, and approval of, the Speaker. (Art. 8.3)
6	Country or Region	A remote-participation delegate	Full delegate rights exercised via approved digital means.	Requires prior Speaker approval and identification of the delegate. (Art. 9.1-9.3)
7	The Council Executive	The Council Secretariat	Operational implementation of institutional records, elections support, IP registers, data	Executive supervises but does not itself perform Secretariat tasks

			protection and website administration.	save in exceptional Council-approved cases. (Art. 38.2; 40.1; 41.1-41.2)
8	Chairperson	Each Executive officer (residual clause)	Catch-all authority to assign “any other duties” within each officer's portfolio.	May not compromise the Legal Officer's independence as Equity Committee Chair. (Art. 27.1.5; 28.1.8; 30.1.7; 31.1.6; 32.1.10; 33.1.7; 34.1.7)
9	Secretary	Deputy Secretary	Recording of Council minutes; stands in for the Secretary as needed.	Deputises only; primary duty is Council (not Executive) minutes. (Art. 29.1.1; 29.1.8)
10	Council (jointly)	Chairperson, Finance Director, Head of Secretariat, and one elected member	Joint signatory authority over the Council Account.	Minimum two of the four signatories required to authorise any disbursement. (Art. 32.1.4; 85A.2)
11	Council Account signatories	Head of Secretariat (sole, emergency)	Emergency authority to disburse up to USD 2,000 as sole signatory.	Only where signatory transfer is overdue by 60+ days or signatories are deadlocked;

				must be reported to Council at its next meeting. (Art. 85A.3)
12	Council	Legal Officer	Authority to advise on constitutional interpretation, compliance and cross-border legal matters.	General Executive duties only; does not extend to the Legal Officer's independent Equity Committee role. (Art. 34.1.1-34.1.4; 34.1.7)
13	<i>Constitution (independent appointment, not an Executive delegation)</i>	Legal Officer, as Chairperson of the Equity Committee	Adjudicative authority over Code of Conduct and equity matters; deliberative vote solely to break ties among the five voting members.	Chairs independently of the Executive must recuse for personal conflicts. (Art. 68.1-68.2; 68.5-68.6)
14	Constitution	Oversight Director, as Deputy Chairperson of the Equity Committee	Non-voting observer role for institutional continuity and implementation of Committee orders.	No deliberative vote; no authority over the outcome of any complaint. (Art. 33.1.5; 68.3)
15	Legal Officer	One of the five voting Equity Committee members (Deputy Chair mechanism)	Temporary chairing authority for a specific complaint only, where the Legal Officer recuses.	Limited to that complaint; Legal Officer resumes the chair thereafter. (Art. 68.6)

16	Speaker, in consultation with the Legal Officer	Classification of proposed policy as a “Council Bill” or “Executive Instrument”	Authority to tag the procedural category of a proposed instrument.	Any National Delegate may challenge the classification; final determination reverts to Council. (Art. 37.1-37.3)
17	The Council Executive	Internal operational committees	Authority to establish committees for internal operational purposes without prior Council approval.	Must notify Council of the committee's establishment within 14 days. (Art. 24.2-24.3)
18	The Council, via the Executive	Standing or ad hoc Subcommittees	Authority to address defined mandates (fundraising, equity, PR, capacity-building, alumni relations, etc.).	Requires written terms of reference and Council approval; chairs sit at Council, non-voting. (Art. 23.1.11-23.1.12)
19	Council (winding-up resolution)	Head of Secretariat, Finance Director and Legal Officer, acting jointly	Authority to initiate formal company dissolution proceedings and certify ongoing regulatory compliance.	Must act within 30 days of a winding-up resolution; must certify compliance to Council annually. (Art. 95A.2; 95A.4)
20	Chairperson of the Executive	A delegate of the Chairperson (Communications)	Authority to approve sensitive public communications before publication.	Applies to statements on Code of Conduct complaints, Host disputes or

				matters of public controversy. (Sched. XI, para. 2)
21	Council (Schedule VIII)	Oversight Director	Administration of the confidential whistle-blower reporting channel.	Must report to Council not less than annually while preserving reporter confidentiality. (Art. 33A.2; Sched. VIII)
22	Council	An appointed external auditor	Authority to conduct the annual independent audit of consolidated financial statements.	Auditors must be independent of the Executive, Secretariat and any current Host; ISA standard required. (Art. 85B.1-85B.2)
23	Council / Executive	Finance and Audit Sub-committee	Oversight of the external audit process and the Secretariat's financial administration.	At least one member must be an independent financial expert outside Council/Executive; reports to Council biannually. (Art. 85B.4)
24	Chairperson	Deputy Chairperson (strategic planning)	Authority to lead specific strategic planning initiatives as assigned.	Scope is task-specific and set by the Chairperson. (Art. 27.1.4)

25	Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship & Fundraising (proposed)	Deputy Director of Fundraising (proposed portfolio)	Proposed: day-to-day sponsor liaison, pipeline maintenance and correspondence support; deputises for the Director.	Proposed only — not yet a constitutional office; see section 4 below for adoption route.
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ANNEXURE 1C

VOTING PROXY SCHEDULE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates and gives practical effect to the provisions of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025) that govern proxy appointment, remote participation and presiding officer delegation. It draws principally on Article 8.3, Article 9, Article 6.4, Article 6.5 and the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

The Constitution allows the Community to exercise its powers directly or through National Delegates and Regional Representatives (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 1.2), and permits a member of Council to act through an appointed delegate in defined circumstances (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 8.3). This Annexure organises those circumstances into a single schedule for ease of administration.

2. Categories of proxy and remote participation

2.1 Member-appointed proxy

Any member of the Council may appoint a delegate to attend meetings, speak, vote and otherwise act on their behalf, subject to notice to, and approval by, the Speaker of Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 8.3). This is the general proxy mechanism available to any Council member holding a vote.

2.2 Remote participation delegate

Where a country or region is unable to physically send its delegate to the Championships, it may apply to the Speaker for remote participation status (PAUDC

Constitution, 2025: Art. 9.1). The application must identify a delegate who will participate through approved digital means and confirm that delegate's internet access and ability to attend Council meetings virtually (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 9.2.1-9.2.2). Once the Speaker approves the application, the remotely participating delegate retains full delegate rights (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 9.3).

2.3 Remote candidacy for Executive office

A country's inability to attend the Championships in person does not disqualify its eligible candidates from nomination or election to the Executive (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 9.4). A candidate running remotely must submit a formal nomination and written statement and, where possible, a recorded speech or live video presentation, at least 48 hours before the relevant Council session (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 9.5).

2.4 Presiding officer delegation

Where the Speaker is absent or incapacitated and no Deputy Speaker is available to preside, a Council meeting may nonetheless be convened or continued if written delegation of authority to a member of Council has been made in writing to the Secretary of the Executive and Council at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.5.1). This is a delegation of the chair, distinct from a delegation of an individual member's vote, but it is included here because it directly affects the continuity of any meeting at which proxy or remote votes are to be cast.

3. Eligibility, approval and notice requirements

The table below summarises who may apply for each category of proxy or remote participation, who must approve it, the notice or lead time required, and the underlying constitutional basis.

Type	Who may apply	Approval authority	Notice / lead time	Constitutional basis
Member-appointed proxy	Any Council member entitled to attend, speak or vote	The Speaker of Council	No fixed period stated; notice must precede the relevant meeting	Art. 8.3

Remote participation delegate	A country or region unable to physically send its delegate to the Championships	The Speaker of Council	Application made in advance of the Championships; identification of delegate and confirmation of internet access required	Art. 9.1-9.2
Remote Executive candidacy	A candidate for Executive office unable to attend in person	Standing Orders procedure; Speaker administers session logistics	Formal nomination, written statement and recorded or live video presentation at least 48 hours before the relevant Council session	Art. 9.4-9.5
Presiding officer delegation	The Speaker or Deputy Speaker, where both would otherwise be absent or incapacitated	Filed with the Secretary of the Executive and Council	Written delegation filed 24 hours prior to the Council meeting	Art. 6.5.1

4. Effect on quorum and voting thresholds

The quorum for a Council meeting is half of all National Delegates present at the most recent edition of the Championships, or, where that figure cannot be met, half of the National Delegates present at pre-council at the current edition (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.4.1-6.4.1.1). A vote cast by a validly appointed proxy delegate under Article 8.3, or by a remote participant approved under Article 9, counts towards both quorum and the relevant majority calculation, but is not valid for either purpose unless cast by a person who is themselves entitled to vote under the Constitution (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, para. 6).

Two voting thresholds apply across the Constitution. An Ordinary Majority is more than fifty percent of the votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting, while an Expanded Majority is not less than two-thirds of the votes validly cast (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, paras. 2-3; Art. 96.1.15). Abstentions are excluded from both the numerator and the denominator of either calculation (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, para. 4), and a tied vote under the Ordinary Majority threshold fails, there being no equivalent tie possible under the

Expanded Majority threshold (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, para. 5). The Speaker must ensure that the result of every vote, being the numbers for, against and abstaining, is recorded in the minutes (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, para. 7).

5. Guided interpretation

5.1 The Speaker as sole gatekeeper of proxy and remote status

Both categories of member-level delegation, the appointed proxy under Article 8.3 and the remote participant under Article 9.1, require the Speaker's approval, and no other officer. This concentrates gatekeeping in a single office that is itself elected by, and accountable to, Council, and whose procedural rulings remain subject to Council's general interpretive authority (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 92.1). A member dissatisfied with a speaker's refusal to approve a proxy or remote application therefore has recourse to Council as the ultimate interpretive authority, rather than to the Executive or Secretariat, neither of which holds a role in this process.

5.2 A non-voting seat cannot be exercised by proxy

Several categories of Council attendee hold no vote in their own right: the ex-officio Executive members, the Championships LOC Chairs, the Tournament Directors, the Chief Adjudicators and subcommittee Chairpersons (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 8.2.3-8.2.7). Because Schedule VI, paragraph 6 conditions the validity of any proxy or remote vote on the vote being cast by a person entitled to vote under the Constitution, an appointed delegate acting for one of these non-voting seats cannot cast a valid vote, whatever the terms of the appointment. A delegate appointed under Article 8.3 may only ever carry the voting entitlement, if any, that the appointing member themselves holds.

5.3 Application to the Championships host vote

The final vote on the Championships host, due by 31 January of the relevant year, is conducted in accordance with the Voting Procedures Schedule (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 74.5), applying paragraphs 2 to 7 of that Schedule among National Delegates and other Council members entitled to vote under Article 8.2 (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VI, para. 8). There is no carve-out excluding proxy or remote votes from this particular decision: a validly appointed proxy or approved remote delegate may cast a vote on the choice of host on the same footing as any other eligible voting member.

6. Proxy and remote participation register

The Constitution does not presently mandate a standing register of proxy appointments or remote participation approvals, in contrast to the Conflicts Register expressly required under Article 33A and Schedule VII. To support consistent administration and an audit trail for the Speaker's approvals, a register in the following form is proposed, to be maintained by the Secretariat alongside its other institutional records (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 40.1).

Meeting date	Principal member	Proxy remote delegate	Type	Speaker approval reference	Basis
[date]	[name, office]	[name]	Member-appointed proxy	[reference date / of approval]	Art. 8.3
[date]	[country / region]	[name]	Remote participation delegate	[reference date / of approval]	Art. 9.1-9.3

It is recommended that the Secretariat table a summary of the register at each ordinary meeting of Council, and that the Oversight Director have sight of it in the course of the biannual governance reporting already required (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 33.1.4).

7. Recommended route to formal adoption

Two routes are available to formalise this register. The lighter-touch route is for the Secretariat to adopt it as an internal administrative practice under its general record-keeping mandate (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 40.1), requiring no constitutional amendment but also carrying no independent constitutional force beyond ordinary administrative practice.

The more durable route is to insert the register as a new paragraph in Schedule VI, immediately following the Interpretations Register provision at paragraph 9. Given the interpretive tension identified at section 5.4 above, it is recommended that Council first resolve, by way of Article 92.1 interpretation or Article 92.3 correction, whether such an insertion requires an Ordinary Majority or an Expanded Majority, before the amendment is put to a vote.



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