



PAUDC GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

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Date: Sunday, 05 July 2026

Time: 18:00 GMT

Platform: Google Meet

1. Attendance

- **Executive Council:** Jeff Melita (Vice Chair), Temiloluwa Jaiyeola (Secretary), Kegoratile Makgato (Finance Secretary), Wycliffe Otieno (Oversight Officer), Sulemana Mohammed Jamaldeen (Deputy Secretary)
- **Regional Representatives:** Kudzaishe Matare (Southern Africa), Zephyr Kabakama (East Africa)
- **Country Representatives:** Coreen Gaotlhobogwe (Botswana), Emmanuel Chapanduka (Zimbabwe), Trudeau Okech (Kenya), Eben Mnzava (Tanzania), Arinda Savor (Uganda)
- **PAUDC 2026 Org Comm:** Amos Joseph (Convenor), Edwin Ocheido, Ayafa Tonye
- **Proxies:** Coreen for Tshiamo Brian (Partnership and sponsorships), Jamal for Michael Korateng (Ghana)

2. Opening and Welcome: Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members.

3. Confirmation of Quorum: Secretary confirmed that quorum was met.

4. PAUDC 2026 Convenor's Update: Amos presented a comprehensive progress report on preparations for PAUDC 2026.

Registration and Participation

Org Comm reported encouraging registration interest and ongoing engagement with institutions across the continent. Current outreach efforts continue to focus on increasing participation.

Affordable Accommodation Proposal

Org Comm presented the proposal to introduce an on-campus residential registration package at US\$120, intended to make the tournament substantially more accessible to delegates. Council was informed that:

- participants choosing this package would be accommodated in university residences.
- the package would include Council dues.
- the lower cost is achieved through the use of university accommodation rather than hotels.

Tournament Dates

Org Comm provided Council with an update on the proposed tournament dates and the factors influencing recent changes.

- PAUDC was originally scheduled to take place from 12–20 December 2026, as reflected in the initial bid.
- During the bid ratification process, the dates were subsequently revised to 5–13 December 2026.
- However, following changes to the Nigeria's election timetable, which resulted in adjustments to the host institution's academic calendar, the revised dates were no longer feasible.
- Consequently, the Org comm proposed reverting back to the 12–20 December 2026.



Trudeau (Kenya) sought clarification on whether the proposed dates were now final.

- Amos responded that the host institution had confirmed that the Championship must commence after 12 December and conclude before the University's Christmas closure.
- While there remains limited flexibility within that period (for example 13–21 December or 14–22 December), the proposed dates of 12–20 December 2026 represent the preferred schedule

While Council recognised the reasons for the proposed changes to the tournament dates, members also emphasised the importance of understanding the potential impact on institutions across the continent.

- It was agreed that country & regional reps would engage their respective constituencies to gather feedback on the proposed dates and assess any implications for academic calendars, examinations, travel, or participation.
- Information collected would be reported back to Council to inform any further deliberations.

Financial Framework and Budget Oversight

Amos explained the University's internal financial management system. Expenditure is controlled through a delegated budgeting process whereby:

- expenditure requests are submitted in phases.
- each request requires approval before funds are released.
- funding is therefore released incrementally rather than as one lump sum.

Kegoratile requested greater clarity regarding expenditure and financial reporting to Council.

- Amos expressed concern that excessive detail could amount to “financial micromanagement.”
- Council discussed the need to balance organisational independence with Council's constitutional oversight responsibilities.
- It was agreed that Council's objective is accountability rather than operational interference.
- To strengthen transparency, Org Comm agreed to provide regular financial progress reports to Council, potentially on a quarterly basis.
- Council also reiterated its request for written confirmation from the host institution regarding the funding arrangements supporting the Championship.

Registration Packages

Council requested greater clarity regarding the differences between the US\$200 hotel package and US\$120 university residence package.

- Amos explained that the cost savings arise primarily from accommodation, with university residences substantially reducing overall expenditure.
- It was further confirmed that institutions registering after the hotel booking deadline in October would automatically be allocated to the university residence option, as hotel bookings would already have been finalised.

Jeff requested that the org comm consider extending the hotel registration payment deadline by approximately two additional weeks beyond October. Amos indicated that this request would be explored with the University.

Accommodation Facilities



Council requested photographs and additional information regarding the university accommodation. Amos advised that photographs would be shared once preparations are complete. He further noted that the planned physical oversight visit would provide Council with an opportunity to inspect the facilities directly.

5. Any Other Business

No additional substantive matters were raised.

6. Action Items

Action	Responsible
Provide written confirmation from the host institution regarding tournament funding arrangements.	PAUDC 2026 Org Comm
Explore extending the hotel registration/payment deadline beyond October.	PAUDC 2026 Org Comm
Consult institutions within each region/country regarding the proposed tournament dates and submit consolidated feedback to Council.	Country & Regional Reps
Circulate a comparison of the US\$120 and US\$200 registration packages.	PAUDC 2026 Org Comm
Share photographs and details of university accommodation once available.	PAUDC 2026 Org Comm
Establish a schedule for regular financial and operational reports to Council.	Org Comm & Oversight Director

Meeting Adjourned.