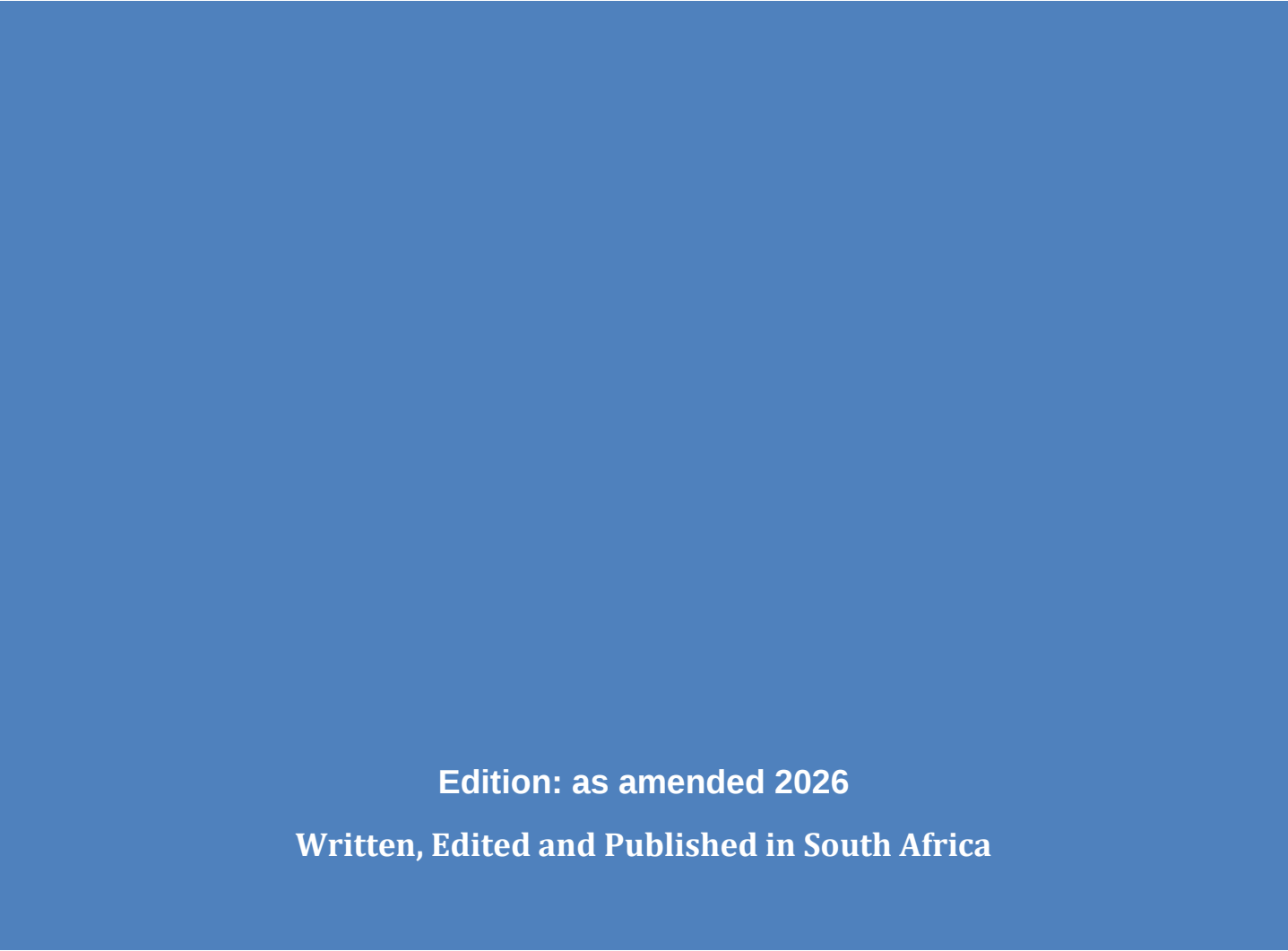


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PREAMBLE

We, the Pan African Universities Debate Community:

HONOURING those who heroically struggled to bring representation to our community both locally and abroad:

PROUD of our ethnic, cultural and religious diversity, and determined to live in peace and unity as one indivisible community:

COMMITTED to nurturing and protecting the well-being of the individual, unions, institutions, nations, regions and the broader Pan African Universities Debating Community:

RECOGNISING the aspirations of all Pan African Universities Debaters for a community based on the essential values of human rights, equality, freedom, democracy, social justice:

EXERCISING our right to determine the form of governance of our community:

ADOPT, ENACT and give this Constitution to ourselves and to our future generations.

PART I: THE PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES DEBATE COMMUNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THIS CONSTITUTION

1. The Pan-African Universities Debate Community

1.1. All actions are to be exercised by the Pan-African Universities Debate Community and for the benefit of the Pan-African Universities Debate Community (the Community) and shall be exercised only in accordance with this Constitution.

1.2. The Community may exercise its powers directly or through their national delegates and regional representatives.

1.3. The powers under this Constitution are delegated to the following organs, which shall perform their functions in accordance with this Constitution:

1.3.1. The Pan-African Universities Debating Council (The Council);

1.3.2. The Pan-African Universities Debating Council Executive; and

1.3.3. The Council Secretariat (CS).

1.4. The power of the Pan-African Universities debating community is exercised at:

1.4.1. the Continental;

1.4.2. the Regional level; and

1.4.3. the National level.

2. Supremacy of this Constitution

2.1. This Constitution is the supreme legislation for the community and binds all members of the community and constitutional organs at both levels of government.

2.2. No person may claim or exercise authority except as authorized under this Constitution.

2.3. The validity or legality of this Constitution is not subject to challenge by or before any individual or other institution, save as provided in Article 88A (Governing Law and Dispute Resolution).

2.4. Any regulation that is inconsistent with this Constitution is void to the extent of the inconsistency, and any act or omission in contravention of this Constitution is invalid.

2.5. Any resolution ratified by The Council shall form part of the governance structure of the Community under this Constitution.

3. Defense of this Constitution

3.1. Every member of the Pan-African Universities Debate community has an obligation to respect, uphold and defend this Constitution.

3.2. Any attempt to establish an entity otherwise than in compliance with this Constitution is unlawful.

PART II: THE COUNCIL

4. Establishment and status of the Council

4.1. There shall be a Pan-African Universities Debate Council (“The Council”) which is the Supreme; policy, decision making, and oversight organ of the Pan-African Universities debate community.

4.2. The Council shall represent the collective will of the member states and regions and shall be the ultimate authority on all matters of policy, governance, and accountability.

4.3. All other organs of the Community shall derive their authority and legitimacy from the Council.

5. Eligibility and Term of National Delegates

5.1. A National Delegate must:

- 5.1.1.** Be a student or alumnus of an African University;
 - 5.1.2.** Have previously participated in at least one edition of the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships (The Championships);
 - 5.1.3.** Be the Country Representative of their National Debate Council;
 - 5.1.4.** Be endorsed by a majority of the Debate Society/Union Presidents within their country, who have attended at least one of the previous three editions of the Championships, and where clause 5.1.3 cannot be met;
 - 5.1.5.** Demonstrate an active involvement in a debate organization or national leadership council.
- 5.2.** A National Delegate (Country Representative) shall serve a term of two years, beginning at the close of the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships where the delegate is appointed and ending at the subsequent next championships, unless reappointed.
- 5.3.** A Country Representative, Regional Representative, or Executive member may serve up to two consecutive terms as of right. A third consecutive term may only be served where the Council is satisfied, by Ordinary Majority, that no other eligible candidate is available in the relevant country or region.

6. Functions of The Council

6.1. The Council represents the Pan-African Debate community members and their interests, they shall:

- 6.1.1.** Vote on and appoint a host for each iteration of the Championships;
- 6.1.2.** Decide on appropriate sanctions against a host organization if it fails to comply with the terms of their bid;

6.1.3. Further the interests of Pan-African Universities debating community locally and internationally, which includes but is not limited to representing these interests at international events and building debate structures in African countries;

6.1.4. Approve and oversee a fundraising framework coordinated by the Council Executive Committee for the support of the Community, including sponsorship partnerships, grant applications, and public campaigns;

6.1.5. Approve the annual Council budget and year plan within the first 30 days after assuming office and any disbursements of Council funds from The Council account;

6.1.6. Establish clear eligibility and selection guidelines, developed by the Council Executive, for institutions and individuals benefiting from Council-backed international participation efforts;

6.1.7. Mandate the Council Executive to report annually on the fundraising outcomes and disbursement of funds; and

6.1.8. Perform any other functions conferred upon it by this Constitution.

6.2. The functions of the Regional Representatives:

6.2.1. In line with the mandate of Council, expanding representation for the Pan-African Universities debating community, the Regional Representatives of Council shall:

6.2.1.1. Represent their region at Council meetings and policy consultations;

6.2.1.2. Facilitate public participation and institutional engagement in The Council's affairs within their region by developing regional hubs to enhance the reach of The Council Network;

6.2.1.3. Collate and communicate regional feedback to the Council Executive;

6.2.1.4. Monitor the implementation of Council decisions within their region;

6.2.1.5. Develop and implement strategies to expand participation in PAUDC across unrepresented or underrepresented countries and institutions within their region;

6.2.1.6. Liaise with National Delegates (Country Representatives) to identify new debate unions and societies and assist them in joining The Council network;

6.2.1.8. Maintain a database of emerging debate institutions and coordinate induction or mentorship efforts for them;

6.2.1.9. Monitor year-to-year growth in participation and prepare an annual recruitment and growth report for the Council;

6.2.1.10. submit a quarterly participation report to the Oversight Director summarizing institutional engagement, decisions, regional project updates and policy proposals;

6.2.1.11. Perform any other actions in line with this constitution.

6.3. The functions of the National Delegates:

6.3.1. In line with the mandate of Council to expand representation for the Pan-African Universities debating community, the National Delegates shall:

6.3.1.1. Represent their country at Council meetings and policy consultations'

6.3.1.2. Facilitate public participation and institutional engagement in The Council's affairs within their country by establishing a Local Debating Council (LDC);

6.3.1.3. Collate and communicate country feedback to the Regional Representative;

6.3.1.4. Monitor the implementation of Council decisions within their country

6.3.1.5. Maintain a database of emerging debate institutions and coordinate induction and mentorship efforts for them;

6.3.1.6. Monitor year-to-year growth in participation and prepare an annual recruitment report for the Regional Representative;

6.3.1.7. Perform any other actions in line with this constitution

6.4. Quorum for meetings of Council:

6.4.1. The quorum for a meeting of the council shall be half of all national delegates present at the most recent edition of the Championships.

6.4.1.1. Where fifty percent of all national delegates present at the most recent edition of the championships cannot quorate, quorum shall be half of the national delegates present at pre-council at the present edition of the championships.

6.4.1.2. The fallback quorum in Article 6.4.1.1 may be invoked no more than once per edition of the Championships, and may not be used to pass a Council Bill requiring an Expanded Majority. Any resolution passed under a fallback quorum shall be reported to the next sitting of Council at full quorum for ratification within thirty days, and shall lapse if not so ratified.

6.5. Presiding Officers and Continuity of Council Proceedings:

6.5.1. No meeting of the Council under Article 6.4 shall be convened or continued unless it is presided over by the Speaker or, in the absence or incapacity of the Speaker, by the Deputy Speaker, unless written delegation of authority to a member of council has been made in writing to the Council Secretary 24 hours prior to the council meeting. No individual may hold and exercise more than two proxy delegations under this Article at a single meeting of Council, and a delegation received under this Article may not be further delegated. The Council Secretary shall announce the identity and country of each proxy-holder and the delegating member before any vote in which a proxy is to be exercised.

6.5.2. In the event that both the office of Speaker and the office of Deputy Speaker are vacant; or the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are each incapacitated or otherwise unable to discharge the functions of their respective offices; or any other circumstance exists that prevents either officer from lawfully presiding over the Council, the Council shall be deemed to lack a presiding officer for the purposes of this Article.

6.5.3. Upon the occurrence of any condition described in Article 6.5.2., the National Delegates (Country Representatives) shall, within 48 hours of such condition being formally recognized by the Secretary of the Executive and The Council (or, in the absence of the Secretary, by a majority vote of the National Delegates present), convene an extraordinary session for the sole purpose of electing a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Standing Orders.

6.5.4. The election of a new Speaker under Article 6.5.3 shall have absolute priority over all other business of the Council.

6.5.5. Until the new Speaker and Deputy Speaker are elected and assume office, no substantive motion, resolution, or legislative measure shall be introduced, debated, or voted upon, save for procedural motions strictly necessary to facilitate the said election.

6.5.6. The provisions of this Article are mandatory and non-derogable; any meeting held or decision taken in contravention thereof shall be null and void ab initio.

7. Powers of The Council

7.1. The Council has such powers as are necessary to carry out their functions under Article 6.

7.2. Without limiting Clause 7.1, these powers include the power to:

7.2.1. remove hosting rights from a Host;

7.2.2. interpret and apply sections of this Constitution; and

7.2.3. hear and determine disputes between participants, Hosts and/or institutions, subject to Article 88A.

8. Composition of The Council

8.1. The Council shall consist of the National Delegates (Country Representatives), Regional Representatives duly elected or nominated in accordance with the provisions

of this Constitution and the Council's Standing Orders and other ex-officio members as described in this Constitution.

8.2. The Council shall consist of the following members:

8.2.1. National Delegates (Country Representatives), who qualify to serve as per Article 5;

8.2.2. Regional Representatives from North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa and Africans from the Diaspora (hereinafter these areas represented defined as regions, who shall be appointed by consensus of National Delegates within their region or by majority vote where no consensus exists;

8.2.3. Members of the Executive (ex-officio members who do not have votes);

8.2.4. The Chairs of the Championships Local Organizing Committee (Tournament Convenor of the current and next championships (who do not have a vote);

8.2.5. The Tournament Directors of the current championships (who do not have a vote);

8.2.6. Two Chief Adjudicators as per the ratified bid document sent by the Chairs of the Championships Local Organizing Committee;

8.2.7. The Chairpersons of subcommittees that Council may form to pursue specific aims (do not have votes).

8.3. Any member of the Council may appoint a delegate to attend meetings, speak, vote, and otherwise act on his/her behalf, with notice and approval from the Speaker of Council.

8.4. The Council may appoint independent and objective advisors to The Council who will sit at meetings and advise The Council, but will not have a vote.

9. Remote Participation and Voting Rights

9.1. In circumstances where a country or region is unable to physically send their delegate to the Championships, they may apply to the Speaker for remote participation status.

9.2. Remote participation must include:

9.2.1. Identification of a delegate who will participate via approved digital means; and

9.2.2. Confirmation of internet access and ability to attend Council meetings virtually.

9.3. Upon approval by the Speaker, the remotely participating delegate shall retain full delegate rights.

9.4. A country's inability to attend the Championships in person shall not disqualify eligible candidates from that country from being nominated or elected to the Executive.

9.5. Candidates running remotely must submit a formal nomination, written statement, and, where possible, a recorded speech or live video presentation at least 48 hours before the relevant Council session.

10. Specialized Subcommittees of The Council

10.1. The Council may approve subcommittees to pursue specific aims, as per Article 8.2.7. The Chairs of said subcommittees will have a seat at the council, but will not have voting rights.

10.2. Chairs of Council-established subcommittees shall be permitted to attend Council meetings in an advisory capacity and may be consulted on agenda items relevant to their subcommittee.

10.3. The Council may, by majority vote, instruct the Council Executive to establish a specific subcommittee to address an emerging or unresolved matter of importance to the Pan-African University's debating community.

11. Vacancies on The Council

11.1. A vacancy on The Council shall arise where a member of the Committee:

11.1.1. resigns;

11.1.2. dies; or

11.1.3. is removed under Article 13.

11.2. If a vacancy on The Council occurs, The Council must arrange for the position to be filled within two weeks of the vacancy occurring by:

11.2.1. if the vacancy is in the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, calling a meeting of Council to elect a replacement in accordance with Article 21;

11.2.2. if the vacancy is in a Regional Representative, ensuring that the Delegates from that region convene to appoint a replacement;

11.2.3. if the vacancy is in the Convenor:

11.2.3.1. if the Host remains accepted by Council, calling a meeting of Council to ratify a replacement nominated by the Host, or

11.2.3.2. if the Host has failed to be ratified or has otherwise been removed, appointing a new Host in accordance with Article 83.

12. Conduct, Performance, and Accountability of Council Members

12.1. Code of Conduct for Council Members

12.1.1. All Council Members, including National Delegates (Country Representatives), Regional Representatives, and Executive shall abide by the Council Member Code of Conduct during their tenure.

12.1.2. The Code of Conduct shall include expectations relating to:

12.1.2.1. Attendance and participation in Council meetings

12.1.2.2. Respectful communication and collaborative decision-making

12.1.2.3. Confidentiality on sensitive Council matters

12.1.2.4. Timely responses to official Council communications

12.1.3. Breaches of this code may be reported to the Oversight Director for investigation and recommendation of sanctions to the Council.

12.1.4. Council Schedule and Minimum Participation Obligations:

12.1.4.1. The Council shall physically convene a minimum of two meetings per year:

12.1.4.1.1. One preliminary meeting on the second day of the edition of the Championships that deals with any issues arising before commencement of the tournament including settling any issues on the eligibility criteria for individuals competing in the tournament.

12.1.4.1.2. One main meeting on the second last day of the edition of the Championships where they evaluate the tournament, vote on a bid and ratify the bid of the next host.

12.1.4.2. All Council members must respond to Council communications within a maximum of 72 hours unless otherwise specified.

12.1.4.3. Failure to attend two consecutive meetings or to respond to official communications may trigger a performance review by the Oversight Director.

12.1.5. Performance Evaluation of Council Members:

12.1.5.1. The Oversight Director shall develop an annual Council Performance Review, based on:

12.1.5.1.1. Attendance;

12.1.5.1.2. Response to action items;

12.1.5.1.3. Engagement with national and regional institutions;

12.1.5.1.4. Delivery of reports or assigned duties;

12.1.5.2. The findings of the performance review shall be tabled before the Council for acknowledgment and possible sanctions or recommendations.

12.1.6. Contracts of Service:

12.1.6.1. Upon assumption of office, each Council member shall sign a Contract of Service committing to:

12.1.6.1.1. Upholding the Constitution and decisions of the Council

12.1.6.1.2. Fulfilling their responsibilities with diligence and integrity

12.1.6.1.3. Submitting to the performance and conduct mechanisms established herein

12.1.6.2. The Secretariat shall be responsible for maintaining signed copies of all Contracts of Service and may publish a summary of signed commitments.

12.1.6.3. Failure to sign a Contract of Service within thirty (30) days of assuming office shall render the individual ineligible to vote in Council or Executive matters.

12.1.6.4. Each quarter, the Council is to submit a report to the Pan-African Universities debating community on its activities and plans.

12.2. Conflicts of Interest

12.2.1. Every voting member of the Council, every member of the Executive, every National Delegate (Country Representative), every Regional Representative, and every member of the Adjudication Core, the Tabulation team, and the Equity Committee owes the Community a duty to avoid, and to disclose, any conflict of interest arising in the discharge of their constitutional functions.

12.2.2. The Conflicts of Interest Schedule at Schedule VII to this Constitution governs the disclosure, recusal, registration, and remedial treatment of conflicts of interest across all constitutional organs, and is binding on all Council Members, Executive officers, and Championships officers as if enacted in the body of this Article.

12.2.3. For the avoidance of doubt, Article 20.4 (declaration of conflicts by the Speaker) is a specific application of, and does not derogate from, the general obligation in this Article and in Schedule VII.

13. Removal, Vacancy, and Succession of members of The Council

13.1. Grounds for removal from Office:

13.1.1. A member of the Council may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

13.1.1.1. Death

13.1.1.2. Voluntary resignation submitted in writing to the Speaker

13.1.1.3. Loss of eligibility under this Constitution

13.1.1.4. Persistent failure to attend 3 consecutive Council meetings without approved leave

13.1.1.5. Conduct detrimental to the objectives or reputation of the Council

13.1.1.6. Any other reason as specified in the Rules of Procedure

13.2. Procedure for Removal:

13.2.1. A motion for removal must be submitted in writing to the Speaker, stating the grounds for removal.

13.2.2. The Speaker shall notify the member concerned and all Council members of the motion at least 7 days before the meeting.

13.2.3. The member shall be given an opportunity to respond to the motion before a vote is taken.

13.2.4. An Expanded Majority vote of those present and voting is required to effect removal.

13.3. Vacancy:

13.3.1. Circumstances Leading to Vacancy:

13.3.1.1. A seat on the Council shall become vacant if the incumbent:

13.3.1.1.1. Dies

13.3.1.1.2. Resigns in writing

13.3.1.1.3. Becomes disqualified from holding office under this Constitution

13.3.1.1.4. Fails to attend 3 consecutive Council meetings without approved leave

13.3.1.1.5. Is removed from office

13.3.1.1.6. Any other circumstance as defined in the Rules of Procedure

13.4. Notification of Vacancy:

13.4.1. The Speaker shall notify all Council members in writing of a vacancy within three (3) days of such a vacancy.

13.5. Succession

13.5.1. Filling Vacancies

13.5.1.1. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Rules of Procedure.

13.5.1.2. An interim member may be appointed to serve until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

13.5.2. Term of Successors

13.5.2.1. A successor appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the vacating member, unless otherwise determined by the Council.

13.5.3. Interim Appointments

13.5.3.1. Interim appointments shall be made in a manner that ensures continuity and stability within the Council, Continuity of Council Operations, Quorum, and Decision-Making

13.6. The Council may continue to operate with a reduced number of members if vacancies do not reduce the membership below the quorum required for meetings and decision-making.

13.6.1. Decisions made during periods of vacancies shall be valid, provided that a quorum was present.

13.6.2. The Secretary shall maintain accurate records of all removals, vacancies, and appointments, including dates and reasons for each occurrence.

14. Order of Distinction & Emeritus Membership of The Council

14.1. The Council may confer the Order of Distinction upon individuals who have rendered extraordinary service to the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC) or the Pan-African Universities Debating Championships.

14.2. Recipients of the Order of Distinction shall be awarded the title “Pan-African Council Member Emeritus” and enjoy any rights, privileges or recognition as may be prescribed by the Council.

14.3. The Council shall determine the nomination, selection and presentation procedures for the Order of Distinction, including criteria of eligibility, limitations and any applicable benefits.

PART III: THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL

15. Establishment and purpose of the Office

15.1. There shall be established an office of the Speaker of Council (“the Speaker”) and the Deputy Speaker who shall preside over all sittings and proceedings of the Council.

16. Election and tenure

16.1. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall be elected by the Council from among the National Delegates through a transparent and democratic process determined by the Council’s Standing Orders.

16.2. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, renewable once, unless otherwise determined by the Council.

16.3. The offices of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall become vacant upon:

16.3.1. Expiry of term of office;

16.3.2. Resignation in writing addressed to The Council;

16.3.3. Ceasing to be a member of The Council; or

16.3.4. Removal by an Expanded Majority of the Council for gross misconduct, incapacity, or violation of the Constitution.

17. Powers and functions of the Speaker

17.1. The Speaker shall:

17.1.1. Convene and preside over all sessions of the Council and maintain order in its proceedings;

17.1.2. Set the agenda for Council meetings (in consultation with the Executive and the Secretariat);

17.1.3. Uphold and enforce the Rules of Procedure and Standing Orders of the Council;

17.1.4. Ensure equitable participation of all members and fair debate in Council deliberations;

17.1.5. facilitate Council debates by ensuring orderly conduct and putting items to vote;

17.1.6. Authenticate and certify all resolutions, declarations, and decisions of the Council;

17.1.7. Serve as the official representative of the Council in its relations with the Executive, Secretariat, and external entities;

17.1.8. Liaise with the Chairperson of the Executive on matters requiring coordination between the Council and the Executive;

17.1.9. Convene special sessions of the Council upon request of the Executive or one-third of the Council's members;

17.1.10. Supervise the administrative arrangements of Council sittings with the assistance of the Secretariat; and

17.1.11. Perform such other duties as the Council or this Constitution may delegate to the Speaker.

18. The powers and functions of the Deputy Speaker

18.1. The Deputy Speaker shall perform the duties of the Speaker in the Speaker's absence, or as delegated by the Speaker.

18.2. The Deputy Speaker shall assist the Speaker in ensuring the effective conduct of Council business and the maintenance of decorum and discipline during sessions.

18.3. In case of vacancy of office of the Speaker, maintain all powers of the Speaker until the next Council meeting or election, whichever is earlier.

18.4. Perform such other functions as may be delegated by the Speaker of the Council.

19. Relationship with other organs

19.1. The Speaker shall communicate official decisions and resolutions of The Council to the Chairperson of the Council Executive for implementation.

19.2. The Speaker shall be assisted by the Secretary of the Council Executive and The Council in preparing agendas, minutes and official correspondence of The Council.

19.3. The Speaker shall have no executive or administrative authority over the Secretariat or the Executive beyond what is necessary to ensure the implementation of The Council decisions.

20. Accountability and conduct

20.1. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall uphold impartiality, fairness and integrity in the discharge of their duties.

20.2. The Speaker shall not take part in debate except to provide guidance or clarification on procedural matters.

20.3. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall be accountable to The Council collectively and may be censured or removed in accordance with due process.

20.4. The Speaker shall declare any conflict of interest prior to presiding over deliberations where such interest may arise, in accordance with Article 12.2 and Schedule VII.

21. Vacancy and succession of the office of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

21.1. The Speaker or Deputy Speaker may be removed from office by an Expanded Majority vote of the Council, provided that due notice has been given and the person concerned has been given an opportunity to be heard.

21.2. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker shall assume the role in an acting capacity until a new Speaker is elected at the next Council sitting or within 30 days.

21.3. A vacancy in the office of Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall be filled by election at the next sitting of the Council or within 30 days.

PART IV: THE EXECUTIVE

22. Establishment of the Executive

22.1. There shall be an Executive for the Pan-African Universities Debate Council that shall be the strategic implementation body for the policies and decisions of the Pan-African Universities Debate Community.

22.2. The Council shall elect members of the Executive for a non-renewable two-year term during each edition of the Championships. Terms begin and end at the conclusion of each edition of the Championships.

22.3. The Executive election shall be done via seconding and the nominees will be elected via Ordinary Majority Vote.

23. Functions of the Executive

23.1. All members of the Executive shall work towards policy guidance, supervision and strategic coordination of The Council and the Secretariat for the benefit of the community. This includes, but is not limited to:

23.1.1. Ensuring the PAUDC Championships is held successfully every year and expanding the number of teams, institutions, and countries that participate in it;

23.1.2. Building capacity of National and Regional debate Councils and general debate capacity in African countries;

23.1.3. Maintaining and reviewing the rules of the Championships;

23.1.4. Consult and investigate on behalf of The Council and make recommendations to The Council;

23.1.5. Initiating contact with potential sponsors and establish contact between them and Hosts, subject to the disclosure obligations in Schedule VII and Schedule VIII;

23.1.6. Presenting the annual Council budget and Executive yearly plan before The Council for their approval within the first 30 days after assuming office;

23.1.7. Monitoring the preparations of Hosts, and ensure that they are able to run the Edition of the Championships for which they are responsible;

23.1.8. Remaining a respectable face of The Championships to the public and the general debating community;

23.1.9. Not exercising any of their powers or the ostensible authority of their role in any way that could bring the Championships or the Council into disrepute;

23.1.10. Providing reports to The Council at least once after every six months regarding the completion and the progress of the duties outlined above including decisions made, issues referred to the Council by the Executive or Secretariat, and any other matters the Council may require;

23.1.11. Establishing standing or ad hoc subcommittees with the approval of The Council to address specific mandates, including but not limited to:

23.1.11.1. Oversight and compliance;

23.1.11.2. Public relations and communications;

23.1.11.3. Capacity building and training;

23.1.11.4. Fundraising and sponsorship coordination;

23.1.11.5. Equity and inclusion;

23.1.11.6. Alumni and institutional partnerships; and

23.1.11.7. Africa Debater of the Year Awards.

23.1.12. Each subcommittee shall operate under written terms of reference approved by The Council, which shall outline its:

23.1.12.1. Purpose;

23.1.12.2. Membership criteria;

23.1.12.3. Duration (standing or ad hoc); and

23.1.12.4. Reporting obligations.

23.1.13. complying, and ensuring that the Secretariat and all Championships officers comply, with the Anti-Corruption and Whistle-blower Policy at Schedule VIII.

24. Powers of the Executive

24.1. The Executive and its members have such powers as are necessary to carry out their duties under Article 23.

24.2. The Executive shall have the autonomous authority to establish operational committees as needed to support its internal functioning. These may include but are not limited to:

24.2.1. Tournament review and quality assurance;

24.2.2. Outreach and regional engagement; and

24.2.3. Policy drafting and legal compliance.

24.3. In a situation where the Executive creates subcommittees, they must notify Council of the creation of such subcommittees within fourteen (14) days, and shall report periodically on their performance and outcomes.

25. Membership of the Executive

25.1. The Executive is comprised of the following members:

25.1.1. The Chairperson of the Executive and the President of The Council;

25.1.2. The Deputy Chairperson of the Executive and the Deputy President of The Council;

- 25.1.3.** The Secretary of the Executive and The Council;
 - 25.1.4.** The Deputy Secretary of the Executive and The Council;
 - 25.1.5.** The Communications Director of the Executive and The Council;
 - 25.1.6.** The Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising of the Executive and The Council;
 - 25.1.7.** The Finance director of the Executive and The Council;
 - 25.1.8.** Oversight director of the Executive and The Council; and
 - 25.1.9.** The Legal Officer of the Executive and The Council.
- 25.2.** The same person shall not hold multiple positions on The Council.

25.3. Conflicts of Interest of Executive Members

Every member of the Executive is subject to the disclosure, recusal and registration requirements of Article 12.2 and Schedule VII, and to the Anti-Corruption and Whistle-blower Policy at Schedule VIII, without exception or seniority-based exemption.

26. Duties of the Chairperson of the Council Executive

26.1. The Chairperson shall:

- 26.1.1.** Coordinate and chair meetings of The Executive;
- 26.1.2.** Chair meetings between The Council and any organizations, communities and persons outside the jurisdiction of The Council convened by The Council or the Executive;
- 26.1.3.** Ensure the aims and objectives of the Championships and this constitution are upheld;
- 26.1.4.** Ensuring that the Championships is organized annually during their term in office;

26.1.5. Ensure a meeting of African institutions is held at the World Universities Debating Championships to discuss issues pertinent to debate in Africa at the World Universities Debating Championships;

26.1.6. Represent and protect the interests of African institutions at the World Universities Debating Championships Council;

26.1.7. Oversee coordination between the Council Executive and Council; and

26.1.8. Ensure that the Secretariat is functional and operational serving the interests of the community.

27. Duties of the Deputy Chairperson of the Council Executive

27.1. The Deputy Chairperson and the Deputy President shall:

27.1.1. Assist the Chair in executing their responsibilities and chair meetings in their absence;

27.1.2. Oversee inter-departmental coordination within the Executive;

27.1.3. Oversee coordination between The Council and the National Debate Councils and Regional Debate Councils;

27.1.4. Take lead on strategic planning initiatives as delegated by the Chair; and

27.1.5. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson and President.

28. Duties of the Secretary of the Council Executive

28.1. The Secretary shall:

28.1.1. Be responsible for keeping updated records and contact details of The Council members and the members of Secretariat;

28.1.2. Record and publish minutes of The Executive to the Executive;

28.1.3. Publish reports of all decisions made during The Executive meetings, whether in-session or through rolling procedures, within 48 hours of the vote closure to members of the Executive;

28.1.4. Giving notice to the other members of the Executive of any meeting of the Executive. Such notice shall be given in writing at least 48 hours before the meeting and shall include an agenda containing all details of any proposed amendments to this Constitution;

28.1.5. Coordinate follow-up communications after meetings, including timelines and assigned actions;

28.1.6. Coordinate the development and publication of Executive reports;

28.1.7. Share an official record of all correspondence of the Executive to the Secretariat; and

28.1.8. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

28.2. All official tasks and information listed in Article 28.1 above shall be performed and subsequently kept on record via email.

29. Duties of the Deputy Secretary of the Council Executive

29.1. The Deputy Secretary shall:

29.1.1. Record and publish minutes of Council meetings to The Council;

29.1.2. Assist the Secretary in compiling and distributing meeting agendas, minutes of Executive and The Council resolutions;

29.1.3. Take over the Secretary's responsibilities in the event the Secretary is unavailable or incapacitated;

29.1.4. Coordinate follow-up communications after meetings, including timelines and assigned actions;

29.1.5. Coordinate the development and publication of The Council reports;

29.1.6. Support the Secretary in compiling the reports of the Executive;

29.1.7. Share an official record of all correspondence of The Council to the Secretariat;
and

29.1.8. Any other duties as delegated by the Secretary.

29.2. All official tasks and information listed in Article 29.1 above shall be performed and subsequently kept on record via email.

30. Duties of the Communications Director of the Council Executive

30.1. The Communications Director shall:

30.1.1. Be the official spokesperson of The Council and the Executive;

30.1.2. Coordinate with the Secretariat on the maintenance of the Pan-African Universities Debate Council website, social media accounts and other archives and information necessary to further the aims of the council and the Executive;

30.1.3. Coordinate the publishing of minutes and Council resolutions to the community and general public;

30.1.4. Display a copy of this constitution on the websites of The Council for reference by all interested parties;

30.1.5. Coordinate with National Delegate and Regional Representatives to create, maintain and publish an annual African debating calendar;

30.1.6. Facilitate communication between The Council and the Executive with other organizations, communities and persons outside the jurisdiction of The Council;

30.1.7. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson; and

30.1.8. administer the Council's official platforms and manage access credentials, content approval, and crisis communications in accordance with the Digital Communications Policy at Schedule XI.

31. Duties of the Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship and Fundraising of the Council Executive

31.1. The Director of Partnerships, Sponsorship and Fundraising shall:

31.1.1. Coordinate with Secretariat on fundraising and sponsorship opportunities for the benefit of the community;

31.1.2. Coordinate the Secretariat maintenance of a list of past and potential sponsors, complete with contact information and details of sponsorship;

31.1.3. Coordinate with the Secretariat on the development and maintenance of sponsorship plans, letters, and other information that can be used to raise sponsorship for debate;

31.1.4. Actively engage National delegates, Regional Representatives and other interested parties to explore options for generating partnerships, sponsorship and financial support for the benefit of the community;

31.1.5. Administer, jointly with the Finance Director, every grant, donation, and restricted sponsorship fund received on the Council's behalf in accordance with the Grant and Donor Fund Management Policy, including its requirements for fund segregation, donor reporting, and treatment of unspent funds on transition;

31.1.6. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

32. Duties of the Finance director of the Council Executive

32.1. The Finance Director shall:

32.1.1. Manage the financial records of The Council and prepare a financial report to be tabled at Council meetings whenever requested by The Council;

32.1.2. Create the budget framework for the annual Council budget within the first 20 days after assuming office in consultation and coordination with the Executive, The Council and the Secretariat;

32.1.3. Oversee expenditure for The Council's activities and ensure compliance with financial regulations, including the Reserve Fund Policy adopted under Articles 24.2 and 32.1.3, and report on the reserve maintained under it;

32.1.4. Be a signatory to The Council Account along with the Chairperson of the Executive and the President of The Council, the Head of Secretariat and one other member elected and appointed by The Council, in accordance with Article 85A;

32.1.5. Provide a financial report on the financial feasibility and constitutional compliance of bid budgets submitted at Council within 30 days of submission;

32.1.6. Coordinate with tournament conveners to provide financial oversight and transparency during the Championships editions;

32.1.7. Ensure that Council fees are remitted to the Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited Bank Account (Council Account) before the end of the Edition of the Championships in liaison with the Convenor as per Article 85A;

32.1.8. Liaise with the Partnerships, Sponsorship & Fundraising Director and the Secretariat to align fundraising efforts with budgetary needs;

32.1.9. Publish, at the opening of each Championships registration period, the official exchange rate methodology and rates required under Article 85C; and

32.1.10. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

32.2. A person is not eligible to be elected Finance Director unless they hold a recognized qualification in accounting, financial management, or auditing, or can demonstrate substantial experience in institutional financial administration or compliance. The Finance Director shall submit a written report to Council at least once every six months on the exercise of the functions in Articles 32.1.3, 85A, and 85B, and on the administration of Schedule XII, and shall recuse themselves from any disbursement, signatory, or procurement decision under those Articles or under Schedule XII in which they hold a conflict of interest, in accordance with Schedule VII.

33. Duties of the Oversight Director of the Council Executive

33.1. The Oversight Director shall:

33.1.1. Monitor implementation of Council and Executive resolutions;

33.1.2. Ensure accountability of sub-committees and provide compliance updates to the Council;

33.1.3. Facilitate internal audits of tournament or Council activities where appropriate, without prejudice to the independent external audit required under Article 44.4 and Article 85B;

33.1.4. Report on the governance performance of the Council Executive and The Council to the community at least once after every six months;

33.1.5. Attend, in a non-voting observer capacity, the proceedings of the Equity Committee of every Edition of the Championships, and assist the Legal Officer, as Chair, in ensuring the implementation of Equity Committee orders, in accordance with Article 68 as amended;

33.1.6. Maintain the Conflicts Register required by Schedule VII and the confidential reporting channel required by Schedule VIII; and

33.1.7. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

33A. Anti-Corruption and Whistle-blower Policy

33A.1. The Council adopts, as a Schedule to this Constitution, an Anti-Corruption and Whistle-blower Policy, set out at Schedule VIII, which is binding on all officers, agents, and authorized representatives of the Council.

33A.2. The Oversight Director shall administer the confidential reporting channel established under Schedule VIII and shall report, not less than annually, to the Council on matters received, investigated, and resolved under that Schedule, in a manner that preserves the confidentiality and protection from retaliation of any reporting person.

33A.3. No person shall suffer any adverse consequence in their role within the Community for a good-faith report made under Schedule VIII, and any retaliation against such a person shall itself constitute a breach of the Council Member Code of Conduct under Article 12.1 and grounds for removal under Article 13.

34. Duties of the Legal Officer of the Executive and The Council

34.1. The Legal Officer shall:

34.1.1. Advise The Council and the Executive on the interpretation of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council;

34.1.2. Advise The Council and the Executive on the interpretation of any bills that come before The Council;

34.1.3. Ensure Constitutional compliance of the Championships Local Organizing Committee including the Convenor, the Host institution or organization and Chief Adjudication Panel and other person(s), at every stage of the current and next Championships and report to The Council for immediate action in case of breach;

34.1.4. Maintain oversight of the Governing Law and Dispute Resolution Article at 88A, including conduct of the tiered dispute resolution mechanism described there, and advise the Council on cross-border legal registration matters arising under the Cross-Border Operations Protocol at Schedule IV;

34.1.5. Chair the Equity Committee of every Edition of the Championships as an independent appointment under Article 68, holding a deliberative vote solely as a member of that five-person committee and not by virtue of holding Executive office;

34.1.6. Maintain, together with the Oversight Director, the Risk Register required by the Insurance and Risk Management Policy, and manage the legal and contractual aspects of any insurance claim arising in connection with an Edition of the Championships, and

34.1.7. Any other duties as delegated by the Chairperson, provided that no such delegation shall compromise the independence of the Legal Officer's function as Chair of the Equity Committee under Article 68.

34.2. Where the Legal Officer holds a current or recent affiliation, within the preceding two Championships cycles, that would place them in a conflict of interest with a complaint before the Equity Committee, Article 68.6 (Deputy Chair mechanism) shall apply.

34.3. A person is not eligible to be elected Legal Officer unless they hold a recognised legal qualification or can demonstrate substantial experience in dispute resolution or governance compliance. The Legal Officer shall submit a written report to Council at least once every six months on the exercise of the functions in Articles 34.1.2, 34.1.3, and 68, and shall recuse themselves from any of those functions, not only from Equity Committee proceedings, in which they hold a conflict of interest, in accordance with Schedule VII.

35. Vacancies on the Executive

35.1. A vacancy on the Council Executive shall arise where a member of the Executive:

35.1.1. resigns;

35.1.2. dies; or

35.1.3. is removed under Article 13.

35.2. If a vacancy on the Council Executive occurs, the Council Executive must arrange for the position to be filled within two weeks of the vacancy occurring by calling a meeting of The Council to elect a replacement.

36. Transition and Continuity of Executive Leadership

36.1. Each outgoing Council Executive shall be responsible for preparing a comprehensive handover report, to be submitted to the Secretariat who shall hand it to

the incoming Executive no later than four weeks before the commencement of the Championships.

The report shall include:

36.1.1. Status updates on ongoing projects;

36.1.2. Contact information for key stakeholders;

36.1.3. Unresolved challenges or pending Council mandates;

36.1.4. Recommendations for the incoming team; and

36.1.5. Council resolutions.

36.2. The handover report shall be compiled by the Secretary of the Council Executive and The Council and submitted to the PAUDC Council Chair for archiving and distribution to the incoming Committee.

36.3. Each outgoing Executive member shall have a debrief meeting at least two weeks before the Championships with the Secretariat at the end of their term which shall form part of the information shared by the Secretariat with the incoming Executive during their onboarding to ensure continuity.

36.4. Ongoing projects initiated under one Executive shall continue to be implemented by the incoming Executive unless the Council expressly resolves otherwise through an 80% vote of no confidence in continuing a particular project.

36.5. The incoming Executive must, within the first two months of taking office, submit to the Council a brief Transition Audit detailing:

36.5.1. The status of inherited initiatives,

36.5.2. Their plan for continuation, revision, or closure of such initiatives.

36.6. The Executive must circulate a tentative calendar of meetings for the upcoming term no later than 30 days after assuming office.

36.7. The Oversight Director shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with this Article and reporting non-compliance to the Council.

37. Legislative Deliberation and Bill Tagging

37.1. All proposed policies, amendments, or resolutions shall be classified into two categories:

37.1.1. Council Bills: Resolutions that must be debated and ratified by the full Council.

37.1.2. Executive Instruments: Matters within the sole authority of the Executive.

37.2. The classification (“tagging”) of a proposal shall be determined by the Speaker of the Council in consultation with the Legal Officer to the Council Executive and The Council.

37.3. Any National Delegate may challenge the tagging of a proposal, in which case the matter shall be referred to the Council for final determination by majority vote.

PART V: THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

38. Establishment and purpose

38.1. There shall be established a permanent Secretariat of the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships Limited (“the Secretariat”).

38.2. The Secretariat shall constitute the administrative and technical arm of the Community, serving under the authority of the Executive and accountable to The Council through the Executive.

38.3. The Secretariat shall operate as a non-political, professional body responsible for the day-to-day management and execution of the Community’s programs, projects and administrative functions.

38.4. The Secretariat shall operate year-round and act as the official custodian of records, official documents, and archives of the Pan-African Universities Debating Debate Championships Limited.

39. Composition and appointment

39.1. The Secretariat shall consist of:

39.1.1. A Head of Secretariat who is appointed by the Council Executive after a competitive process with the approval of Council;

39.1.2. The Secretary to the Secretariat who is appointed by the Council Executive after a competitive process with the approval of Council; and

39.1.3. Three members two of whom shall have financial and legal expertise who are appointed by the Executive after a competitive process with the approval of Council; and

39.1.4. two directly appointed past Council leaders or Conveners.

39.2. The application and appointment process shall include:

39.2.1. A public call for applications outlining the eligibility criteria, qualifications, and responsibilities of the position;

39.2.2. Submission of applications within a specified period;

39.2.3. Shortlisting of eligible candidates by the Executive;

39.2.4. Interview and assessment of shortlisted candidates by the Executive; and

39.2.5. Final approval and formal appointment by the Council.

39.3. Members of the Secretariat shall serve one renewable five-year term with staggered appointments between appointment cycles.

39.4. The Head of Secretariat shall conduct a performance review of every Secretariat member not less than once every two years, and any decision on renewal of a

member's term under Article 39.3 shall have regard to that review, in accordance with the Secretariat Staff Performance and Succession Policy;"

39.5. Members of the Secretariat may not concurrently hold Executive or Council positions.

39.6. The Secretariat should consist of members spanning the South, North, West, East, and Central Regions of the African Continent.

39.7. No members of the Secretariat nominated or appointed should come from the same country.

40. Mandate and Functions of the Council Secretariat

40.1. The Council Secretariat shall:

40.1.1. Implement the operational directives of the Executive and The Council;

40.1.2. Maintain institutional records, archives, databases and official records of The Council, in accordance with the Data Protection and Privacy Schedule at Schedule V;

40.1.3. Support continuity between Executive terms;

40.1.4. Assist in administering The Council elections and constitutional amendments;

40.1.5. Coordinate long-term partnerships, fundraising infrastructure, and grant applications;

40.1.6. Prepare annual institutional reports for the Council;

40.1.7. Develop an annual and periodic reports for submission to the Executive;

40.1.8. Serve as the link between the community and its partners, under the direction of the Executive;

40.1.9. Not exercise any of their powers or the ostensible authority of their role in any way that could bring the Championships or the Council into disrepute;

40.1.10. Follow up on established links with potential sponsors and establish contact between them and The Council;

40.1.10.1. With the approval of the Executive through The Council the Secretariat can initiate contact with potential sponsors on behalf of The Council;

40.1.11. Consult on operations and make recommendations to The Council;

40.1.12. Not exercise any of their powers or the ostensible authority of their role in any way contrary to a direction of Council;

40.1.13. Follow any direction of The Council in the performance of their role;

40.1.14. Maintain a Pan-African Universities Debating website (paudc.com); provide information through the Website including:

40.1.14.1. Information on the upcoming Championships,

40.1.14.2. Rules of the Championships,

40.1.14.3. Minutes from meetings of Council,

40.1.14.4. Training information,

40.1.14.5. A list of available debating training resources,

40.1.14.6. Records of participation from universities and individuals at each Championships; and

40.1.14.7. Other information as the Committee sees fit to include;

40.1.15. Collect from the host and hold records of the Championships, including but not limited to information on attendees, motions and results, and process all such records, where they constitute personal data, in accordance with Schedule V;

40.1.16. Keep a full, unredacted copy of the tab from each edition of The Championships;

40.1.17. Maintain and comply with a Records Retention and Destruction Policy, fixing minimum and maximum retention periods for each category of Council record and the method by which a record is securely destroyed at the end of its retention period, consistent with the Data Protection and Privacy Schedule at Schedule V.

40.1.18. Update and maintain a list of past and potential sponsors, complete with contact information and details of sponsorship;

40.1.19. Increase recognition of Council and PAUDC activities;

40.1.20. Lead efforts to coordinate relations between The Council and Governments, NGOs etc;

40.1.21. Coordinate and ensure successful transfer of signatories of the Council account within 60 days of the assumption of office of the new signatories, and, where that timeline cannot be met, invoke the emergency disbursement protocol at Article 85A.3;

40.1.22. Conduct, or commission, a legal registration assessment for each Championships host country no later than six months before the relevant Edition, in accordance with the Cross-Border Operations Protocol at Schedule IV;

40.1.23. Designate a Data Protection Officer, who may be the Head of Secretariat or another Secretariat member, and discharge the Secretariat's obligations under Schedule V; and

40.1.24. Maintain the register of Council intellectual property and administer IP licenses in accordance with Article 94A.

41. Relationship with the Executive

41.1. The Secretariat shall act under the supervision and policy guidance of the Council Executive, which shall issue directives and approve programs for implementation.

41.2. The Executive shall not directly execute operational tasks reserved for the Secretariat, save for strategic coordination or exceptional cases approved by The Council.

41.3. The Head of Secretariat shall attend meetings of the Executive in ex-officio, non-voting capacity to provide technical advice and progress reports.

42. Relationship with the Council

42.1. The Secretariat shall communicate to The Council through the Council Executive.

42.2. It shall submit periodic implementation and administrative reports to the Council, as approved by the Council Executive.

42.3. The Council may request information or reports from the Secretariat through the Council Executive.

43. Separation of Functions and Non-Duplication

43.1. The Council Executive shall confine itself to policy supervision and strategic direction, while the Secretariat shall manage programmatic and operational execution.

43.2. No person shall simultaneously serve as a member of the Council Executive and as staff of the Secretariat.

43.3. Any dispute on functional overlap shall be referred to the Council for interpretation and final resolution.

44. Accountability

44.1. The Secretariat shall maintain transparency, efficiency, and integrity in its operations.

44.2. It shall be subject to audit, performance evaluation, and oversight by the Executive and Council.

44.3. The Head of Secretariat shall be responsible for the internal administration of the Secretariat and for ensuring compliance with Council and Executive directives.

44.4. Without limiting Article 44.2, the Council's consolidated financial statements shall be subject to an annual independent audit as set out in Article 85B, and the Secretariat shall provide the appointed external auditor with full and timely access to the Council's financial records for that purpose.

44.5. The Secretariat shall support the Finance and Audit Subcommittee established under Article 85B in the discharge of its oversight function.

45. Registered Office and Institutional Status

45.1. The Secretariat shall operate from a registered office, which must be:

45.1.1. Located in a stable and accessible jurisdiction within Africa;

45.1.2. Registered with the relevant national authorities as a not-for-profit or equivalent entity;

45.1.3. Approved by the Council with a two-thirds majority.

45.1.4. The Secretariat's registered office and the Council's registered legal entity, Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited, are presently located and registered in the Republic of Uganda, being a company limited by guarantee without share capital, Registration No. 80034143729352, incorporated 6 November 2025 under the Companies Act, 2012 of the Republic of Uganda. Any change of the registered office to another African jurisdiction shall require compliance with Article 45.1.3 and shall trigger a fresh legal registration assessment under Schedule IV.

45.2. The Secretariat shall maintain an official bank account, subject to audit, to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the Council and Executive, in accordance with Article 85A.

45.3. All legal agreements, long-term sponsorships, and external partnerships shall be administered through the Secretariat under Council oversight, and, where such

agreements are to be performed in a jurisdiction other than Uganda, in accordance with the Cross-Border Operations Protocol at Schedule IV.

45A. Cross-Border Operations Protocol

45A.1. The Council adopts, as a Schedule to this Constitution, a Cross-Border Operations Protocol, set out at Schedule IV, governing the legal registration of the Council's activities in Championships host countries and other jurisdictions in which it operates.

45A.2. Where a Host institution is required, under Schedule IV, to act as the contracting party on behalf of the Council for domestic contracts in the host jurisdiction, the Host institution's bid documentation shall include the representation and warranty required by Schedule IV, paragraph 5.

PART VI: THE PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division A: Features of the Championships

46. Establishment of the Championships

46.1. There shall be a competition, which shall be named the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships.

46.2. An Edition of the Championships shall be held once during each calendar year starting on the 13th to 19th of December for a total of 9 days with the first and last day being arrival and departure only, save where Article 46A (Force Majeure and Emergency Continuity) applies.

46A. Force Majeure and Emergency Continuity

46A.1. Neither the Council, the Council Executive, the Secretariat, the Convenor, nor any Host shall be in breach of their obligations under this Constitution where

performance of an obligation relating to the organization, hosting, or holding of an Edition of the Championships is rendered impossible or genuinely impracticable by an event beyond the reasonable control of the party affected, including acts of God, regional or global pandemics or a public health emergency, armed conflict or civil unrest, governmental travel or entry restrictions, or natural disaster (a “Force Majeure Event”).

46A.2. A party seeking to rely on Article 46A.1 must notify the Chairperson of the Council Executive in writing as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the Force Majeure Event, describing its nature and anticipated impact.

46A.3. On receipt of a notification under Article 46A.2, or on its own initiative where a Force Majeure Event is manifestly affecting the Championships, the Executive may declare an Emergency Continuity Period by written notice to all Council members, without requiring a prior Council vote, and shall convene a Special Meeting of Council within thirty (30) days of that declaration.

46A.4. At the Special Meeting convened under Article 46A.3, the Council shall determine, by Ordinary Majority, whether to postpone, hold virtually, or otherwise transition that Edition of the Championships, and may make any consequential resolution necessary to give effect to that decision, including in relation to the term of the Convenor, the Adjudication Core, and the Tab Director(s) under Articles 72-78.

46A.5. Any reimbursement considered under Article 46A.5, and any other cost of responding to a Force Majeure Event or Emergency Continuity Period, may be funded in whole or in part from the reserve maintained under the Reserve Fund Policy, subject to the drawdown conditions that Policy fixes.

46A.6. A declaration of an Emergency Continuity Period, and any resolution of the Council made under Article 46A.4, shall not, of itself, constitute a finding of fault against, or a ground for removal of, the Host under Article 82, which Article shall continue to apply only to fault-based failures of Host preparation unrelated to a Force Majeure Event.

47. Purpose of the Championships

47.1. The purpose of the Championships shall be the promotion of debate, the free exchange of ideas and international contact and cooperation among the university debating community.

47.2. It shall be noted that anything said by any debater or adjudicator during any debate round of an Edition of the Championships does not necessarily represent the debater's personal beliefs, those of his/her university or those of his/her Country; nor those of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council.

48. Composition of the Championships

48.1. The Championships shall consist of:

48.1.1. A debating competition in the British Parliamentary format or any other format approved by The Council as set out in Schedule I; and

48.1.2. An individual public speaking competition with rules approved by Council.

49. Rules of the Championships

49.1. The Rules of the Championships shall be set out in Schedule I, and shall cover the debating competition and the individual public speaking competition.

49.2. Proposed changes to the Rules of the Championships shall be treated as a substantive motion before The Council requiring an Ordinary Majority vote to pass.

50. Delegation Gender Diversity Requirement

50.1. At each edition of the Championships, all institutions must ensure their delegation meets the following minimum levels of gender diversity:

50.1.1. At least one speaker must be a woman if an institution sends two teams.

50.1.2. At least one-third (rounded up) of all speakers must be women if an institution sends three or more teams.

50.1.3. At least one-third (rounded up) of the entire delegation must be women, if an institution sends six or more participants total (including adjudicators).

50.2. The requirements in Article 50.1 does not apply if an institution only sends one team.

50.3. Consequences for Non-Compliance

50.3.1. Institutions that do not meet the requirements above will be ineligible to progress to elimination rounds, unless an exemption is granted under Articles 50.4 and 50.5.

50.4. Standing Exemptions for Structural Causes

50.4.1. Institutions that come from universities which do not admit women, or do so in significantly low numbers for structural reasons, may apply for a standing exemption.

50.4.2. The Council may grant this exemption by an Expanded Majority vote, and may set an alternative quota level if appropriate.

50.4.3. Any standing exemptions granted must be recorded and made publicly available.

50.5. Emergent Exemptions for Unforeseen Circumstances

50.5.1. If a delegation fails to meet the gender quota due to unexpected issues such as illness, visa rejection, or other travel barriers, it may apply for an exemption for that edition of PAUDC. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Oversight Director no later than seventy-two (72) hours before the first Preliminary Round of the relevant Edition.

50.5.2. These cases will be assessed by the Equity Committee constituted under Article 68, which shall determine the application within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.

50.6. If the exemption is denied, the institution may appeal to The Council at the Pre-Council meeting before the commencement of the Championships, which shall be decided by an Ordinary Majority vote of the Council, in accordance with Article 71.

Division B: Format of the Championships

51. Overview of the Format

51.1. There shall be 9 Preliminary Rounds of debate, involving all teams eligible to debate in the Championships, along with any composite teams deemed necessary under Article 52.1. And 6 preliminary rounds of Public Speaking with not more than 4 rounds per day.

51.2. Following the nine Preliminary Rounds, there shall be Elimination Rounds consisting of the top 25% of the total number of eligible teams from the Preliminary Rounds (the Open Break).

51.3. An Adjudication Panel shall be allocated by the Adjudication Core to judge each debate during an Edition of the Championships in accordance with the Rules of the Championships.

52. The Preliminary Rounds

52.1. Preliminary Rounds shall consist only of teams eligible to compete at the Championships, and any Composite (or “swing”) Teams added by the Tab Director(s) under the following circumstances:

52.1.1. Where the number of teams eligible to compete in the Preliminary Round is equal to a number divisible by four, no Composite Teams are allowed; and

52.1.2. If Article 52.1.1 does not apply, then Composite Teams may be added until the number of teams in the Preliminary Round is equal to a number divisible by four.

52.1.3. There shall be no ‘blind’ rounds at any edition of the Pan-African Universities Debating Championships.

52.2. If a team withdraws from competition before or during the Preliminary Rounds, they shall be removed from the draw and either:

52.2.1. Be replaced with a Composite Team; or

52.2.2. The number of composite teams shall be reduced to ensure that the number of teams in the competition is still equal to a number divisible by four.

52.3. Where a team has not communicated an intention to withdraw from competition, but is not present at the release of the draw for a Preliminary Round, the Tab Director shall:

52.3.1. If time permits, redraw the Round and allocate or remove composite teams as they would under Article 52.2 had the team withdrawn; or

52.3.2. If, due to exceptional circumstances, time does not permit, allocate a composite team to speak in their place.

52.4. Where a team has not communicated an intention to withdraw from competition, but is not present at the start of their debate for a Preliminary Round, the Tab Director shall dispatch a composite team to speak in their place.

52.4.1. If the team arrives for their debate prior to the arrival of the replacement composite team, they shall be allowed to compete in the debate.

52.5. Following each round, teams in each debate shall be ranked by the Adjudication Panel and awarded points (Team Points) as follows:

52.5.1. 1st ranked team: 3 points;

52.5.2. 2nd ranked team: 2 points;

52.5.3. 3rd ranked team: 1 point;

52.5.4. 4th ranked team: 0 points.

52.6. Speakers on each team shall also be given a score out of 100 (Speaker Scores) by the Adjudication Panel in accordance with the Rules of the Championships.

52.7. If a team forfeits a debate, they shall be given 0 Team Points and Speaker Scores of 0.

52.8. A team is considered to forfeit a debate if they:

52.8.1. Declare to the chair of the Adjudication Panel that they are forfeiting, or

52.8.2. Are prevented from competing in a debate due to the application of Article 52.4.

52.9. If, during any of the Preliminary Rounds, a member of a team is taken ill and requires medical treatment, or a recognized medical condition prohibits them from participating in a given Preliminary Round, or they are unable to debate the given motion for equity-related reasons (i.e., motion sensitivity related to physical or mental wellbeing, trauma, security concerns), the other member of the team is entitled to participate in the Preliminary Round as an 'iron-person' team.

52.9.1. In an iron-person team, one speaker delivers both speeches. The speaker must prepare on their own.

52.9.2. In judging an iron-person team, the Adjudication Panel shall treat the team as if they were an ordinary team, and fill out the ballot accordingly (indicating that the team was an iron-person team on the ballot).

52.9.3. The results of a debate in the Preliminary Rounds that includes an iron-person team shall be entered into the tab as follows:

52.9.3.1. The team in question shall receive the team points earned during that round, and

52.9.3.2. The team shall receive the total of the speaker scores of the two speeches the iron-person speaker gave

52.9.3.3. The iron-person speaker shall receive the highest speaker score of the two speeches they gave

52.9.4. The rules relating to iron-person teams shall operate at the discretion of the Adjudication Core and Equity Committee.

52.9.4.1. Where there is a dispute between the two bodies regulating iron-person teams, the judgement of the Equity Committee shall take precedence.

52.9.4.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the bodies regulating iron-person teams shall determine only whether a team is to be allowed to compete as an iron-person team in a given Preliminary Round, and may not make any variation to the consequences of that decision under this section.

52.9.5. No team may compete as an 'iron-person' team in more than three Preliminary Rounds of any one Edition of the Championships. Any participant relying on this Article for equity-related or wellbeing reasons shall be treated in accordance with the Mental Health and Duty of Care framework at Article 76.1.16.

53. Tabulation of the Preliminary Rounds

53.1. In the first debate round, teams will be drawn in debates of groups of four teams on a random basis, and subsequently allocated Opening Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Government or Closing Opposition (Speaking Positions) on a random basis.

53.2. For rounds two through nine, the debates shall be drawn by the Tab Director(s) on a "power-pairing" basis, as follows:

53.2.1. At the conclusion of each Preliminary Round (except for the last round) teams shall be ranked in order of the aggregate Team Points accumulated by the team; from highest aggregate to lowest.

53.2.2. The teams shall then be divided up into pools of teams with the same amount of aggregate team points, with pools being ranked from highest aggregate to lowest.

53.2.3. If any pool (the Upper Pool) consists of a number of teams equivalent to a number that is not divisible by four, then teams from the pool ranking immediately below that pool (the Lower Pool) may be promoted to the Upper Pool, so that the Upper Pool consists of a number of teams that is divisible by four; provided that:

53.2.3.1. the team(s) from the Lower Pool are selected on a random basis; and

53.2.3.2. the pools are made up into numbers of teams divisible by four by starting at the highest-ranking pool and moving consecutively to the lowest ranking pool, subject to Article 53.2.6.

53.2.4. Once the pools have been adjusted in accordance with Article 53.2.3, then the pools are divided into debates of four teams on a random basis, subject to Article 53.2.6.

53.2.5. Once the teams have been placed in groups of four, they shall be allocated Speaking Positions on a random basis, subject to Article 53.2.6.

53.2.6. The Tab Director may devise a tabulation program or system that alters or varies:

53.2.6.1. the random allocation of teams to a debate in accordance with Article 53.2.4;

53.2.6.2. the random allocation of Speaking Positions in accordance with Article 53.2.5; and/or

53.2.6.3. the random promotion of a team from a Lower Pool to an Upper Pool in accordance with Article 53.2.3;

53.2.6.4. in order to provide that teams are given as even an amount of the various Speaking Positions as possible over the nine Preliminary Rounds.

53.2.7. The Tab Director shall not be permitted under any circumstances to alter the composition of a pool beyond what is permitted under Article 53.2.6.

53.2.8. The following shall not be taken into account in any manner whatsoever when allocating teams to debates:

53.2.8.1. Speaker Scores;

53.2.8.2. whether two teams from the same Institution have been drawn to debate each other; or

53.2.8.3. whether two or more of the teams drawn to debate each other have competed against each other in a prior Preliminary Round of the tournament.

53.3. For the duration of the preliminary rounds, all team names shall be eliminated, and replaced with the surnames of the speakers.

53.3.1. Only the equity team, tab team and adjudication core shall have access to the de-coded list.

53.3.2. This information is not to be revealed by the above parties to any other party during the preliminary rounds, except in the following circumstance:

53.3.2.1. Under extenuating circumstances, on the discretion of the equity team, a team can be de-coded to a participant in the tournament.

53.3.3. All teams are to be de-coded at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, meaning:

53.3.3.1. The break is to be announced without codes meaning we have the institution name and accompanying letter i.e. A, B, C etc accompanied by the flag of the nation that the institution is located in;

53.3.3.2. The elimination rounds are to be conducted without codes;

53.3.3.3. The tab is to be released without codes.

53.3.4. For the duration of the preliminary rounds, adjudicators' institutions shall not be made visible on (e-)ballots.

54. Qualification Requirements for the Elimination Rounds

54.1. The Adjudication Core shall determine and publicly announce the minimum number of Preliminary Rounds (the 'Round Requirement') that adjudicator(s) and team(s) must participate in to be eligible to progress to the Elimination Rounds.

54.2. Teams and adjudicators at the Championships shall have the ability to submit quantitative scores and qualitative comments on adjudicators in writing to the Adjudication Core ('Feedback').

54.3. The manner and form of Feedback submission shall be regulated by the Adjudication Core. The Adjudication Core shall consider Feedback for the purposes of adjudicator allocations and adjudicator progression to the Elimination Rounds.

54.4. The Adjudication Core shall determine and publicly announce the minimum proportions of possible Feedback that teams and adjudicators must submit to be eligible to progress to the Elimination Rounds (the 'Feedback Requirements').

54.5. The requirements instituted by this section shall apply in conjunction with other requirements imposed by the Constitution and shall be determined prior to the start of the first Preliminary Round.

54.6. No team, adjudicator, or officer shall submit Feedback under this Article in retaliation for a ruling, a ranking, or a good-faith report made under Schedule VIII. A breach of this Article shall be treated as conduct detrimental to the objectives of the Council for the purposes of Article 13.1.1.5, in accordance with the Adjudicator Feedback Integrity and Anti-Retaliation Policy.

54.7. The Adjudication Core shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section with relation to any team or adjudicator participating in that Edition of the Championships.

55. Selection of Teams for the Elimination Rounds

55.1. At the conclusion of the nine Preliminary Rounds, teams are to be ranked in consecutive order (from highest to lowest) as follows to form the Team Tab:

55.1.1. By aggregate Team Points accumulated by the team;

55.1.2. where teams have an equal number of aggregate Team Points, by aggregate Speaker Scores accumulated by the team; and

55.1.3. where this is also equal, on a count-back of the number of times that each team has ranked 1st and 2nd with a team ranking higher if it has been ranked 1st more often, and so on; and

55.1.4. where this is also equal, by aggregate draw strength by team points, the sum of all team points of teams that any individual team has debated across all preliminary rounds.

55.2. At most the top 25% of the teams at the tournament on the Team Tab shall progress to the Elimination Rounds.

55.3. The consecutive order of teams progressing to Elimination Rounds shall be announced and posted by the Tab Director prior to the commencement of the first Elimination Round in any category.

56. Conduct of Elimination Rounds

56.1. All Speaking Positions in the Elimination Rounds shall be determined by random draw.

56.2. The Championships shall apply a folded seeding system for all Open elimination rounds in which teams have qualified from preliminary rounds into a break of size divisible by four.

56.3. Under the folded seeding system, teams shall be assigned to elimination rooms strictly according to their break ranking, such that each room contains one team from the top quartile, one from the bottom quartile, and two from the middle quartiles of the break table.

56.4. Elimination rooms shall be numbered sequentially from the highest-ranked room to the lowest-ranked room, with Room 1 containing the highest-ranked team in the break.

56.5. The full break table and resultant fold pairings shall be published before the commencement of the elimination rounds.

56.6. No tournament official shall alter or deviate from the folded seeding system except where necessary to accommodate:

56.6.1. A team withdrawal after the release of the break,

56.6.2. A verified administrative error, or

56.6.3. An extraordinary ruling by the Chief Adjudication Panel (CAP).

56.7. Any deviation must maintain, to the greatest extent possible, the competitive balance intended by the folded seeding system.

56.8. At the conclusion of any elimination round, the adjudication panel shall select two winning teams from each debate. These two teams shall progress to the next Elimination Round.

56.9. In any Grand Final (GF), the adjudication panel shall select one winning team. The three runners-up shall be ranked by the panel.

Division C: Eligibility to compete at the Championships

56.10. Speakers must be students at a university in Africa with both members of a team attending the same university.

56.11. Teams from non-African countries can participate as guests, at the discretion of The Council, but shall not take up places of African institutions. Speakers from these teams shall not compete in the open elimination rounds of the tournament, vote at council meetings, or be elected to executive positions. They may observe and speak at The Council meetings at the discretion of The Council.

56.12. Verification of eligibility to compete at the Championships:

56.12.1. A speaker shall only be required to provide proof of student status when formally requested by one of the following authorized bodies:

56.12.1.1. the Chief Adjudicator Panel (CAP);

56.12.1.2. The Council; or

56.12.1.3. the Tournament Conveners.

56.13. Acceptable forms of proof:

56.13.1. Acceptable proof of student status may include, but is not limited to:

56.13.1.1. a valid student identification card;

56.13.1.2. an enrollment letter or status letter issued by the university;

56.13.1.3. current semester registration slip; or

56.13.1.4. any equivalent official document confirming active student enrollment.

56.14. Confidentiality and data protection

56.14.1. All documents and information submitted for verification shall be treated as confidential and accessed only by the requesting authority for the purpose of determining eligibility.

56.14.2. No verification documents shall be published, shared, or used for any purpose other than the eligibility review.

56.14.3. All collection, processing, storage and transfer of personal data, including eligibility verification documents, medical information disclosed under Article 52.9, and named performance data, shall be conducted in accordance with the Data Protection and Privacy Schedule at Schedule V.

56.15. Consequences of non-compliance with the verification requirements

56.15.1. A speaker who fails to provide the requested verification within a reasonable timeframe set by the requesting authority may be deemed ineligible to compete, subject to appeal to The Council unless requested by The Council where no appeal shall apply.

56.16. No individual or institution shall be allowed to register and participate in the Championships if they owe money to any previous host without the agreement of that host.

56.17. Composite teams cannot register in advance for the Championships. The Adjudication Core may create such composite teams out of individual participants, as they deem necessary and appropriate. No composite team shall be admitted to elimination rounds.

57. The Public Speaking Competition

57.1. All participants at an Edition of the Championships are eligible to compete in the individual public speaking competition.

57.2. The format of the individual public speaking competition shall be as set out in the Rules of the Championships.

Division D: Awards

58A. Speaker Awards

58A.1. At the conclusion of the nine Preliminary Rounds, speakers are to be ranked in consecutive order (from highest to lowest) by aggregate Speaker Scores accumulated by each competitor to form the Speaker Tab.

58A.2. Where speakers have an equal number of aggregate Speaker Scores, they shall share the same rank, but the speaker with the next highest aggregate of Speaker Scores shall have the same rank they would have had if the speakers above them did not share a rank.

58A.3. The speaker(s) with the highest number of aggregate Speaker Scores shall be recognized as the Best African Speaker(s) of the Year.

58B. Adjudication Awards

58B.1. At the conclusion of the nine Preliminary Rounds, adjudicators are to be ranked in consecutive order (from highest to lowest) by aggregate Adjudication Feedback Scores accumulated by each competitor to form the Adjudication Tab.

58B.2. Where adjudicators have an equal number of aggregate Adjudication Feedback Scores, they shall share the same rank, but the adjudicator with the next highest aggregate Adjudication Feedback Score shall have the same rank they would have had if the adjudicator above them did not share a rank.

58B.3. The Adjudicator(s) with the highest number of aggregate Adjudication Feedback Scores shall be recognized as the Best African Adjudicator(s) of the Year.

58C. Africa Debater of the Year Awards (ADYA).

58C.1. The Council adopts, as a referendum to this Constitution, the Terms of Reference of the Africa Debater of the Year Awards, as is set out in the *Africa Debater of the Year (ADYA) Terms of Reference and Voting Guidelines Policy*, which is binding on all officers, agents, and authorized representatives of the Council.

58C.2. The Nominee Selection Committee for the Debater of the Year Award is established by the Council to oversee a fair, transparent, and merit-based process for shortlisting nominees from the African debate community. The Committee shall operate under the guidance of the Council and uphold the principles of integrity, inclusivity, and accountability.

58C.3. The Nominee Selection Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Council. Members must be reputable figures within the African debate community, demonstrating impartiality, experience, and commitment to the development of debate across the continent.

58C.4. The Council shall exercise overall oversight of the nomination and voting process to ensure compliance with the Constitution and established guidelines.

Division E: Officers at the Championships

59. Appointment of the Chief Adjudicators

59.1. The Convenor(s) shall appoint Chief Adjudicators at least three weeks prior to the Main Meeting of Council at which their bid of their Edition of the Championships is to be voted on.

59.2. The Chief Adjudicators shall consist of no fewer than two individuals, one from the host institution's region and the other from any of the other regions as per the Region.

59.3. Following the successful award of hosting rights, the Convenor(s) shall not remove, replace or appoint new members of the Adjudication Core; unless authorized to do so following a vote by an Ordinary Majority of Council.

60. Appointment of Deputy Chief Adjudicators

60.1. The Deputy Chief Adjudicator(s) shall be appointed by the Chief Adjudicators at least six months before that Edition of the Championships.

60.2. The appointment shall be done after a call for applications from eligible members from different regions who shall be shortlisted based on competence, experience and eligibility criteria.

60.3. Shortlisting by the Adjudication Core

60.3.1. The Adjudication Core shall review all applications and shortlist three (3) eligible candidates per considered region, in accordance with the regional balance provision.

60.3.2. A considered region is defined as any region eligible to have representation on the Central Adjudication Panel under the regional balance rules.

60.4. Regional Council Voting

60.4.1. Each Regional Council, comprising National Delegates from that region, shall vote on the three shortlisted candidates.

60.4.2. Only candidates approved by a majority of the Regional Council shall be eligible for appointment.

60.5. Each Regional Council, comprising the National Delegates from that region, shall vote on the final shortlisted candidates from their respective region with only candidates approved by a majority of the Regional Council shall be eligible for appointment.

60.6. The Chief Adjudicators may appoint more than one Deputy Chief Adjudicator, but not exceed three Deputy Chief Adjudicators.

60.7. The Deputy Chief Adjudicator must demonstrate to the Chief Adjudicators knowledge of draw and tabulation systems.

60.8. All Deputy Chief Adjudicator(s) shall be selected through a competitive application process not accompanying the bid.

60.9. The selection of the Deputy Chief Adjudicator(s) must represent regional balance in alignment with article 60.5.

61. Duties of the Adjudication Core

61.1. There shall be an Adjudication core consisting of the Chief Adjudicators of the Championships and the Deputy Chief Adjudicators.

61.2. The Adjudication Core shall:

61.2.1. Set the motions for all rounds of the Edition of the Championships;

61.2.2. Allocate adjudication panels to judge all the rounds of the Edition of the Championships;

61.2.3. Assess the ability of and monitor the performance of all adjudicators judging the Edition of the Championships;

61.2.4. Assist the Tab Director(s) in a practice run of the tabulation system prior to the commencement of the Edition of the Championships(s);

- 61.2.5.** Assist the Convenor(s) in training volunteers for the tournament;
- 61.2.6.** Provide adjudication training to participating adjudicators and speakers;
- 61.2.7.** Provide a briefing outlining the Rules of the Competition;
- 61.2.8.** Apply debate-related sanctions (e.g., denying break eligibility) to any participant found to be cheating (i.e., using the internet to research during preparation time);
- 61.2.9.** Perform any other duties that The Council sees fit to assign to them; and
- 61.2.10.** Report to the Main Meeting of Council regarding the completion of these duties.

62. Powers of the Adjudication Core

- 62.1.** The Adjudication Core has such powers as are necessary to fulfil their duties under Article 61.
- 62.2.** Without limiting Article 62.1, the powers of the Adjudication Core include the power, in consultation with the Council Executive, to appoint others to assist them in carrying out their duties under Article 61.

63. Appointment of the Tab Director(s)

- 63.1.** The Convenor shall appoint at least one Tab Director at least three weeks prior to the Main Meeting of Council which their bid of their Edition of the Championships is to be voted on.
- 63.2.** Following ratification of the Convenor, the Convenor may not remove, replace, or appoint new Tab Director(s); unless authorized to do so by an Ordinary Majority of Council.

64. Duties of the Tab Director(s)

- 64.1.** The Tab Director(s) shall:

64.1.1. Carry out the draws for all Preliminary and Elimination Rounds of the Edition of the Championships;

64.1.2. Assist the Adjudication Core in allocating adjudication panels to judge all of the debates of the Preliminary and Elimination Rounds of the Edition of the Championships;

64.1.3. Carry out the draws for all rounds of the Edition of the Championships;

64.1.4. Present to the Secretariat and the Council Executive a full, unredacted copy of the tab from their respective edition of the Championships for the purpose of complying with Article 17.1.4;

64.1.5. Perform any other duties that The Council sees fit to assign to them; and

64.1.6. Report to the Main Meeting of Council regarding the completion of these duties.

65. Powers of the Tab Director(s)

65.1. The Tab Director(s) have such powers as are necessary to fulfil their duties under Article 64.

65.2. Without limiting Article 65.1, the powers of the Tab Director(s) include the power to run all rounds of the tournament to completion.

66. General provisions affecting all officers of the Championships

66.1. The officers contemplated in this Article include the Adjudication Core, Equity Team and Tabulation team who collectively shall be referred to as Central Adjudication Panel (CAP), the Convenor and the Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) Members including volunteers.

66.2. No more than two members of the Chief Adjudication Panel shall be drawn from one region unless all regions have at least one representative.

66.3. These officers all report to The Council on the discharge of their duties.

66.4. The selection of officers shall be aligned with gender requirements.

Division F: Conduct at the Championships

67. Code of Conduct

67.1. Each Convenor(s) of each Edition of the Championships shall draft, implement and enforce a Code of Conduct aligned to Schedule III of this constitution.

67.2. Any Code of Conduct implemented under this section shall ensure that all participants at the Edition of the Championships:

67.2.1. Have an opportunity equal with other individuals to have their needs accommodated, consistent with their duties and obligations as participants in the Championships;

67.2.2. Shall not be hindered in or prevented from accessing said opportunity by discriminatory practices based on race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex or disability; and

67.2.3. shall be free from harassment and/or intimidation in their participation or their performance of duties and/or obligations.

67.3. Any Code of Conduct drafted under this section shall contain at least the following provisions:

67.3.1. A statement of the principles contained in Article 67.2;

67.3.2. The expected conduct of participants;

67.3.3. Any relevant laws particular to the host country that participants may be unfamiliar with (for example, limitations on public speech and expression), including the child protection and safeguarding legislation of the host country referred to in Article 76.1.14;

67.3.4. Implementation and enforcement mechanisms;

67.3.5. Reporting procedure; and

67.3.6. Appeal mechanisms.

67.4. The Code of Conduct must contain only such mechanisms for enforcement and appeal as are compatible with the other requirements of this Division.

67.5. The Code of Conduct shall be sent to the heads of registered institutions at least two weeks in advance of the Edition of the Championships, advertised during registration and be made available on the website and during the Edition of the Championships.

67.6. Each participant shall sign a copy upon arrival at the Edition of the Championships, or be excluded from participation at the tournament.

67.7. Where the Code of Conduct implemented by the Host is found not to meet the requirements of this section, the Code of Conduct in Schedule III shall apply. Convenor(s) may choose to simply adopt the Code of Conduct in Schedule III and take liability for any eventualities arising from the same.

68. Appointment of the Equity Committee

68.1. There shall be an Equity Committee for each Edition of the Championships, constituted as an independent, quasi-judicial body separate from the Council Executive.

68.2. The Equity Committee shall be chaired by the Legal Officer of the Council Executive, sitting in that capacity as an independent appointment and not as a representative of the Council Executive.

68.3. The Oversight Director shall serve as Deputy Chairperson of the Equity Committee, but, in accordance with Article 33.1.5, shall attend and participate in proceedings only as a non-voting observer, with no deliberative vote and no authority to determine the outcome of any complaint. The Deputy Chairperson's role is confined to (a) observing proceedings for the purposes of institutional continuity, and (b) ensuring the practical implementation of the Equity Committee's orders once made.

68.4. In addition to the Chairperson and the non-voting Deputy Chairperson, each Host of each Edition of the Championships shall, in consultation with the Legal Officer, constitute a Committee of five (5) voting members, elected for that Edition only, who together with the Chairperson shall discharge the duties of the Equity Committee for that Edition.

The five members shall:

68.4.1. Be drawn so as to reflect, so far as reasonably practicable, the regional and gender diversity of the Community;

68.4.2. Hold no current or recent (within the preceding two Championships cycles) Executive or Council voting position, so as to preserve the Committee's independence from the political organs of the Council; and

68.4.3. Be published, together with the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant Edition of the Championships, and thereafter may only be amended by an Ordinary Majority of Council or, in case of urgency (including a recusal under Article 69.2.2), by the Chairperson acting under Article 68.6.

68.5. Decisions of the Equity Committee shall be taken by a majority of the five voting members present and voting on the matter; the Chairperson shall have a deliberative vote as a sixth member of the Committee solely for the purpose of resolving a tie among the five voting members, and for no other purpose.

68.6. Where the Legal Officer, as Chairperson, faces a conflict of interest under Schedule VII in relation to a particular complaint, the Legal Officer shall recuse themselves from that complaint, and the five voting members of the Equity Committee shall elect one of their own number to chair the Committee for the purposes of that complaint only.

69. Duties of the Equity Committee

69.1. The Equity Committee shall:

69.1.1. Ensure all participants are aware of their rights and duties under the Code of Conduct;

69.1.2. Hear all Code of Conduct complaints raised during the Edition of the Championships in relation to conduct at that Edition or previous Editions or in relation to the Championships, in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct;

69.1.3. Liaise with Adjudication Core and/or The Council and/or Convenor(s) to ensure that any necessary enforcement or punitive orders for breach of the Code of Conduct, as allowed by the Code of Conduct, are carried out and enforced;

69.1.4. Arrange for the hearing of any appeals filed against decisions of the Equity Committee to The Council;

69.1.5. Determine emergent gender-diversity exemption applications under Article 50.5; and

69.1.6. Report to the Main Meeting of Council regarding the completion of these duties.

69.2. The members of the Equity Committee shall:

69.2.1. Make themselves available to participants at the relevant Edition of the Championships for a sufficient amount of time to allow the filing of any Code of Conduct complaints; and

69.2.2. Recuse themselves from hearing any Code of Conduct complaint that they may be unable or be seen to be unable to assess in a manner fair to all parties, and appoint an appropriate delegate to do so where necessary, in accordance with Schedule VII.

70. Powers of the Equity Committee

70.1. The Equity Committee shall have such powers as are necessary for them to perform their duties under Article 69.

70.2. For the avoidance of doubt, these powers shall include the powers to make and recommend for enforcement any order available to them under the Code of Conduct, including but not limited to:

70.2.1. Reporting conduct to The Council for punitive measures to be applied;

70.2.2. Recommending to The Council that a participant be prohibited from participating in future Editions of the Championships, or be removed from a position of authority under this Constitution; and

70.2.3. Upon Council's adoption of a recommendation made under Article 70.2.2 that a participant be prohibited from participating in future Editions, the Secretariat shall record that sanction in the Cross-Edition Sanctions Registry, and every Convenor shall verify prospective participants against that Registry as part of registration for their Edition;"

70.2.4. Any other such orders as allowed by the Code of Conduct.

71. Appeals from the Equity Committee

71.1. Any party to a Code of Conduct complaint made to the Equity Committee may appeal the eventual resolution ordered by the Equity Committee to The Council.

71.2. Any appeals process must involve the hearing of the matter before The Council and the verdict of that appeal shall be final.

PART VII: HOSTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

72. Establishment of the Convenor

72.1. An Institution shall be appointed to host each Edition of the Championships, and shall be known as the Host of that Edition.

73. Appointment of a Host

73.1. The Council Executive shall issue a Call for Bids for the hosting rights of the Championships scheduled to take place two years thereafter. Such Call for Bids shall be disseminated no later than two (2) months prior to the consideration and evaluation of bids at the Main Meeting of Council.

73.1.1. The Call for Bids shall clearly specify the bidding procedure, eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and any supporting documentation that prospective hosts must provide.

73.2. At the Main Meeting of Council at each Edition of the Championships, the Council shall review received bids and vote to determine the bidder who wins the hosting rights to that Edition of the Championships.

73.3. All bids to host an Edition of the Championships shall be submitted in writing and shall be signed by a sponsor, who must be the National Delegate (Country Representative) for the bidding nation. Bids may be signed by one or more other Council members as seconders. All sponsors and seconders shall disclose any relationship with the bidding Institution falling within Schedule VII.

73.4. A bid to host an Edition of the Championships must state:

73.4.1. The Institution that will host the Championships should the bid succeed;

73.4.2. The location at which the Edition will be hosted, if that is not the main campus of the University or Universities represented by the Institution;

73.4.3. Any additional competitions not set out in this Constitution that the bidding Institution wishes to host during the Edition of the Championships;

73.4.4. The identity of the person who will serve as Convenor should the bid succeed and their convening team (Local Organizing Committee) including a:

73.4.4.1. Finance lead

73.4.4.2. Communications lead

73.4.4.3. Host institution liaison officer who must be either:

73.4.4.3.1. A member or leader of the proposed debate society to the host university, or

73.4.4.3.2. An officially recognized advisor from the university's debating society, with a letter of support from the university.

73.4.4.4. Logistics and Operations lead

73.4.4.5. Representative from the student debating body of the host institution

73.4.4.6. A Visa and Immigration Support Officer, whose duties are set out in Article 76.1.13

73.4.4.7. A Safeguarding Officer, whose duties are set out in Article 76.1.14

73.4.4.8. A Welfare Officer, whose duties are set out in Article 76.1.16

73.4.4.9. A written undertaking that, if the bid succeeds and the Host is ratified under Article 81, the Institution will comply with the financial security instrument requirement of the Host Financial Accountability and Security Policy within the time that Policy fixes.

73.4.5. The process by which remaining members of the Adjudication Core (DCAs) and Equity Committee Members and the names of any individuals already appointed to or guaranteed an appointment (and accepted such guarantee) to that Adjudication Core should the bid succeed;

73.4.6. The process by which the Tab Director(s) shall be appointed, and the names of any individuals already appointed to or guaranteed an appointment to that position (and accepted such guarantee) should the bid succeed;

73.4.2. A minimum of 3 preliminary budgets for the tournament which shall provide for:

73.4.2.1. A zero-sponsorship budget, demonstrating the capacity to host the Championships solely from registration fees without reliance on any external sponsorship or partner funding.

This Zero-Sponsorship Budget shall include, at minimum:

73.4.2.1.1. A budget model for fifty (50) teams; and

73.4.2.1.2. A budget model for one hundred fifty (150) teams; and

73.4.2.2. A supplementary budget scenario reflecting projected income and expenditure in light of any anticipated partnerships, sponsorship commitments, or institutional contributions.

73.4.2.3. The budget for any edition of the Championships shall, at minimum, provide for the tournament registration costs of the Executive and The Council representatives appointed by the Executive as follows:

73.4.2.3.1. In the budget model for fifty (50) teams, a provision for five (5) representatives as per Article 73.4.2.3 to attend and oversee the Championships;

73.4.2.3.2. In the budget model for one hundred and fifty (150) teams and in the supplementary budget a provision for nine (9) representatives as per Article 73.4.2.3 to attend and oversee the Championships.

73.4.3. Each budget scenario shall clearly outline projected income, expenditure, and financial contingencies, including but not limited to venue costs, accommodation, transportation, adjudication, logistics, and administrative expenses.

73.4.4. A legal registration self-assessment in accordance with the Cross-Border Operations Protocol at Schedule IV, addressing whether the Host institution's own local registration is sufficient for it to act as contracting party under Schedule IV, paragraph 5.

73.4.5. The Host's registration system must collect the USD 20 Council Fee together with the tournament registration fee in a single payment per participant, itemized as its own line so it can be reconciled without a separate transaction (PAUDC Constitution,

2025: Art. 76.1.4; 85.1.1). Where a Host's system cannot itemize within a combined payment, it may instead collect the Council Fee as one lump sum per institution, calculated as USD 20 multiplied by that institution's confirmed delegation size, trued-up if the delegation size changes.

73.4.6. No institution or participant is to be invoiced separately for the Council Fee.

73.5. In the case of bids led by interstate conveners, coalitions of institutions, or private debate companies, the following shall be submitted:

73.5.1. A letter of endorsement from at least one participating African university which will serve as the host institution of record;

73.5.2. A clear structure demonstrating how venues, transport, meals and accommodation logistics will be managed;

73.5.3. A signed agreement that the bidding entity will commit to being governed by this Constitution in the preparation and execution of the Championships; and

73.5.4. A signed statement that the Bidding Convenors shall commit that the name, branding, and execution of the Championships shall remain aligned with this Constitution and that all official branding for each edition of the Championships, including promotional materials, digital and print media, and event signage, shall prominently feature the logo of The Council alongside any other event branding, that logo being the intellectual property of the Council in accordance with Article 94A.

73.6. The Convener of the tournament elected under Article 73.2 shall take office two weeks after his/her election.

73.7. The outgoing Convener of the tournament shall remain in office until his/her successor takes office.

73.8. The Convener of the tournament may resign from office only by appointing a successor in writing.

74. Bidding Timelines for the Championships

74.1. The Executive shall issue the Call for Bids in October, open for a period of four (4) weeks which shall include all bidding procedures, requirements, and preliminary budget templates.

74.2. The Executive shall, throughout November, review and screen all received bids to ensure compliance with the Constitution and bidding requirements.

74.3. The shortlisted bids shall be presented at the Main Meeting of Council during the Edition of the Championships, during which bidding convenors may pitch their proposals after which National delegates shall have the opportunity to review and provide feedback.

74.4. The shortlisted bids shall be made publicly available. An online Question-and-Answer session shall be held, incorporating feedback and consultations from national delegates and relevant stakeholders; this process takes place throughout January.

74.5. The final voting on the Championships host shall be conducted by 31st January of the relevant year where voting shall be undertaken in accordance with the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI.

75. Appointment of the Convenor

75.1. The acceptance and ratification of a bid by The Council in accordance with Article 73 shall be deemed to operate as the election of the individual(s) identified under Article 73.4.4 as Convenor.

75.2. The Convenor shall hold his or her office as a member of The Council until the day after the conclusion of the Edition of the Championships for which they are Host or unless the position becomes vacant by operation of Article 35.

76. Duties of the Convenor and the Local Organizing Committee

76.1. The duties of the Convenor shall include:

- 76.1.1.** Ensuring that an Edition of the Championships is organized during his/her term in office, and consists of a continuous period of not more than ten days;
- 76.1.2.** Ensuring that the Edition of the Championships organized meets the requirements of Article 46.2;
- 76.1.3.** Ensuring that the Preliminary and Main Meetings of Council are held as required by Article 12.1.4;
- 76.1.4.** Creating and implementing a system of registration, which must be advertised on the website for at least a month prior to the opening of registration and must state the registration fee for each speaker or adjudicator;
- 76.1.5.** Providing any pertinent information relating to the Championships to all Regional Representatives and National Delegates;
- 76.1.6.** Ensuring that the diversity and gender requirements are met by each institution that participates at the championships held in accordance with Article 50;
- 76.1.7.** Ensuring that the Team Tab, Speaker Tab, and Adjudication Tab are published 7 days after the end of the Edition of the Championships;
- 76.1.8.** Reporting to Council as required by Article 79;
- 76.1.9.** Ensuring that the Adjudication Core and other tournament officers is appointed as required by Articles 59 and 63;
- 76.1.10.** Ensure that the council fees are remitted to The Council Account before the end of the Edition of the Championships in liaison with the Finance Director as per Article 85A;
- 76.1.11.** Assisting the Adjudication Core and Tournament officers in the performance of their duties in any way they may require;
- 76.1.12.** Performing any other duties that Council sees fit to assign to them;

76.1.13. Issuing official, institutionally-headed invitation letters to all registered participants within fourteen (14) days of confirmed registration; designating a Visa and Immigration Support Officer within the Local Organizing Committee (Article 73.4.4.6); actively liaising with the host country's immigration authorities, including providing a tournament letter to the relevant immigration directorate; and operating a written protocol, published at registration, for participants who are denied visas, including full fee reimbursement to any participant so denied;

76.1.14. Identifying, through the registration system, all participants who will be under the age of eighteen at the time of the Championships; requiring written parental or guardian consent for all such participants as a condition of registration; designating a named Safeguarding Officer within the Local Organizing Committee with specific responsibility for the welfare of minor participants; making, so far as reasonably practicable, separate or appropriately supervised accommodation arrangements for minor participants; and complying with the mandatory reporting and child-protection obligations of the host country's applicable child protection legislation, it being a governing principle of every Edition of the Championships that the Championships shall observe and give effect to the child protection legislation of the host country, in accordance with the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at Schedule IX;

76.1.15. Where the Host is required, under Schedule IV, to act as local contracting party for domestic contracts, doing so and providing the representation and warranty required by Schedule IV, paragraph 5;

76.1.16. Providing a minimum level of first-aid coverage, including at least one certified first-aider on site at all Championships venues and accommodation; designating at least one Welfare Officer for the Championships with specific responsibility for responding to participant welfare concerns; distributing a Participant Welfare Guide at registration identifying the Welfare Officer, local emergency medical services, and available mental health support resources; and maintaining an emergency mental health escalation protocol for situations requiring professional intervention.

76.1.17. Providing the financial security instrument and operating the segregated Host account required by the Host Financial Accountability and Security Policy, and cooperating with the Finance Director's and Legal Officer's oversight functions under that Policy.

76.1.18. Procuring the public liability insurance, event cancellation insurance, and asset coverage required by the Insurance and Risk Management Policy, and submitting proof of that coverage to the Finance Director and the Legal Officer no later than sixty (60) days before the commencement of the relevant Edition.

76.1.19. Verifying every registrant against the Cross-Edition Sanctions Registry maintained by the Secretariat, and declining registration to any individual found to be subject to a current, unexpired sanction, subject to the appeal mechanism the Cross-Edition Sanctions Registry and Enforcement Policy provides.

76.1.20. Ensuring every volunteer engaged for the Edition is recruited, vetted, and trained in accordance with the Volunteer Recruitment, Vetting, and Training Policy before that volunteer has any unsupervised contact with a participant under the age of eighteen.

76.2. The Convenor may appoint members of the Local Organizing Committee as they feel are necessary to assist them in the performance of these duties in line with the provisions of Article 76.1.

77. Powers of the Convenor

77.1. The Convenor has such powers as are necessary to fulfil their duties under Article 76, subject to Article 75, as the main representative of the Host.

77.2. Without limiting Article 77.1, such powers include the right to set all sales and costs associated with the Edition of the Competition in consultation with The Council.

78. Powers of the Local Organizing Committee officers

78.1. The Local Organizing Committee officers of an Edition of the Championships have such powers as are necessary to carry out his/her duties in accordance with Article 76.

79. Presentation of Accounts and Report to Council

79.1. At the Main Meeting of Council preceding the Edition of the Championships that a Host is organizing; the Convenor must report to Council on their progress in organizing the Edition.

79.1.1. This report must include:

79.1.1.1. the names of individuals appointed under Articles 59, 63 and 68;

79.1.1.2. details of any sponsorship, underwriting or other support that the Host Institution has organized; and

79.1.1.3. a budget for the Edition of the Championships to be hosted.

79.1.2. This report should be made available to all members of Council in writing one month prior to the relevant Main Meeting of Council.

79.2. At the Preliminary and Main Meetings of Council at the Edition of the Championships that a Host is organizing, the Convenor must report to Council on the progress of the Edition and any problems encountered thus far.

79.2.1. At the preliminary meeting of The Council at the Edition of the Championships, the Convenor shall provide a list of attending institutional judges and speakers for the purpose of collection and remittance of council fees.

79.3. The Convenor, 30 days following the Edition of the Championships must report to The Council on the organization of the Edition.

79.3.1. This report must include:

79.3.1.1. full accounts of the income and expenditure of the Edition, reflecting ordinary accounting standards applicable in the country in which the Host is located; and

79.3.1.2. a summary of the administration of the Edition and problems encountered and recommendations.

80. Requirement for Audit

80.1. Each Convenor(s) must be audited between 3-6 months prior to the commencement of the relevant Edition of the Championships by two or three persons appointed by The Executive and approved by The Council to do so (the Auditors). This host-readiness audit is distinct from, and additional to, the annual independent financial audit of the Council's consolidated accounts required by Article 85B.

80.2. The Auditors may not be in any way affiliated with the Host or the Convenor(s).

80.3. In auditing the Convenor(s), the Auditors must assess the readiness of the Host to successfully run the relevant Edition of the Championships, focusing on:

80.3.1. Finances;

80.3.2. Logistics;

80.3.3. Volunteer structure and numbers;

80.3.4. Debate venues;

80.3.5. Accommodation;

80.3.6. Registration system; and

80.3.7. Any other relevant issues that they see fit to assess.

80.4. In order to audit the Convenor(s), the Auditors shall receive documentation outlining the Host's preparations from the Host. If completely satisfied with the Host's preparation on the basis of this documentation, a physical visit under Article 80.5 may be omitted.

80.5. If the Auditors feel that a physical visit is required, all reasonable expenses (including travel and accommodation) of the Auditors in carrying out such a visit must be paid by The Council.

80.6. Two weeks following any physical visit under Article 80.5, or the receipt of documentation under Article 80.4 if no physical visit is required; the Auditors shall release a preliminary report on the preparedness of the Convenor(s), stating any concerns the Auditors hold about the Edition.

80.6.1. This report shall be provided to all members of The Council.

80.6.2. The Audit report should include, but is not limited to:

80.6.2.1. Information about the financial situation of the Convenor(s) and the Edition of the Championships;

80.6.2.2. Information about logistical arrangements made by the Convenor(s), including transportation, food and accommodation;

80.6.2.3. Information about the status of agreements with sponsors, and any underwriting guarantees arranged by the Host and the Convenor(s);

80.6.2.4. Statements of any concerns raised during the auditing process; and

80.6.2.5. Any suggestions to The Council in relation to concerns raised.

81. Ratification of Hosts

81.1. Following the report to The Council made during the Main meeting under Article 79.1, Council shall vote by Ordinary Majority on whether to ratify or cancel the Championships hosting rights for the incoming Convenor(s) and appoint a new Convenor(s).

81.2. If the Convenor(s) is not ratified by Council, their appointment and the appointment of the Host shall be considered cancelled.

82. Removal of Hosts Other Than By Failure of Ratification

82.1. Where there are critical concerns about a Host's ability to organize the Edition of the Championships for which they are responsible, The Council may cancel their appointment by an Expanded Majority vote at any meeting of Council prior to that Edition, or by operation of Article 81.2. For the avoidance of doubt, this Article does not apply to a Host's inability to organize an Edition owing to a Force Majeure Event within the meaning of Article 46A, which is governed exclusively by that Article.

82.2. Where a Host has critical concerns about their ability to organize the Edition of the Championships for which they are responsible, they must immediately notify the Chairperson of the Executive and the President of The Council in order for a Special Meeting of The Council to be called to consider the matter.

82.3. Failure by a ratified Host to provide the financial security instrument required by the Host Financial Accountability and Security Policy within the time that Policy fixes shall be treated as a critical concern in the Host's ability to organize the Edition for the purposes of Article 82.1, and may found a cancellation of hosting rights on that basis."

83. Replacement of Hosts not Ratified or Removed

83.1. Where the appointment of a Host is cancelled by operation of Articles 81 or 82, Council must vote on a process by which a new Host will be selected at a Special Meeting of Council to be called by a date agreed on by Council.

84. Variation of the Terms of a Bid Following Acceptance

84.1. Where, subsequent to acceptance of a bid, a Host wishes to vary any of the terms of the bid set out in Article 73.4, they must seek the approval of Council by way of an Ordinary Majority to do so.

PART VIII: SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR THE COUNCIL

85. Source of funds for The Council

85.1. Without limiting the powers conferred under Article 7.1, the Council may derive its funds from the following sources:

85.1.1. A mandatory fee of USD 20 per registered institutional judge and speaker at each edition of the Championships, save that Council may waive or subsidise this fee for an institution unable to afford it, in accordance with the Fee Waiver and Financial Hardship Policy;

85.1.2. Any partnerships, grants, donations, and other lawful sources which shall be sourced and managed by the Secretariat on behalf of The Council.

85.2. All funds received by The Council shall be applied solely to the execution of its mandate, including oversight of Championships, adjudication, administration, development programs, and other activities authorized under this Constitution.

85A. Finance and Banking Article

85A.1. The Council Account.

The Council shall maintain its principal operating account(s) (the “Council Account”) with a licensed commercial bank in the Republic of Uganda, being the jurisdiction of registration of the Council’s legal entity, Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited. As at the date of this amendment, the Council Account is held with Absa Bank Uganda Limited, Ntinda Branch (Branch Number 069), under the account name “*Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited*”, comprising a Ugandan Shilling account and a United States Dollar account, and a SWIFT address. The Council may, by an Expanded Majority vote, resolve to change the bank, branch, or jurisdiction of the Council Account, provided that any change of jurisdiction shall be subject to the Cross-Border Operations Protocol at Schedule IV and shall not take effect until the Secretariat

confirms that signatory transfer under Article 85A.2 can be completed within the timeline required by that Article.

85A.1.1. In the event of a change in banking details, the council shall retain the substantive text describing the Council Account, its currency structure, its signatories, and the emergency disbursement protocol, but replace the specific bank name, branch, account numbers, and SWIFT code with: "the specific account details of which are recorded confidentially in Annexure 1G and accessible only to the Finance Director, the signatories named in Article 32.1.4, and the Auditors appointed under Article 80.

85A.2. Signatories.

The Council Account shall be operated by the signatories identified in Article 32.1.4: the Finance Director, the Council Chairperson, the Head of Secretariat, and one other member elected and appointed by The Council. Not less than two signatories shall be required to authorize any disbursement, save as provided in Article 85A.3. Upon any change in the officers entitled to be signatories, the Secretariat shall notify the bank and complete the transfer of signatory mandates within thirty (30) days of the leadership transition taking effect, consistent with Article 40.1.21.

85A.3. Emergency Disbursement Protocol.

Where signatory transfer under Article 85A.2 has not been completed within sixty (60) days of a leadership transition, or where a deadlock among signatories prevents disbursement, the Head of Secretariat may act as sole signatory for payments not exceeding USD 2,000 (or the reporting-currency equivalent), upon written confirmation to the Council Executive of the reason for, and amount and purpose of, the payment, provided that all such emergency disbursements shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting.

85A.4. Reporting Currency.

The United States Dollar is the reporting currency for all Council financial instruments, without prejudice to the Currency and Exchange Policy at Article 85C.

85A.5. Council Fees Remittance.

Council fees collected at each Edition of the Championships shall be remitted to the Council Account before the end of that Edition, in accordance with Articles 32.1.7 and 76.1.10.

88A.6. Operating Procedures.

The initiation, representation, cost allocation, and case tracking of any matter proceeding under Article 88A.2 shall be governed by the Dispute Resolution Operating Procedures issued by the Legal Officer, which the Legal Officer shall report on to Council not less than once every six months."

85B. External Audit and Finance and Audit Subcommittee

85B.1. The Council's consolidated financial statements shall be subject to an annual independent audit conducted by an external auditor appointed by Council and independent of the Council Executive, the Secretariat, and any current Championships Host.

85B.2. The audit shall be conducted to a standard not lower than the International Standards on Auditing (ISA).

85B.3. The audited accounts shall be presented at the annual Council meeting, tabled within ninety (90) days of the financial year end, and published on the PAUDC website.

85B.4. There shall be a Finance and Audit Sub-committee, comprising not fewer than three Council or Council Executive members and at least one independent financial expert who is not a Council or Council Executive member, to oversee the audit process and the Secretariat's financial administration on behalf of Council. The Sub-committee shall report to Council not less than once every six months.

85B.5. This Article is additional to, and does not replace, the Convenor host-readiness audit required by Article 80.

85C. Currency and Exchange Policy

85C.1. The United States Dollar is the reference currency for all Council financial instruments. Where the transfer of United States Dollars is restricted by the law of a participant's or Host's jurisdiction, payment in the local currency equivalent shall be legally acceptable.

85C.2. The Finance Director shall publish, at the opening of each Championships registration period, an official exchange rate for each participating currency, calculated as the thirty-day average mid-market rate immediately preceding publication, from a source designated by the Finance Director and approved by the Finance and Audit Subcommittee.

85C.3. A participant paying in local currency on the grounds of a legal restriction on USD transfer shall provide written confirmation from their institution's finance office of the applicable restriction.

85C.4. The Secretariat shall maintain records of all currency equivalences used in a given Championships' cycle for audit purposes, and shall make those records available to the external auditor appointed under Article 85B and, on request, to the Council.

85D.1. The financial year of the Council shall commence on the 1st of March each year and end on the last day of February the following year.

85D.2. Every reference in this Constitution to a financial year, an annual budget, an annual report, or an annual audit shall be read by reference to the financial year fixed in Article 85D.1, unless the context plainly requires otherwise.

85D.3. The Finance Director shall ensure that the Council's financial records, the annual budget presented under Article 6.1.5, and the independent audit required under Article 85B are each prepared and dated by reference to this financial year.

85E.1. The Finance Director shall maintain an Asset Register recording every item of equipment, software licence, and branded material owned by the Council, its value, its location, and the officer or Host currently responsible for it.

85E.2. The Head of Secretariat holds custodial responsibility for Council assets between editions of the Championships, and shall transfer that responsibility to each incoming Convenor by way of a signed handover inventory, prepared as part of the transition documentation already required under Article 36.1.

85E.3. A Convenor to whom Council assets are transferred under Article 85E.2 is responsible for their safekeeping during that edition, and shall return them, or account in writing for their loss or damage, within thirty days of the conclusion of the edition.

85E.4. Branded material and intellectual property recorded in the Asset Register shall be treated consistently with Article 94A, and the Communications Director shall be consulted on the transfer of any such material.

85E.5. The Asset Register shall be verified as part of the annual independent audit under Article 85B.

PART IX: THE CONSTITUTION

86. Effect of this Constitution

86.1. All previous Constitutions, rules, resolutions, conventions and customs relating to Council are hereby repealed, revoked and abrogated.

86.2. This Constitution shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption by Council.

87. Adoption and Amendment of this Constitution

87.1. This Constitution was adopted on the 27th November 2025. The amendments set out in this edition were prepared by the Legal Officer pursuant to Article 34.1 and are submitted to Council for ratification by Expanded Majority in accordance with Article 89.1.

88. Originals of this Constitution

88.1. The originals of this Constitution shall be lodged with and authenticated by:

88.1.1. The Pan-African Universities Debate Council Headquarters, Uganda;

88.1.2. The Pan-African Universities Secretariat Headquarters.

88.2. All copies of this Constitution lodged and authenticated under Article 88.1 shall be equal, final and conclusive evidence of the text of this Constitution.

88.3. Within one month of any amendment of this Constitution, the Secretary shall ensure that the amended copy of this Constitution is forwarded to the individuals identified in Article 88.1 for lodgment and authentication.

88A. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

88A.1. Governing Law.

This Constitution, and all instruments made under it (including every Schedule, Code of Conduct, bid document, and contract entered into by or on behalf of the Council), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Republic of Uganda, being the jurisdiction of the Council's registered legal entity, Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited (Registration No. 80034143729352). The Council may, by an Expanded Majority resolution, elect an alternative governing law and jurisdiction, provided that any such resolution shall not take effect until the Legal Officer has completed a transition assessment addressing the matters in Schedule IV.

88A.2. Dispute Resolution.

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Constitution, an Edition of the Championships, or the Council's affairs, shall be resolved by the following tiered mechanism, in sequence:

88A.2.1. First, by internal resolution of the Council in accordance with Article 92 (Interpretation) and Article 7.2.3, save that a member with a conflict of interest in the dispute shall recuse in accordance with Schedule VII;

88A.2.2. Second, if unresolved within sixty (60) days, by mediation conducted in accordance with the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules; and

88A.2.3. Third, if still unresolved, by arbitration seated in Kampala, Uganda, conducted in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, before a sole arbitrator unless the parties agree otherwise.

88A.3. Language. The language of all proceedings under Article 88A.2 shall be English.

88A.4. Schedule III Completion.

The choice-of-law and jurisdiction clause at Schedule III, paragraph 19, is completed by this Article and Paragraph 3.3 of Schedule III, and shall be completed by each Host, by reference to its own Local Organizing Committee, in the version of the Code of Conduct it circulates under Article 67.5.

89. Changes to this Constitution

89.1. Any amendment to this Constitution or a Schedule thereof (excepting Schedules and Annexures 2A, SB, 2C, II, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX and XI, which, being technical policy Schedules, may be amended by Ordinary Majority as provided in each Schedule) shall require an Expanded Majority to pass.

89.2. Where Council makes any substantive change(s) to the format, rules or procedures of an Edition of the Championships that may affect the logistics of hosting the event within ten months of the start of the Edition; the Convenor, the Adjudication Core or the Tab Director(s) may apply to Council for a waiver exempting that Edition of the Championships from the effect of the change.

89.2.1. Substantive changes of a type relevant to this subsection may include but are not limited to:

89.2.1.1. Changes to the number, tabulation or conduct of Preliminary and/or Elimination Rounds; and

89.2.1.2. Requirements for additional meetings, forums or social events.

89.2.2. In considering whether to grant the waiver sought under this subsection, Council must consider:

89.2.2.1. The difficulty and cost of complying with the change;

89.2.2.2. Any irrevocable progress already made by the Host in preparing that element, or an affected element of the Edition of the Championships;

89.2.2.3. The time remaining before the relevant Edition of the Championships; and

89.2.2.4. Any other matter Council considers relevant.

90. Changes to this Constitution: Procedural and Notice Requirements

90.1. Where a change to this Constitution is proposed, the change must be placed on the agenda of the relevant Meeting of Council.

90.2. Where Article 90.1 has not been complied with, a change to this Constitution may only be considered if Council unanimously votes to do so; and must be ratified at the next meeting of Council in order to continue to have effect.

91. Changes to this Constitution: Article Numbering Protocols and Necessary Corrections

91.1. Where a change to this Constitution inserts a section or subsection following an existing section or subsection, it shall be numbered as section xA, xB, xC and so forth or subsection x.xA, x.xB, x.xC and so forth. This edition applies that protocol throughout (e.g. Articles 33A, 45A, 46A, 85A, 85B, 85C, 88A, 94A, 95A).

92. Interpretation of this Constitution

92.1. Where there is dispute as to the interpretation of a section of this Constitution, Council shall interpret the section by Ordinary Majority, subject to Article 88A.

92.2. Any such interpretations by Council shall be recorded in the Interpretations Register maintained by the Secretariat and cross-referenced in Schedule VI.

92.3. Every item of advice issued by the Legal Officer under Article 92.3, not only advice correcting a manifest cross-reference or drafting error, shall be recorded in the Interpretations Register required by Article 92.2, marked as provisional pending Council's ratification, amendment, or rejection at its next meeting, and updated in the Register to reflect that outcome.

93. Savings Provisions

93.1. Where a member of The Council is found to have been improperly elected or appointed, or afforded more votes than they are entitled to under Article 7; any decisions of Council on which they have voted shall remain valid, save for where but for their vote, the motion would have failed to obtain the required majority.

93.2. Decisions taken by any organ of the Council in reliance on a blank or placeholder provision of this Constitution remain valid, provided they were consistent with the general objectives of this Constitution and the Preamble, pending the completion of that provision.

PART X: MISCELLANEOUS

94. Appointment of Members Emeritus

94.1. The Council shall award individuals who served the Championships in an extraordinary capacity the Order of Distinction, by Ordinary Majority.

94.2. Awardees under this section shall be given the title Pan-African Council Member Emeritus, and recorded in Schedule II.

94.3. Awardees under this section may only be stripped of their title by an Expanded Majority vote.

94A. Intellectual Property

94A.1. Ownership.

All PAUDC branding, logos, and visual identity; the PAUDC website and its content; Championships results and tab data; recordings of Championships debates; speaker feedback and assessment records compiled by or for the Council; and the compilation (though not the individual authorship) of Championships motions and adjudication materials, are the exclusive intellectual property of the Council.

94A.2. Registration.

The Secretariat shall register the PAUDC trademark with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau and, where the Championships is regularly hosted, in key African trademark jurisdictions, and shall maintain a register of such registrations.

94A.3. Assignment.

All officers, Secretariat staff, and Host institutions shall execute intellectual property assignment clauses in their contracts or terms of engagement with the Council, vesting in the Council any IP created in the course of their duties.

94A.4. Licensing.

Any licensing of Council intellectual property to sponsors, Hosts, or third parties shall be authorized by the Executive, in accordance with the criteria fixed in the Brand and Intellectual Property Licensing Policy, and documented in a written license agreement maintained by the Secretariat under Article 40.1.24.

94A.5. Winding Up.

On a winding up of the Council under Article 95, the Council's intellectual property shall be included in the asset inventory required by that Article and dealt with in accordance with it.

95. Assets of the Council and Winding Up

95.1. This Council may only be abolished or wound up by:

95.1.1. An Expanded Majority vote of Council Members following a period of notice not less than three weeks;

95.1.2. Operation of a court order; or

95.1.3. Operation of a law.

95.2. Any assets held by or on behalf of this Council shall be considered to be held on trust for the maintenance of a Pan-African Universities Debate Championships or successor organization serving the African university debating community.

95.3. If this Council, by vote, court order or operation of law, is abolished or wound up, those holding any such assets shall continue to do so on trust until another body is established to run a tournament similar in purpose and function to the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships, provided that:

95.3.1. The assets shall remain within the African continent;

95.3.2. Any successor organization must demonstrate African institutional governance as a condition of the asset transfer contemplated by Article 95.4; and

95.3.3. In the absence of an eligible successor organization meeting Articles 95.3.1 and 95.3.2 within two years of the Council's abolition or winding up, the assets shall be transferred to a designated African higher education or student development fund, to be identified by Council resolution prior to dissolution or, failing such identification, by the persons holding the assets on trust, acting reasonably and in consultation with the Legal Officer then in office or their nearest identifiable successor.

95.4. At such time, those holding any such assets shall make arrangements to transfer them to the body identified in accordance with Article 95.3.

95A. Legal Entity Alignment

95A.1. The constitutional organization established by this Constitution (the Council) and the Ugandan registered company, Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited, are co-extensive and are intended to be dissolved simultaneously.

95A.2. Any winding-up resolution passed under Article 95.1.1 shall be accompanied by a resolution directing the Head of Secretariat, the Finance Director, and the Legal Officer, acting jointly, to initiate formal company dissolution proceedings under the Companies Act, 2012 of the Republic of Uganda within thirty (30) days.

95A.3. The Secretariat shall maintain current company registration at all times, including the filing of annual returns with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau.

95A.4. The Head of Secretariat, the Finance Director, and the Legal Officer are designated as jointly responsible for compliance with the ongoing requirements of the Registrar of Companies of Uganda, and shall certify such compliance to Council annually.

96. Definitions

96.1. In this Constitution:

96.1.1. “Adjudication Core” refers to the body created under Article 61;

96.1.2. “Auditors” refers to the persons appointed under Article 80, or, in relation to the annual financial audit, the external auditor appointed under Article 85B;

96.1.3. “Championships” refers to the competition established in Article 46; Championships' refers to the competition established in Article 46, and is used in the plural as a stylistic convention only; nothing in this Constitution shall be read as

establishing more than one edition of the Championships in a given calendar year unless Council expressly resolves otherwise under Article 46."

96.1.4. "Convenor" refers to the person appointed under Articles 72 and 75;

96.1.5. "Council" refers to the body established in Article 4;

96.1.6. "Country" refers to a regional area eligible to elect a Delegate in line with Article 5;

96.1.7. "Code of Conduct" refers to the document created in accordance with Article 67;

96.1.8. "Composite Team" means any team consisting of two individuals not both attending the same university, or not fulfilling other terms of Article 52;

96.1.9. "Convenor's Local Organizing Committee" or "LOC" refers to the body described in Article 76;

96.1.10. "Deputy Speaker" refers to the office established under Article 15;

96.1.11. "Edition of the Championships" or "Edition" refers to a holding of the Championships as described in Article 46.2;

96.1.12. "Elimination Rounds" has the meaning given in Article 56;

96.1.13. "Equity Committee" refers to the body constituted under Article 68, as amended;

96.1.14. "Council Executive" refers to the body established under Article 22;

96.1.15. "Expanded Majority" means, in accordance with the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI, not less than two-thirds (66.7%) of the votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting of the Council;

96.1.16. "Finance Director" refers to the person appointed under Article 32;

96.1.17. "Head of Secretariat" refers to the officer appointed under Article 39.1.1;

- 96.1.18. “Host”** has the meaning given in Article 72;
- 96.1.19. “Institution”** refers to a university or other body eligible to be represented at the Championships in accordance with Article 56.10 and Article 73;
- 96.1.20. “Legal Officer”** refers to the person appointed under Article 34;
- 96.1.21. “National Delegate”** or **“Delegate”** refers to a person appointed in line with Article 5; **96.1.22. “Ordinary Majority”** means, in accordance with the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI, more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting;
- 96.1.23. “Oversight Director”** refers to the officer appointed under Article 33;
- 96.1.24. “Preliminary Meeting”** refers to a meeting of Council as described in Article 12.1.4.1.1;
- 96.1.25. “Preliminary Rounds”** refers to the rounds referred to in Article 51;
- 96.1.26. “Public Speaking Competition”** refers to the competition created under Article 57;
- 96.1.27. “Regional Representatives”** refers to the persons appointed under Article 8.2.2;
- 96.1.28. “Secretary”** refers to the person elected under Article 28;
- 96.1.29. “Rules”** refers to the rules established under Article 49 and contained in Schedule I;
- 96.1.30. “Speaker”** refers to the office established under Article 15;
- 96.1.31. “Speaker Points”** or **“Speaker Scores”** refers to points awarded under Article 52.6;
- 96.1.32. “Speaker/Adjudication Tab”** refers to the ranking created under Article 58.1;
- 96.1.33. “Speaking Positions”** has the meaning given in Article 53.1;

96.1.34. “Special Meeting” refers to a meeting of Council convened otherwise than under Article 12.1.4.1, including under Articles 6.5.3, 46A.3, or 82.2;

96.1.35. “Tab Director” refers to the person(s) appointed under Article 63;

96.1.36. “Team Points” refers to points awarded under Article 52.5;

96.1.37. “Team Tab” refers to the ranking created under Article 55.1;

96.1.38. “Website” refers to the website maintained under Article 40.1.14;

96.1.39. “Convenor’s bid” or “bid” refers to a bid submitted under Article 73.

96.1.40. “Standing Orders” refers to the Standard Rules of Order at Schedule 2A and the Council Meeting Procedures at Schedule 2B and the Meeting Schedule Mechanics at Annexure 2C.

SCHEDULE I: RULES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Part 1: Introduction

1.1 The format of the debate

1.1.1. The debate will consist of four teams of two persons (persons will be known as “members”), a chairperson (known as the “*Speaker of the House*” or “*Mister/Madame Speaker*”) and an adjudicator or panel of adjudicators.

1.1.2. Members will deliver substantive speeches in the following order:

- Prime Minister;
- Opposition Leader;
- Deputy Prime Minister;
- Deputy Opposition Leader;

- Member for the Government;
- Member for the Opposition;
- Government Whip;
- Opposition Whip.

(a) Opening Government:

“Prime Minister” or “First Government member” and “Deputy Prime Minister” or “Second Government member”;

(b) Opening Opposition:

“Leader of the Opposition” or “First Opposition member” and “Deputy Leader of the Opposition” or “Second Opposition member”;

(c) Closing Government:

“Member for the Government” or “Third Government member” and “Government Whip” or “Fourth Government member”;

(d) Closing Opposition:

“Member for the Opposition” or “Third Opposition member” and “Opposition Whip” or “Fourth Opposition member”.

1.1.3. Members will deliver a substantive speech of seven minutes twenty duration and should offer points of information while members of the opposing teams are speaking.

1.2 The motion

1.2.1. The motion should be unambiguously worded.

1.2.2. The motion should reflect that the Pan-African Universities Debate Championships is a continental tournament.

1.2.3. The members should debate the motion in the spirit of the motion and the tournament.

1.3 Preparation

1.3.1. The debate should commence 15 minutes after the motion is announced.

1.3.2. Teams should arrive at their debate within five minutes of the scheduled starting time for that debate.

1.3.3. Members are permitted to use printed or written material during preparation and during the debate. Printed material includes books, journals, newspapers and other similar materials. The use of electronic equipment is prohibited during preparation and in the debate.

1.4 Points of Information

1.4.1. Points of Information (questions directed to the member speaking) may be asked between the first minute mark and the six-minute mark of the members' speeches (speeches are of seven minutes duration).

1.4.2. To ask a Point of Information, a member should stand, place one hand on his or her head and extend the other towards the member speaking. The member may announce that they would like to ask a "Point of Information" or use other words to this effect.

1.4.3. The member who is speaking may accept or decline to answer the Point of Information.

1.4.4. Points of Information should not exceed 15 seconds in length.

1.4.5. The member who is speaking may ask the person offering the Point of Information to sit down where the offeror has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and understood.

1.4.6. Members should attempt to answer at least two Points of Information during their speech. Members should also offer Points of Information.

1.4.7. Points of Information should be assessed in accordance with clause 3.3.4 of these rules.

1.4.8. Points of Order and Points of Personal Privilege are not permitted.

1.5 Timing of the speeches

1.5.1. Speeches should be seven minutes in duration (this should be signaled by two strikes of the gavel). Speeches over seven minutes and 15 seconds may be penalised.

1.5.2. Points of Information may only be offered between the first minute mark and the six-minute mark of the speech (this period should be signaled by one strike of the gavel at the first minute and one strike at the sixth minute).

1.5.3. It is the duty of the Speaker of the House to time speeches.

1.5.4. In the absence of the Speaker of the House, it is the duty of the Chair of the Adjudication panel to ensure that speeches are timed.

1.6 The adjudication

1.6.1. The debate should be adjudicated by a panel of at least three adjudicators and a maximum of five, where this is possible.

1.6.2. At the conclusion of the debate, the adjudicators should confer/deliberate and rank the teams, from first placed to last placed (see Part 5: The Adjudication).

1.6.3. There will be verbal adjudication of the debate after the first six preliminary rounds of the tournament. The verbal adjudication should be delivered in accordance with clause 5.4 of these rules.

Part 2: Definitions

2.1 The definition

2.1.1. The definition should state the issue (or issues) for debate arising out of the motion and state the meaning of any terms in the motion which require interpretation.

2.1.2. The Prime Minister should provide the definition at the beginning of his or her speech.

2.1.3. The definition must:

- (a) have a clear and logical link to the motion;
- (b) not be self-proving;
- (c) not be time set; and
- (d) not be place set unfairly.

2.2 Challenging the definition

2.2.1. The Leader of the Opposition may challenge the definition if it violates clause **2.1.3.** of these rules. The Leader of the Opposition should clearly state that he or she is challenging the definition.

2.2.2. The Leader of the Opposition should substitute an alternative definition after challenging the definition of the Prime Minister.

2.3. Assessing the definitional challenge

2.3.1. The adjudicator should determine the definition to be 'unreasonable' where it violates clause 2.1.3 of these rules.

2.3.2. The onus to establish that the definition is unreasonable is on the members asserting that the definition is unreasonable.

2.3.3. Where the definition is unreasonable, the opposition should substitute an alternative definition that should be accepted by the adjudicator provided it is not unreasonable.

2.3.4. Where the definition of the Opening Government is unreasonable and an alternative definition is substituted by the Opening Opposition, the Closing Government may introduce matter which is inconsistent with the matter presented by the Opening Government and consistent with the definition of the Opening Opposition.

2.3.5. If the Opening Opposition has substituted a definition that is also unreasonable, the Closing Government may challenge the definition of the Opening Opposition and substitute an alternative definition.

2.3.6. If the Closing Government has substituted a definition that is also unreasonable, the Closing Opposition may challenge the definition of the Closing Government and substitute an alternative definition.

Part 3: Matter

3.1 The definition of matter

3.1.1. Matter is the content of the speech. It is the arguments a debater uses to further his or her case and persuade the audience.

3.1.2. Matter includes arguments and reasoning, examples, case studies, facts and any other material that attempts to further the case.

3.1.3. Matter includes positive (or substantive) material and rebuttal. Matter includes Points of Information.

3.2 The elements of matter

3.2.1. Matter should be relevant, logical and consistent.

3.2.2. Matter should be relevant.

3.2.3. Matter should be logical.

3.2.4. Matter should be consistent, subject to clauses 2.3.4, 2.3.5 or 2.3.6.

3.2.5. All Members should present positive matter (except the final two members in the debate) and all members should present rebuttal (except the first member in the debate). The Government Whip may choose to present positive matter.

3.2.6. All Members should attempt to answer at least two points of information during their own speech and offer points of information during opposing speeches.

3.3 Assessing matter

3.3.1. The matter presented should be persuasive.

3.3.2. Matter should be assessed from the viewpoint of the average reasonable person.

3.3.3. Adjudicators should not allow bias to influence their assessment. Debaters should not be discriminated against on the basis of religion, sex, race, colour, nationality, sexual preference, age, social status or disability.

3.3.4 Points of information should be assessed according to the effect they have on the persuasiveness of the cases of both the member answering the point of information and the member offering the point of information.

Part 4: Manner

4.1 The definition of manner

4.1.1. Manner is the presentation of the speech.

4.1.2. Manner is comprised of many separate elements.

4.2 The elements of style

4.2.1. The elements of style include eye contact, voice modulation, hand gestures, language, the use of notes and any other element which may affect the effectiveness of the presentation.

4.2.2. Eye contact will generally assist a member to persuade an audience as it allows the member to appear more sincere.

4.2.3. Voice modulation will generally assist a member to persuade an audience as the debater may emphasize important arguments and keep the attention of the audience. This includes the pitch, tone, and volume of the member's voice and the use of pauses.

4.2.4. Hand gestures will generally assist a member to emphasize important arguments. Excessive hand movements may however be distracting and reduce the attentiveness of the audience to the arguments.

4.2.5. Language should be clear and simple. Members who use language which is too verbose or confusing may detract from the argument if they lose the attention of the audience.

4.2.6. The use of notes is permitted, but members should be careful that they do not rely on their notes too much and detract from the other elements of manner.

4.3 The elements of structure

4.3.1. The elements of structure include the structure of the speech of the member and the structure of the speech of the team.

4.3.2. The matter of the speech of each member must be structured. The member should organize his or her matter to improve the effectiveness of their presentation. The substantive speech of each member should:

(a) Include an introduction, conclusion and a series of arguments; and

(b) Be well-timed in accordance with the time limitations and the need to prioritize and apportion time to matter.

4.3.3. The matter of the team must be structured. The team should organize their matter to improve the effectiveness of their presentation. The team should:

(a) Contain a consistent approach to the issues being debated; and

- (b) Allocate positive matter to each member where both members of the team are introducing positive matter.

4.4 Assessing manner

4.4.1. Adjudicators should assess the elements of manner together.

4.4.2. Adjudicators should be aware that there are many appropriate styles across the continent and should not discriminate against a member simply because the manner would be deemed inappropriate in their own country.

4.4.3. Adjudicators should not allow bias to influence their assessment.

Part 5: The Adjudication

5.1 The role of the adjudicator:

- a) Deliberate with fellow adjudicators/panel;
- b) Determine rankings and individual speaker points;
- c) Provide a verbal/oral adjudication;
- d) Complete required documentation.

5.2 Ranking teams:

- a) First: 3 points;
- b) Second: 2 points;
- c) Third: 1 point;
- d) Fourth: 0 points.

A team failing to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled time may receive zero points. Adjudicators should confer, and where a unanimous decision cannot be reached, the majority decides. Failing a majority, the Chair of the panel decides.

5.3 Speaker Scores:

- a) Grade A (90-100): excellent to flawless;
- b) Grade B (80-89): above average to very good;
- c) Grade C (70-79): average;
- d) Grade D (60-69): poor to below average;
- e) Grade E (50-59): very poor.

5.4 Verbal/Oral Adjudications:

Is delivered by the Chair of the panel (or, where the Chair dissents, a nominated member); should identify team rankings, explain reasons, and provide constructive comments. This process should not exceed 15 minutes.

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SCHEDULE III: SAMPLE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Article is to give effect to the principle that all participants at rounds of the Championships should have an opportunity equal with other individuals to have their needs accommodated, consistent with their duties and obligations as participants in the Championships, without being hindered in or prevented from doing so by discriminatory practices based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or disability, and to be free from harassment and intimidation in the performance of these duties and obligations.

2. Conduct expected of participants:

Participants at the Championships will comply with the following Code of Conduct.

All participants at a round of the Championships will not engage in any behaviour that will undermine or attack the purpose of the Championships or the Code of Conduct including, but not limited to:

- (a)** Engaging in offensive language or behaviour;
- (b)** Making denigrating comments on the basis of age, race, sex, disability, religion or sexuality;
- (c)** Harassing, threatening or intimidating other participants in any way;
- (d)** Damaging or destroying any property that does not belong to them;
- (e)** Harassing, threatening or intimidating delegates to vote in a particular way.

These provisions will apply:

- (a)** During debates;
- (b)** During any formal event organized as part of the tournament;
- (c)** During any social event organized as part of the tournament;
- (d)** In transportation organized as part of the tournament;
- (e)** In accommodation organized as part of the tournament.
- (f)** At socials organized as part of the tournament.

Participants include all:

- (a)** Debaters;
- (b)** Adjudicators;
- (c)** Organizers;
- (d)** Coaches;
- (e)** Tournament staff
- (f)** Observers;
- (g)** Institutional officials present at the tournament.

Participants found to be in breach of this code of conduct agree to be bound by the decisions of the Equity Officer and/or the Appeals Committee.

3. Implementation and Enforcement

3.1. Making a Complaint:

Participants wishing to make a formal complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct must do so:

- (a)** in written form;
- (b)** submit the complaint to the designated Equity Officer of the Championships either in person;
- (c)** through any submission box at the Event marked for the express purpose of submitting Code of Conduct related complaints.
- (d)** The tournament organizing committee must provide a box for the express purpose of submitting Code of Conduct related complaints on each day of the Championships Round.
- (e)** Nothing in the above subsections prevents tournament participants from orally informing the designated Equity Officer of an alleged breach.
- (f)** Such an allegation will not be considered a formal complaint and will not trigger the complaints mechanism until a written complaint is submitted.
- (g)** Complaints must identify both the complainant and the accused.

3.2. Complaints Mechanism:

3.2.1. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Equity Officer of the event shall without delay notify the Chairperson of the Equity Committee that a complaint has been received, and, where the Equity Officer determines that the complaint gives rise to a prima facie case of breach of this Code of Conduct, shall conduct an investigation and, within twenty-four hours of receipt of the complaint or before the end of the Championships

(whichever is sooner), and issue a decision to the Chairperson of the Council and to the parties involved.

3.2.2. Where the Equity Officer reasonably believes the Chairperson of the Equity Committee to be in a conflict of interest with regard to the complaint, the Equity Officer shall instead notify the Council Executive Director of Oversight.

3.2.3. In any investigation, the Equity Officer shall:

- (a) Invite both the complainant and the accused to participate,
- (b) Have regard to all relevant factors, including the circumstances of the alleged act,
- (c) The extent and reasonableness of the offence taken, and any relevant issues of culture and/or nationality.

3.2.4. An investigation may be terminated by withdrawal of the complaint at the Complainant's request, rendering the complaint null and void from the beginning.

3.2.5. Where the Equity Officer determines a breach has occurred, they will order such disciplinary action as they consider appropriate, including a formal warning, a demand for a formal apology, removal from the tab, or expulsion from the tournament.

3.2.6. Written notification of any disciplinary action will be given to the party receiving it, with an additional copy kept by the Equity Officer under seal, and not disclosed other than to the Appeals Committee and the party receiving discipline.

3.2.7. Any person receiving disciplinary action may appeal to an Appeals Committee comprising of the Convenor of the tournament, one of the Deputy Chief Adjudicators, and the Chairperson of the Council.

3.2.8. The Appeals Committee will meet as quickly as possible and will either uphold, amend, or overturn the decision of the Equity Committee.

3.2.9. Where a member of the Appeals Committee has a conflict of interest or is unable to attend, they may nominate a Deputy Chief Adjudicator, the Chief Adjudicator, or another member of the Executive to sit in their place.

3.2.10. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

3.3. Choice of Laws/Contract Terms/Definitions.

Participants acknowledge that this agreement is governed by the laws of the Country in which that year's championships are being held. Any and all legal actions concerning this Code of Conduct, or concerning any aspect of the Championships where [insert name of Debating Society] (including its executive members, general members, or designated agents) or [insert name of university] are named parties to the action shall be conducted exclusively and entirely before the courts and/or arbitral tribunal seated in the host country in accordance with Article 88A of this Constitution.

SCHEDULE IV: CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS PROTOCOL

1. Purpose.

This Protocol governs the legal registration of the Council's activities in jurisdictions other than the Republic of Uganda, where the Council contracts, employs persons, or otherwise carries on business in connection with an Edition of the Championships.

2. Legal Registration Assessment.

No later than six (6) months before the relevant Edition, the Secretariat shall conduct, or commission, a legal registration assessment for the Championships host country, addressing whether the Council or its Secretariat is required, under the law of that country, to register as a foreign or external company (or equivalent) before carrying on the activities contemplated by that Edition.

3. Registration Threshold.

Without limiting paragraph 2, a legal registration assessment must be treated as required, and appropriate registration pursued, where the Council or Secretariat will, in the host country:

- (a) enter into contracts exceeding USD 5,000 in aggregate value; or
- (b) employ or engage persons for more than thirty (30) days.

4. Host as Local Contracting Party.

Where foreign registration by the Council is not practicable or not completed in time for an Edition, the Host institution, being a locally registered entity in the host jurisdiction, is authorized and required to act as the contracting party on behalf of the Council for domestic contracts necessary for that Edition, on terms to be agreed between the Host and the Secretariat and reported to the Finance Director.

5. Bid Representation and Warranty.

Every bid document submitted under Article 73 shall include a representation and warranty by the bidding Institution that it holds valid legal personality under the law of the host country capable of binding the Championships' local obligations for the purposes of paragraph 4.

6. Change of Registered Office.

Any proposal to relocate the Secretariat's registered office under Article 45.1, or the Council Account under Article 85A.1, to a jurisdiction other than Uganda shall not proceed until the Legal Officer has completed an assessment, under this Schedule, of the legal, tax and regulatory consequences of that relocation, and has reported that assessment to Council.

7. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council, on the recommendation of the Legal Officer.

SCHEDULE V: DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY SCHEDULE

1. Data Protection Officer.

The Secretariat shall designate a Data Protection Officer (“DPO”), being the Head of Secretariat or another member of the Secretariat, responsible for compliance with this Schedule.

2. Categories of Personal Data.

The Secretariat shall maintain an inventory of the categories of personal data it processes, including at minimum:

- (a)** Participant names and contact details;
- (b)** Student identification and enrolment documentation collected under Article 56.13;
- (c)** Institutional affiliations;
- (d)** Medical information disclosed in connection with iron-person applications under Article 52.9; and
- (e)** Feedback and performance scores attributed to named individuals, together with the lawful basis for processing, and the retention period, for each category.

3. Privacy Notice.

A Privacy Notice, summarizing the matters in paragraph 2 and the rights of data subjects under this Schedule, shall be provided to all registrants before personal data is collected from them, including at registration under Article 76.1.4.

4. Data Subject Requests.

The DPO shall establish and publish a process for handling requests by data subjects to access or delete their personal data, and shall respond to such requests within a reasonable time, and in any event within thirty (30) days.

5. Data Processing Agreements.

Every Host institution shall execute a Data Processing Agreement with the Council, in a form approved by the Legal Officer, before being given access to participant personal data for an Edition of the Championships.

6. Country-Specific Review.

The Legal Officer, in consultation with local counsel where practicable, shall conduct a country-specific review of data protection obligations applicable to each Edition before that Edition takes place, having particular regard to data protection legislation with extraterritorial effect (including, by way of example, the data protection legislation of South Africa and Kenya).

7. Security.

The Secretariat shall maintain reasonable technical and organizational security safeguards for personal data in its custody, consistent with Article 40.1.17 (backup archives).

8. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council, on the recommendation of the Legal Officer or the DPO.

SCHEDULE VI: VOTING PROCEDURES SCHEDULE

1. Purpose.

This Schedule gives numerical precision and procedural certainty to the voting thresholds used throughout this Constitution.

2. Ordinary Majority.

“Ordinary Majority” means more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting of the relevant body.

3. Expanded Majority.

“Expanded Majority” means not less than two-thirds (66.7%) of the votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting of the relevant body.

4. Treatment of Abstentions.

Abstentions are not counted in either the numerator or the denominator for the purpose of calculating an Ordinary Majority or an Expanded Majority; that is, a majority is calculated as a proportion of votes cast “for” or “against” only.

5. Ties.

Where a vote on a motion requiring an Ordinary Majority results in an equal number of votes for and against, the motion fails. There is, by definition, no tie under the Expanded Majority threshold.

6. Proxy and Remote Votes.

A vote cast by a validly appointed delegate under Article 8.3, or by a remote participant approved under Article 9, counts towards both quorum and the relevant majority calculation. A vote is not valid for either purpose unless cast by a person entitled to vote in accordance with this Constitution.

7. Recording of Votes.

The Speaker shall cause the result of every vote, being the number of votes for, against, and the number of abstentions, to be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

8. Application to Championships Host Voting.

The final vote on the Championships host under Article 74.5 shall be conducted by Ordinary Majority, applying paragraphs 2-7 of this Schedule, among National Delegates and other Council members entitled to vote under Article 8.2.

9. Interpretations Register.

Interpretations of this Constitution issued by Council under Article 92.1 or 92.2, and corrections of manifest cross-reference errors issued by the Legal Officer under Article 92.3, shall be indexed in the Interpretations Register maintained by the Secretariat, a copy of the index of which shall be appended to this Schedule at each annual review.

10. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Expanded Majority of Council.

SCHEDULE VII: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST SCHEDULE

1. Purpose.

1.1. This Schedule gives effect to the general obligation, at Article 12.2, of every Council Member, Executive officer, and Championship's officer to avoid, and to disclose, conflicts of interest.

2. Annual Disclosure.

2.1. Every voting Council member and every Executive officer shall, upon assumption of office and thereafter annually, submit a written disclosure of all material affiliations reasonably capable of giving rise to a conflict of interest, including:

- (a) Current or recent enrolment, employment, or office-holding at an institution bidding to host, or contracting with, the Council;
- (c) Financial relationships with current or prospective sponsors, Hosts, or adjudication service providers; and
- (d) Close personal relationships with a person who is a party to, or has a material interest in, a matter before the Council.

3. Mandatory Recusal.

3.1. A person with a direct or indirect personal or institutional interest in a decision shall recuse from participating in the deliberation or vote on that decision, and shall declare the interest and the fact of recusal on the record.

4. Conflicts Register.

4.1. The Oversight Director shall maintain a Conflicts Register recording all disclosures made under paragraph 2 and all recusals under paragraph 3, and shall table the Register for review at each meeting of Council.

5. Undisclosed Conflicts.

5.1. Where an undisclosed conflict of interest is subsequently discovered to have affected a decision of Council, the Council may, by Ordinary Majority, void that decision, subject to the savings provisions in Article 93.

6. Application to the Adjudication Core and Equity Committee.

6.1. The obligations in paragraphs 2 and 3 apply equally to members of the Adjudication Core in the context of judge allocation and elimination round decisions, and to members of the Equity Committee in the context of Article 68.6 and Article 69.2.2.

7. Related-Party Transactions.

7.1. A transaction between the Council, or a Host acting on the Council's behalf, and a Related Party, as defined in the Related-Party Transaction Policy, is additionally subject

to that Policy's disclosure, Register, and Council ratification requirements, in addition to the disclosure and recusal obligations already fixed in paragraphs 2 and 3 above."

8. Addendum: Illustrative Disclosure Form.

By way of non-exhaustive guidance as to the form such disclosure may take, a Council Member's annual written disclosure might read, for example:

"I, [name], [office held], disclose the following affiliations for the purposes of Schedule VII of the Constitution: (a) I am currently enrolled at / employed by [institution]; (b) that institution [is / is not] a current or prospective bidder to host an Edition of the Championships; (c) I have the following financial relationship(s) with a current or prospective sponsor, Host, or adjudication service provider: [describe, or state 'none']; (d) I have the following close personal relationship(s) with a person who has a material interest in a matter currently or reasonably foreseeably before the Council: [describe, or state 'none']. I undertake to notify the Oversight Director promptly of any material change to the above, and to recuse from any decision in which I have a direct or indirect interest."

The Secretariat shall make a template in this form available to all Council Members and Executive officers upon assumption of office.

9. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council.

SCHEDULE VIII: ANTI-CORRUPTION AND WHISTLE-BLOWER POLICY

1. Prohibition.

All officers, agents, and authorized representatives of the Council are prohibited from offering, soliciting, or accepting anything of value in connection with the exercise of their constitutional duties, including in relation to bid selection, sponsorship negotiation, and adjudication appointments.

2. Disclosure of Financial Relationships.

All Council officers shall disclose any financial relationship they hold with a current or prospective sponsor, Host, or adjudication service provider, in accordance with Schedule VII, paragraph 2.

3. Confidential Reporting Channel.

There shall be a confidential reporting channel, administered by the Oversight Director or an independent third-party hotline designated by the Executive, through which any member of the debating community may report suspected corruption without identifying themselves.

4. Non-Retaliation.

No person shall suffer retaliation for a good-faith report made under paragraph 3. Retaliation is itself a breach of the Council Member Code of Conduct under Article 12.1 and grounds for removal under Article 13, in accordance with Article 33A.3.

5. Investigation.

A report received under paragraph 3 shall be referred to the Oversight Director, who shall determine whether the matter should be referred to the Legal Officer, the Equity Committee (where it also raises a Code of Conduct matter), or the Council, having regard to the nature of the allegation and any conflict of interest of the Oversight Director under Schedule VII.

6. Annual Training.

The Executive and Secretariat staff shall undergo anti-corruption training not less than annually, coordinated by the Oversight Director.

7. Annual Reporting.

The Oversight Director shall report, not less than annually, to Council on matters received, investigated, and resolved under this Schedule, in a manner preserving the confidentiality and protection from retaliation of any reporting person, in accordance with Article 33A.2.

8. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council.

SCHEDULE IX: SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. Governing Principle.

It is a governing principle of every Edition of the Championships that the Championships shall observe, and the Host and Convenor shall give effect to, the child protection and safeguarding legislation of the host country, in addition to the specific obligations set out in this Schedule.

2. Identification of Minor Participants.

The Host's registration system shall identify all participants who will be under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of the relevant Edition of the Championships.

3. Parental or Guardian Consent.

Written parental or guardian consent is a condition of registration for every participant under the age of eighteen (18).

4. Safeguarding Officer.

Each Local Organizing Committee shall designate a named Safeguarding Officer, as required by Article 73.4.4.7, with specific responsibility for the welfare of minor participants, including receiving and escalating any safeguarding concern.

5. Accommodation.

Where reasonably practicable, separate or appropriately supervised accommodation arrangements shall be made for minor participants.

6. Mandatory Reporting.

The Host and Convenor shall comply with the mandatory reporting obligations of the host country's applicable child protection legislation, and, where such legislation does not impose mandatory reporting obligations directly applicable to the Championships, shall nonetheless report credible safeguarding concerns to the appropriate local child protection authority.

7. Continental Baseline.

Because the Championships travels across jurisdictions with differing child protection frameworks, the Safeguarding Officer for each Edition shall, in consultation with the Legal Officer, confirm before the Edition that the Host's local safeguarding arrangements meet, at minimum: appropriate adult-to-minor supervision ratios at official events; a means for a minor participant to report a concern privately; and a documented escalation pathway to the host country's child protection authority.

8. Amendment.

This Schedule is not subject to amendment and is absolutely entrenched.

SCHEDULE X: MENTAL HEALTH AND DUTY OF CARE FRAMEWORK

1. Purpose.

This Schedule gives effect to the Council's acknowledgment, at Article 52.9, that competitive debating at a Pan-African Championships can be a psychologically demanding environment, by establishing minimum welfare standards.

2. First Aid.

Each Host shall provide a minimum level of first-aid coverage, including at least one certified first-aider on site at all Championships venues and accommodation.

3. Welfare Officer.

Each Host shall designate at least one Welfare Officer per Championships, as required by Article 73.4.4.8, with specific responsibility for responding to participant welfare concerns, including concerns of a psychological or emotional nature.

4. Participant Welfare Guide.

A Participant Welfare Guide shall be distributed at registration, identifying the Welfare Officer, the local emergency medical services, and available mental health support resources local to the host country.

5. Emergency Escalation.

The Host shall maintain an emergency mental health escalation protocol for situations requiring professional intervention, coordinated with the Welfare Officer, the Safeguarding Officer (where the participant is a minor), and local emergency services.

6. Interaction with Iron-Person Rules.

Where a participant invokes Article 52.9 for equity-related or wellbeing reasons, the Welfare Officer shall, where the participant consents, be notified, so as to ensure continuity of welfare support for the remainder of that Edition.

7. Amendment.

This Schedule is not subject to amendment and is absolutely entrenched.

SCHEDULE XI: DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

1. Authorized Platforms and Credentials.

The Communications Director, with the Secretariat, shall maintain a list of authorised official platforms (website, social media accounts, and any other official channel) and shall control access credentials to each.

2. Content Approval Workflow.

Sensitive announcements, including statements responding to a Code of Conduct complaint, a Host dispute, or a matter of public controversy, require approval by the Chairperson of the Council Executive or their delegate before publication.

3. Take-Down Protocol.

The Communications Director shall maintain a protocol for the take-down of content that violates the Code of Conduct or applicable law, including defamatory or harassing content published about or by the organization.

4. Crisis Communications.

The Communications Director shall maintain a crisis communications procedure for reputational emergencies, to be activated in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council Executive and the Legal Officer.

5. Credential Management on Transition.

Access credentials to all official platforms shall be transferred or reset upon the transition of the Communications Director or other officer holding such credentials, as part of the handover process under Article 36.

6. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council.

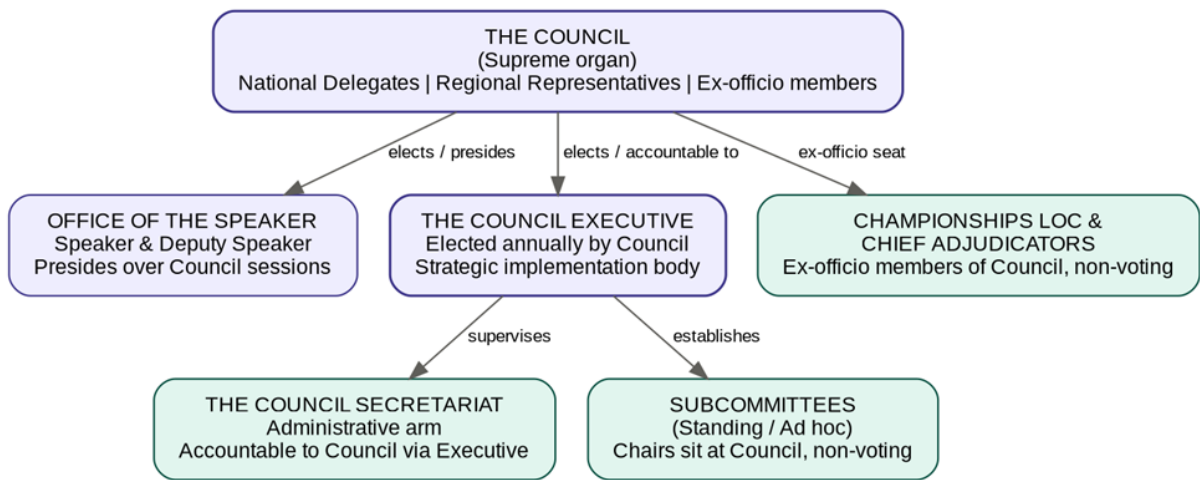
**ANNEXURE 1A: ORGANISATIONAL ORGANOGRAM OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL
WITH REFERENCES AND ARTICULATION**

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.

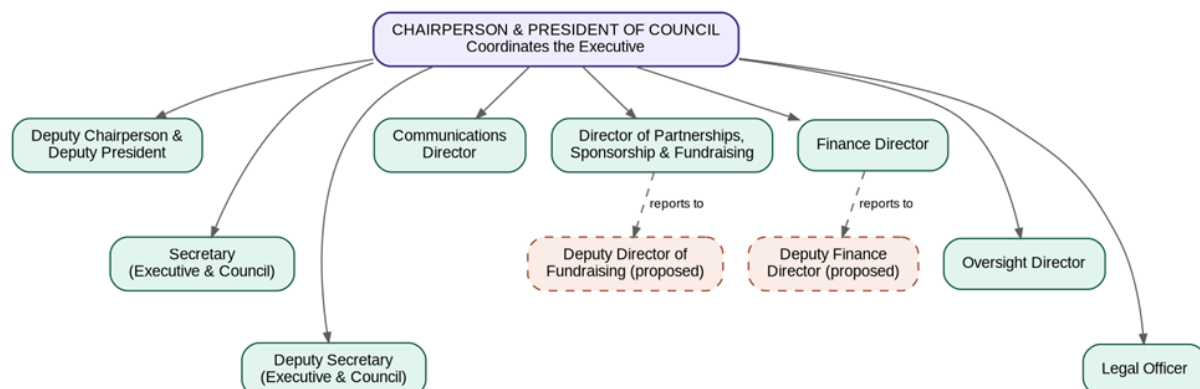
2. Organisational overview



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 resolutions; hears disputes (subject to Art. 88A).	Ultimate authority accountable to the Community it represents.

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	The Chairperson; accountable to the Council through the Executive.

		strategic planning as delegated.	
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 &	Art. 31.1	Coordinates fundraising and sponsorship opportunities with the	The Chairperson.

Fundraising		Secretariat; maintains sponsor pipeline; discloses sponsor conflicts under Sched. VII/VIII.	
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/Executive 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;	Independent of the Executive; reports outcomes for institutional record only.

		chaired by the Legal Officer.	
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	Full delegate rights exercised via approved digital	Requires prior Speaker approval and identification of the

		delegate	means.	delegate. (Art. 9.1-9.3)
7	The Council Executive	The Council Secretariat	Operational implementation of institutional records, elections support, IP registers, data protection and website administration.	Executive supervises but does not itself perform Secretariat tasks 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</i>	Legal Officer, as Chairperson of the Equity Committee	Adjudicative authority over Code of Conduct and equity matters;	Chairs independently of the Executive must recuse for personal conflicts. (Art. 68.1-

	<i>Executive delegation)</i>		deliberative vote solely to break ties among the five voting members.	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	Applies to statements on Code of Conduct complaints, Host disputes or matters of

			before publication.	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.

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	Art. 9.1-9.2

			required	
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
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[date]	[name, office]	[name]	Member- appointed proxy	[reference date approval] / of	Art. 8.3
[date]	[country / region]	[name]	Remote participation delegate	[reference date approval] / of	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.

ANNEXURE 1D: COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING CALENDAR OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates the recurring reporting, disclosure, financial and procedural obligations found throughout the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025) into a single calendar, organised by the office responsible and the frequency or deadline that applies. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution, and where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

The obligations below are drawn from across the Constitution rather than from any single Part or Schedule. Several recur on a fixed cycle (annually, biannually or quarterly), while others are triggered by an event, such as a vacancy, a leadership transition, or the approach of a Championships Edition. Both types are included, since both require the responsible office to track a deadline rather than simply perform a one-off duty.

2. Consolidated calendar

The table below is organised broadly in the sequence a Council or Executive term would encounter these obligations, from assumption of office through to the Championships itself, rather than strictly alphabetically.

Obligation	Responsible office	Frequency / deadline	Constitutional basis
Approve annual Council budget and year plan	Council	Within 30 days of assuming office	Art. 6.1.5

Present annual budget and Executive yearly plan to Council	Council Executive	Within 30 days of assuming office	Art. 23.1.6
Create the budget framework for the annual Council budget	Finance Director	Within 20 days of assuming office	Art. 32.1.2
Publish official exchange rate methodology	Finance Director	At the opening of each Championships registration period	Art. 32.1.9; 85C.2
Financial report on bid budget feasibility and compliance	Finance Director	Within 30 days of bid submission	Art. 32.1.5
Report to Council on progress of Executive duties	Council Executive	Not less than once every six months	Art. 23.1.10
Governance performance report to Council	Oversight Director	Biannually	Art. 33.1.4
Report on matters received under the whistle-blower	Oversight Director	Not less than annually	Sched. VIII, para. 7; Art. 33A.2

channel			
Anti-corruption training for Executive and Secretariat staff	Oversight Director (coordinating)	Not less than annually	Sched. VIII, para. 6
Annual written disclosure of conflicts of interest	Every voting Council member and Executive officer	Upon assumption of office, then annually	Sched. VII, para. 2
Table Conflicts Register for review	Oversight Director	At each meeting of Council	Sched. VII, para. 4
Quarterly report to the debating community on Council activities	Council	Quarterly	Art. 12.1.6.4
Quarterly participation report to the Oversight Director	Regional Representatives	Quarterly	Art. 6.2.1.10
Annual Council Performance Review	Oversight Director	Annually	Art. 12.1.5.1
Sign Contract of Service upon	Every Council member	Within 30 days of assuming office	Art. 12.1.6.3

assumption of office			
Handover report to incoming Executive	Outgoing Council Executive, via Secretariat	No later than 4 weeks before the Championships	Art. 36.1-36.2
Debrief meeting with Secretariat	Each outgoing Executive member	At least 2 weeks before the Championships	Art. 36.3
Transition Audit to Council	Incoming Executive	Within the first 2 months of taking office	Art. 36.5
Circulate tentative meeting calendar for the term	Council Executive	No later than 30 days after assuming office	Art. 36.6
Legal registration assessment for host country	Secretariat	No later than 6 months before the relevant Edition	Sched. IV, para. 2
Country-specific data protection review	Legal Officer	Before each Edition takes place	Sched. V, para. 6
Convenor host-readiness audit	Council (or its delegate)	3 to 6 months pre-Championships	Art. 80.1

Call for Bids disseminated	Council Executive	No later than 2 months before the Main Meeting	Art. 73.1
Final vote on Championships host	Council	By 31 January of the relevant year	Art. 74.5
External audit of consolidated financial statements	Appointed external auditor	Annually	Sched. VI... Art. 85B.1
Audited accounts tabled at annual Council meeting	Finance Director / Secretariat	Within 90 days of the financial year end	Art. 85B.3
Finance and Audit Sub-committee report to Council	Finance and Audit Sub-committee	Not less than once every six months	Art. 85B.4
Preliminary Council meeting (eligibility, pre-tournament issues)	Council	Second day of the edition of the Championships	Art. 12.1.4.1.1
Main Council meeting (evaluation, host vote, bid ratification)	Council	Second-last day of the edition of the Championships	Art. 12.1.4.1.2

Response to official Council communications	All Council members	Within 72 hours unless otherwise specified	Art. 12.1.4.2
Notify Council members of a vacancy	Speaker	Within 3 days of the vacancy	Art. 13.4.1
Fill a Council vacancy or appoint interim member	Council	Within 2 weeks of the vacancy occurring	Art. 11.2
Signatory mandate transfer at the bank on leadership change	Secretariat	Within 30 days of the leadership transition	Art. 85A.2
Emergency disbursement reported to Council	Head of Secretariat	At the Council's next meeting, where invoked	Art. 85A.3
Publish Equity Committee composition for the Edition	Host, in consultation with Legal Officer	At least 4 weeks prior to the Edition	Art. 68.4.3

3. Guided interpretation

3.1 Two distinct obligation types

Some obligations recur on a calendar cycle regardless of events, such as the biannual Executive report to Council (Art. 23.1.10) or the annual conflicts disclosure (Sched. VII, para. 2). Others are triggered only by a specific event, such as the 3-day vacancy notification (Art. 13.4.1) or the 30 day signatory transfer following a leadership change (Art. 85A.2). A single office, most often the Oversight Director or the Secretariat, is well placed to track both types, since the Oversight Director already holds a general monitoring mandate (Art. 33.1) and the Secretariat already maintains the Council's institutional records (Art. 40.1).

3.2 The Championships cycle concentrates several deadlines

A disproportionate number of obligations cluster around the Championships itself: the Call for Bids at 2 months before the Main Meeting (Art. 73.1), the host readiness audit at 3 to 6 months pre-Championships (Art. 80.1), the Equity Committee publication at 4 weeks pre-Edition (Art. 68.4.3), and the Executive handover at 4 weeks before the Championships (Art. 36.1). A responsible office reviewing this calendar in the lead-up to an Edition should expect that period to be the busiest in the compliance cycle, and may wish to build in earlier internal deadlines to avoid the obligations falling due simultaneously.

3.3 Non-compliance is itself addressed in the Constitution

Failure to meet certain of these obligations carries a defined consequence rather than being left open-ended: failure to sign a Contract of Service within 30 days renders a member ineligible to vote (Art. 12.1.6.3), and failure to attend 2 consecutive meetings or respond to communications may trigger an Oversight Director performance review (Art. 12.1.4.3). Where a deadline in this calendar is missed, the responsible office should check whether the underlying Article specifies a consequence of this kind before assuming that a simple extension is available.

ANNEXURE 1E: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure maps the disclosure, recusal, registration and remedial provisions of the Conflicts of Interest Schedule at Schedule VII to the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), together with the general obligation at Article 12.2 and its specific applications elsewhere in the Constitution. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

Every voting member of Council, every member of the Executive, every National Delegate, every Regional Representative, and every member of the Adjudication Core, the Tabulation team and the Equity Committee owes the Community a duty to avoid, and to disclose, any conflict of interest arising in the discharge of their constitutional functions (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 12.2.1). Schedule VII governs the disclosure, recusal, registration and remedial treatment of conflicts across all constitutional organs, and is binding as if enacted in the body of Article 12 (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 12.2.2).

2. Who owes the duty, and what it requires

The table below sets out the disclosure obligation and recusal trigger applicable to each category of person identified in the Constitution.

Category of person	Disclosure obligation	Recusal trigger	Constitutional basis
Every voting Council member	Annual written disclosure of material affiliations capable of	Direct or indirect personal or institutional interest in	Sched. VII, paras. 2-3; Art. 12.2.1

	giving rise to a conflict	a decision	
Every Executive officer	Annual written disclosure upon assumption of office and thereafter	Same as above; applies equally to Executive duties	Sched. VII, paras. 2-3; Art. 12.2.1
National Delegates and Regional Representatives	Disclosure of institutional or regional affiliations under the general duty	Recusal from matters directly affecting a disclosed affiliation	Art. 12.2.1
Adjudication Core and Tabulation team members	Disclosure obligations apply equally in the context of judge allocation and elimination round decisions	Recusal from allocation or elimination decisions affected by a disclosed interest	Sched. VII, para. 6
Equity Committee members	Disclosure obligations apply equally, including in relation to Art. 68.6 and Art. 69.2.2	Recusal from a specific complaint, triggering the Deputy Chair mechanism where the Chairperson is	Sched. VII, para. 6; Art. 68.6

		affected	
The Speaker	Declaration of any conflict prior to presiding over deliberations where it may arise	Stepping back from presiding over the specific deliberation	Art. 20.4; Art. 12.2.3
Bid sponsors and seconders (Council members)	Disclosure of any relationship with the bidding Institution falling within Schedule VII	Recusal from voting on that specific bid where a disclosed relationship exists	Art. 73.3

3. The disclosure and recusal cycle

3.1 Annual disclosure

Every voting Council member and every Executive officer must submit a written disclosure upon assumption of office and thereafter annually, covering current or recent enrolment, employment or office-holding at an institution bidding to host or contracting with the Council, financial relationships with sponsors, Hosts or adjudication service providers, and close personal relationships with a person who is a party to, or has a material interest in, a matter before the Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VII, para. 2).

3.2 Mandatory recusal

A person with a direct or indirect personal or institutional interest in a decision must recuse from participating in the deliberation or vote on that decision, and must declare the interest and the fact of recusal on the record (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VII, para. 3). This is a standing obligation that arises independently of the annual disclosure cycle, since an interest may arise between disclosure dates.

3.3 The Conflicts Register

The Oversight Director maintains a Conflicts Register recording every disclosure and every recusal, and tables the Register for review at each Council meeting (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VII, para. 4). This is the same register referenced in the Compliance and Reporting Calendar at Annexure 1D.

3.4 Remedy for an undisclosed conflict

Where an undisclosed conflict is later discovered to have affected a Council decision, Council may, by Ordinary Majority, void that decision, subject to the savings provisions in Article 93 (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. VII, para. 5). This gives the disclosure regime a practical remedy rather than being a purely reporting exercise.

4. Guided interpretation

4.1 The Speaker's declaration is a specific application, not a separate regime

Article 20.4 requires the Speaker to declare a conflict prior to presiding over affected deliberations. Article 12.2.3 is explicit that this is a specific application of the general Schedule VII obligation, and does not create a lesser or different standard for the Speaker (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 12.2.3; 20.4).

4.2 The Equity Committee's independence sharpens the recusal rule

Because the Equity Committee is constituted as an independent body chaired by the Legal Officer in a personal, non-Executive capacity (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.1-68.2), a conflict affecting the Legal Officer as Chairperson does not simply trigger recusal in the ordinary sense: it activates the Deputy Chair mechanism, under which the five voting members elect one of their own number to chair that specific complaint (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.6). This is a stronger safeguard than recusal alone, since it prevents the Chairperson's absence from leaving the Committee without a chair.

4.3 Bid-stage disclosure protects the host selection vote

Sponsors and seconders of a Championships bid must disclose any relationship with the bidding Institution under Schedule VII (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 73.3). Read together with Schedule VII, paragraph 3, this means a National Delegate who sponsors their own country's bid, itself an ordinary and expected act under Article 73.3, must still recuse from the final vote on that bid under Article 74.5 if their relationship with the Institution goes beyond the sponsorship role itself and constitutes a personal or institutional interest in the outcome.

ANNEXURE 1F: ELECTIONS AND SUCCESSION ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates the eligibility, term, renewal and succession provisions of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025) that are otherwise spread across Articles 5, 11, 13, 16, 21, 22 and 73. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution, and where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Terms of office

Office	Term	Renewal limit	Election / appointment method	Constitutional basis
National Delegate (Country Representative)	2 years, from close of one Championships to the next	Maximum 3 consecutive terms, unless no other eligible candidate	Endorsed by a majority of Debate Society/Union Presidents; or active involvement in national leadership where that cannot be met	Art. 5.2-5.3
Regional Representative	Not separately fixed; subject to the same 3-term consecutive limit	Maximum 3 consecutive terms, unless no other eligible candidate	Appointed by consensus of National Delegates within the region, or by majority vote where no consensus exists	Art. 5.3; 8.2.2
Speaker and Deputy Speaker	2 years, renewable once	1 renewal, unless otherwise	Elected by Council from among National	Art. 16.1-16.2

		determined by Council	Delegates, via transparent process under Standing Orders	
Council Executive (all 9 offices)	1 year, non-renewable	None (single term)	Via seconding; nominees elected by Ordinary Majority	Art. 22.2-22.3
Championships Convenor	From 2 weeks after election until successor takes office	Not fixed by the Constitution	Ratified by Council as part of the successful bid under Article 73	Art. 73.6-73.8
Equity Committee voting members (5, per Edition)	One Edition only	Not applicable (elected fresh each Edition)	Constituted by the Host, in consultation with the Legal Officer, published at least 4 weeks pre-Edition	Art. 68.4

3. Removal procedure

A member of Council may be removed for death, voluntary resignation, loss of eligibility, persistent failure to attend 3 consecutive meetings without approved leave, conduct

detrimental to the Council's objectives or reputation, or any other ground specified in the Rules of Procedure (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.1.1).

A removal motion must be submitted in writing to the Speaker stating the grounds; the Speaker must notify the member and all Council members at least 7 days before the meeting; the member must be given an opportunity to respond before a vote; and an Expanded Majority of those present and voting is required to effect removal (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.2.1-13.2.4).

The Speaker or Deputy Speaker may separately be removed by Expanded Majority for gross misconduct, incapacity or constitutional violation, on the same notice and hearing safeguards (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 16.3.4; 21.1).

4. Vacancy and interim appointment

A seat becomes vacant on death, written resignation, disqualification, failure to attend 3 consecutive meetings without approved leave, or removal (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.3.1.1). The Speaker must notify all Council members in writing within 3 days of a vacancy arising (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.4.1), and the vacancy must be filled within 2 weeks in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, with an interim member permitted to serve until the next ordinary Council meeting (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 11.2; 13.5.1.1-13.5.1.2).

A successor serves for the remainder of the vacating member's term unless Council determines otherwise (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.5.2.1), and the Secretary must maintain accurate records of every removal, vacancy and appointment (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.6.2).

Where the Speaker's office itself becomes vacant, the Deputy Speaker assumes the role in an acting capacity until a new Speaker is elected, at the next sitting or within 30 days, whichever is earlier (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 18.3; 21.2-21.3). Council may continue to operate with a reduced membership provided the remaining members

still meet quorum, and decisions taken during a period of vacancy remain valid on that basis (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 13.6-13.6.1).

5. The presiding officer failure procedure

Where both the Speaker and Deputy Speaker offices are vacant, or both officers are incapacitated or otherwise unable to preside, Council is deemed to lack a presiding officer (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.5.2). National Delegates must then convene an extraordinary session within 48 hours of the Secretary, or in the Secretary's absence a majority of National Delegates present, formally recognising that condition, for the sole purpose of electing a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.5.3).

That election takes absolute priority over all other Council business, and no substantive motion may be introduced, debated or voted on until the new officers assume office, save for procedural motions strictly necessary to the election itself (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.5.4-6.5.5). Any meeting or decision taken in contravention of this Article is void ab initio (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.5.6).

6. Guided interpretation

6.1 The Executive's single-term rule is a deliberate departure from Council norms

National Delegates, Regional Representatives and Executive members are all subject to the same 3-consecutive-term ceiling under Article 5.3, yet the Executive term itself is fixed at a single, non-renewable year (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 22.2). Read together, this means an individual could in principle serve 3 consecutive terms as a National Delegate, but never more than a single term in any one Executive office before requiring a fresh election to that same office, since Article 22.2 does not describe the Executive term as renewable at all. This is a stronger rotation guarantee for the Executive than for Council membership generally.

6.2 Two different vacancy clocks apply to the Speaker's office

A general Council vacancy must be filled within 2 weeks (Art. 11.2), but a vacancy specifically in the Speaker's office allows up to 30 days, or the next sitting, whichever is earlier (Art. 21.2-21.3).

Anyone administering succession should apply the 30-day standard to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker specifically, and the 2-week standard to every other Council seat.

6.3 The presiding officer failure procedure is non-derogable

Article 6.5.6 expressly voids ab initio any meeting or decision taken in contravention of the Article 6.5.2-6.5.5 procedure. This is one of the few provisions in the Constitution stated to be mandatory and non-derogable in these terms, which suggests the drafters regarded a Council operating without any presiding officer as a materially higher risk than an ordinary vacancy, warranting a stricter and faster-acting safeguard.

ANNEXURE 1G: FINANCE AND SIGNATORY ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates the financial governance provisions of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), principally the Finance and Banking Article at 85A, the External Audit and Finance and Audit Subcommittee Article at 85B, and the Currency and Exchange Policy at 85C, read together with the Finance Director's duties at Article 32.1. It complements the Delegations Register at Annexure 1B, which records the signatory delegation itself, by setting out the fuller financial cycle in which that delegation operates. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Financial governance functions

Function	Responsible party	Key parameters	Constitutional basis
Council Account custody	Held at Absa Bank Uganda Limited, Ntinda Branch	Ugandan Shilling and United States Dollar accounts under Pan African Universities Debate Championships Limited	Art. 85A.1
Change of bank, branch or jurisdiction	Council, by Expanded Majority	Any jurisdiction change is subject to the Cross-Border Operations Protocol (Sched. IV) and cannot take effect until signatory transfer is confirmed feasible	Art. 85A.1
Signatories	Finance Director, Council Chairperson, Head of Secretariat, and one other Council-elected member	Minimum 2 of the 4 signatories required for any disbursement	Art. 32.1.4; 85A.2
Signatory transfer on leadership	Secretariat	Bank notified and mandates transferred within 30 days of the	Art. 85A.2; 40.1.21

change		transition	
Emergency disbursement	Head of Secretariat, sole signatory	Capped at USD 2,000 (or reporting-currency equivalent); only where transfer is overdue 60+ days or signatories are deadlocked; reported to Council at its next meeting	Art. 85A.3
Reporting currency	Finance Director	United States Dollar, without prejudice to the Currency and Exchange Policy	Art. 85A.4
Council fees remittance	Convenor, in liaison with the Finance Director	Remitted to the Council Account before the end of the relevant Edition	Art. 85A.5; 32.1.7
Exchange rate methodology	Finance Director	Published at the opening of each registration period; 30-day average mid-market rate, approved by the Finance and Audit Sub-committee	Art. 85C.2

Local currency payment on legal restriction	Participant, with institutional finance office confirmation	Available where USD transfer is restricted by the payer's or Host's jurisdiction	Art. 85C.1; 85C.3
Currency equivalence records	Secretariat	Maintained per Championships cycle; available to the external auditor and, on request, to Council	Art. 85C.4
External audit	Independent external auditor appointed by Council	Independent of Executive, Secretariat and any current Host; not lower than ISA standard	Art. 85B.1-85B.2
Presentation of audited accounts	Finance Director / Secretariat	Tabled within 90 days of the financial year end; published on the PAUDC website	Art. 85B.3
Finance and Audit Sub-committee	Not fewer than 3 Council/Executive members, plus at least 1 independent financial expert	Oversees audit process and Secretariat financial administration; reports to Council biannually	Art. 85B.4

Convenor host-readiness audit	Council or its delegate	Additional to, and not a replacement for, the external audit at Art. 85B	Art. 85B.5; Art. 80
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3. Guided interpretation

3.1 The signatory rule is dual-key by design

No single officer, including the Chairperson, may authorise a disbursement alone under ordinary circumstances: a minimum of 2 of the 4 named signatories must act together (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 32.1.4; 85A.2). This dual-key structure is only relaxed under the narrowly defined emergency at Article 85A.3, and even then the relaxation runs to a single named office, the Head of Secretariat, rather than to any signatory generally.

3.2 The emergency protocol is time-boxed and value-capped, not a standing alternative

The Head of Secretariat's sole-signatory authority is available only where signatory transfer has been outstanding for more than 60 days, or where the named signatories are deadlocked, and only for payments up to USD 2,000 (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85A.3). It is not available simply because the ordinary 2-signatory process is inconvenient, and every use of it must be both justified in writing to the Executive at the time and reported to Council at its next meeting.

3.3 Currency policy operates on two distinct tracks

The United States Dollar functions as both the reference currency for Council financial instruments (Art. 85C.1) and the reporting currency (Art. 85A.4), but the Constitution separately permits local currency payment where USD transfer is legally restricted, subject to written confirmation from the payer's institutional finance office (Art. 85C.1; 85C.3). The exchange rate applied to any such local currency payment is not set ad hoc: it must follow the published, 30-day average mid-market methodology approved by

the Finance and Audit Sub-committee (Art. 85C.2), which gives the Sub-committee an oversight role over currency conversion in addition to its audit oversight role.

3.4 Two separate audits serve two separate purposes

The annual external audit under Article 85B and the Convenor host-readiness audit under Article 80 are expressly stated not to substitute for one another (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85B.5). The former is a financial-statement audit of the Council's consolidated accounts; the latter is an operational readiness check on a specific Host ahead of a specific Edition. A Finance Director or Finance and Audit Sub-committee member should treat satisfactory completion of one as saying nothing about the other.

ANNEXURE 1H: EQUITY COMMITTEE AND CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT-HANDLING ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure maps the composition, duties and complaint-handling procedure of the Equity Committee under the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), principally Articles 68 and 69, read together with the Sample Code of Conduct at Schedule III. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Composition

There is an Equity Committee for each Edition of the Championships, constituted as an independent, quasi-judicial body separate from the Council Executive (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.1). It is chaired by the Legal Officer, sitting in an independent capacity and not as a representative of the Executive (Art. 68.2), with the Oversight Director serving as a non-voting Deputy Chairperson for continuity and implementation purposes only (Art. 68.3; 33.1.5).

Each Host, in consultation with the Legal Officer, constitutes 5 voting members for that Edition, drawn to reflect the regional and gender diversity of the Community, holding no current or recent Executive or Council voting position, and published together with the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at least 4 weeks before the Edition (Art. 68.4-68.4.3).

3. Complaint-handling procedure

The table below sets out the procedural stages a Code of Conduct complaint moves through, from initial awareness-raising to final reporting.

Stage	Action	Responsible party	Constitutional basis
1. Awareness	Ensure all participants are aware of their rights and duties under the Code of Conduct	Equity Committee	Art. 69.1.1
2. Availability	Make themselves available to participants for a sufficient time to allow complaints to be filed	Equity Committee members	Art. 69.2.1
3. Filing	Complaint raised in relation to conduct at the current or a previous Edition, or in relation to the Championships generally	Any participant	Art. 69.1.2

4. Recusal check	A member recuses where unable, or seen to be unable, to assess the complaint fairly; an appropriate delegate is appointed where necessary	Affected Equity Committee member	Art. 69.2.2; Sched. VII
4A. Chairperson conflict	Where the Legal Officer, as Chairperson, has a conflict, the Legal Officer recuses and the 5 voting members elect one of their own to chair that complaint only	Legal Officer; 5 voting members	Art. 68.6
5. Hearing	Complaint heard in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct	Equity Committee	Art. 69.1.2
6. Decision	Decision taken by majority of the 5 voting members present and voting; Chairperson votes only to break a tie among them	Equity Committee (voting members and Chairperson)	Art. 68.5
7. Enforcement	Liaison with the Adjudication Core, Council and/or Convenor(s) to carry out and enforce any enforcement or punitive orders	Equity Committee, Adjudication Core, Convenor(s)	Art. 69.1.3

8. Appeal	Appeal against an Equity Committee decision arranged for hearing before Council	Equity Committee (arranging); Council (hearing)	Art. 69.1.4
9. Reporting	Report to the Main Meeting of Council on completion of these duties	Equity Committee	Art. 69.1.6

4. Guided interpretation

4.1 The Chairperson's vote is exceptional, not routine

The Chairperson holds a deliberative vote solely to break a tie among the 5 voting members, and for no other purpose (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 68.5). In an ordinary, non-tied decision, the Chairperson's role is to chair the hearing, not to vote on its outcome; a decision reached by a clear majority of the 5 voting members is a complete decision of the Committee without any need for the Chairperson to vote at all.

4.2 Two distinct recusal mechanisms serve two distinct problems

An ordinary voting member who cannot fairly assess a complaint recuses and is replaced by an appropriate delegate under Article 69.2.2, applying the Schedule VII framework. Where it is the Chairperson who has the conflict, a different and more specific mechanism applies. The Legal Officer recuses only from that complaint, and the 5 voting members elect one of their own number to chair for that complaint alone, with the Legal Officer resuming the chair immediately afterwards (Art. 68.6). The second mechanism exists because an ordinary delegate cannot simply replace a Chairperson who otherwise sits ex officio as Legal Officer.

4.3 Appeals go to Council, not to a further tier of the Committee

There is no internal Equity Committee appeal tier. An appeal against an Equity Committee decision is arranged by the Committee for hearing before Council itself (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 69.1.4). Anyone advising a complainant or respondent should therefore direct an appeal to Council procedure, not to a request for the Committee to reconsider its own decision.

4.4 The Committee's independence is structural, not merely aspirational

The exclusion of anyone holding a current or recent Executive or Council voting position from the 5 voting seats (Art. 68.4.2), combined with the Legal Officer's independent rather than representative capacity (Art. 68.2) and the Oversight Director's strictly non-voting observer role (Art. 68.3), together insulate the Committee's decisions from the ordinary Executive-Secretariat chain of command mapped in Annexure 1A and 1B. This is a deliberate design choice; Equity and Code of Conduct outcomes are not meant to be reviewable or directable by the Chairperson of the Executive.

ANNEXURE 1I: CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST COMPLIANCE ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates the bidding, host appointment and host compliance requirements found in the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), principally Article 73, together with the welfare and safeguarding obligations that attach to a successful Host under Article 76.1 and the associated Schedules. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Bid and host requirements checklist

The table below follows the sequence a prospective Host would encounter these requirements, from the Call for Bids through to the Convenor's tenure.

Requirement	Detail	Constitutional basis
Call for Bids	Disseminated no later than 2 months before the Main Meeting at which bids for the Edition 2 years thereafter are considered	Art. 73.1-73.1.1
Sponsor and seconders	Signed by a National Delegate as sponsor; may be seconded by other Council members; all sponsors and seconders disclose any relationship with the bidding Institution under Sched. VII	Art. 73.3
Host institution and location	Must state the Institution and, if not the main campus, the specific location	Art. 73.4.1-73.4.2
Local Organising Committee roles	Convenor, Finance lead, Communications lead, Host institution liaison officer, Logistics and Operations lead, student debating body representative, Visa and Immigration Support Officer, Safeguarding Officer, Welfare Officer	Art. 73.4.4-73.4.4.8
Adjudication Core and Equity Committee process	Process for appointing remaining Adjudication Core (DCAs) and Equity Committee members; names of any already guaranteed appointments	Art. 73.4.5

Tab Director appointment process	Process for appointing Tab Director(s); names of any already guaranteed appointments	Art. 73.4.6
Preliminary budgets	Minimum 3 budgets: a zero-sponsorship budget for 50 teams, a zero-sponsorship budget for 150 teams, and a supplementary budget reflecting anticipated sponsorship	Art. 73.4.7- 73.4.7.2
Executive and Council representative costs	Budget must provide for registration costs of Executive and Council representatives, scaled to team numbers	Art. 73.4.7.3- 73.4.7.3.1
Legal registration self-assessment	Assessment of whether local registration suffices for the Host to act as contracting party under Sched. IV, para. 5	Art. 73.4.8
Non-university bid additional requirements	Letter of endorsement from a participating African university; logistics structure; commitment to Constitution governance; branding alignment statement	Art. 73.5-73.5.4
Visa and immigration support	Invitation letters within 14 days of registration; designated officer; liaison with immigration authorities; published visa-denial protocol with full fee reimbursement	Art. 76.1.13

Safeguarding and child protection	Identification of under-18 participants; written parental/guardian consent; named Safeguarding Officer; supervised accommodation; compliance with host country child protection law	Art. 76.1.14; Sched. IX
Welfare and duty of care	First-aid coverage; named Welfare Officer; Participant Welfare Guide; emergency mental health escalation protocol	Art. 76.1.16; Sched. X
Host-readiness audit	Audit between 3-and-6-months pre-Championships by 2 or 3 Executive-appointed, Council-approved Auditors; additional to the annual financial audit	Art. 80.1; 85B.5
Sanctions and removal	Council may sanction a Host for non-compliance with bid terms, or remove hosting rights entirely	Art. 6.1.2; 7.2.1
Final host vote	Council votes on the host at the Main Meeting, applying Sched. VI voting procedures; final vote due by 31 January of the relevant year	Art. 73.2; 74.5
Convenor tenure	Takes office 2 weeks after election; outgoing Convenor remains until successor takes office; may resign only by appointing a successor in writing	Art. 73.6-73.8

3. Guided interpretation

3.1 The zero-sponsorship budget is the real feasibility test

A bid must demonstrate capacity to host the Championships solely from registration fees, without reliance on any external sponsorship, at both a 50-team and a 150-team scale (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 73.4.7.1-73.4.7.1.2). The supplementary, sponsorship-reflecting budget is presented in addition to, not instead of, this baseline (Art. 73.4.7.2). A bid that only demonstrates feasibility once sponsorship is assumed has not, on a plain reading of Article 73.4.7, met the Constitution's minimum budgeting requirement.

3.2 Welfare portfolios are bid-stage commitments, not post-appointment options

The Visa and Immigration Support Officer, the Safeguarding Officer and the Welfare Officer must all be named as part of the Local Organising Committee at bid stage (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 73.4.4.6-73.4.4.8), with their substantive duties set out in Article 76.1.13, 76.1.14 and 76.1.16 respectively, and further detailed in Schedules IX and X. A bid that leaves these roles unfilled or unnamed is incomplete on the terms of Article 73.4.4, regardless of the strength of its budget or venue proposal.

3.3 Non-university bids carry an additional evidentiary burden

Where a bid is led by interstate conveners, a coalition of institutions, or a private debate company, it must additionally secure an endorsement letter from at least one participating African university and provide signed commitments to constitutional governance and branding alignment (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 73.5-73.5.4). This reflects that Article 73.4's ordinary requirements assume a single host Institution, and the Constitution adds safeguards where that assumption does not hold.

3.4 Host removal and sanction are separate, graduated powers

Council may decide on sanctions against a Host that fails to comply with its bid terms (Art. 6.1.2) as a lesser measure short of removing hosting rights altogether (Art. 7.2.1). A Finance Director, Oversight Director or Legal Officer reviewing a Host's compliance

should treat removal as the more severe of two available responses, not the only available response, when non-compliance is identified.

3.5 The readiness audit and the financial audit test different things

The host-readiness audit under Article 80.1 is explicitly additional to, and distinct from, the annual independent financial audit of the Council's consolidated accounts under Article 85B (Art. 85B.5). The former is Host-specific and operational; the latter is Council-wide and financial. Passing one carries no implication about the other, a point already developed at Annexure 1G, section 3.4.

ANNEXURE 1J: AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION LOG OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure consolidates the amendment procedure, numbering protocol, interpretation mechanism and dispute resolution framework of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), principally Articles 87 and 89 through 93, together with the governing law and dispute resolution provisions at Article 88A. It is intended to be read as a live log as Council interpretations and Legal Officer advice accumulate under Article 92. They should be added to section 3 below in the order in which they are recorded in the Interpretations Register. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to the Constitution and where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Amendment, interpretation and dispute resolution at a glance

Question	Answer	Constitutional basis
What threshold applies to amend the Constitution generally?	Expanded Majority (not less than two-thirds of votes validly cast by eligible voting members present at a quorate meeting)	Art. 89.1; 96.1.15
Are any Schedules amendable at a lower threshold?	Yes. Schedules II, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX and XI are technical policy Schedules amendable by Ordinary Majority as provided in each Schedule	Art. 89.1
How must a proposed amendment be introduced?	It must be placed on the agenda of the relevant Council meeting	Art. 90.1
What if that Agenda requirement is not met?	The change may only be considered if Council unanimously votes to do so, and must then be ratified at the next Council meeting to continue to have effect	Art. 90.2
How are new Articles or subsections numbered?	By the letter-suffix protocol: section xA, xB, xC and so on, or subsection x.xA, x.xB, x.xC and so on	Art. 91.1
Who resolves a genuine interpretive	Council, by Ordinary Majority, subject to Art. 88A where the dispute is a governing-	Art. 92.1

dispute?	law or dispute-resolution matter	
Where are Council's interpretations recorded?	In the Interpretations Register maintained by the Secretariat, cross-referenced in Schedule VI	Art. 92.2
Who may give interim advice between Council meetings?	The Legal Officer, in good faith, with a disclaimer of any personal interest in the interpretation	Art. 92.3
What happens if that advice corrects a manifest drafting error?	It is recorded and reported to Council for ratification at its next meeting	Art. 92.3
What happens to decisions taken by an improperly elected member?	They remain valid, unless that member's vote was decisive to the outcome	Art. 93.1
What happens to decisions reliant on a blank or placeholder provision?	They remain valid if consistent with the Constitution's general objectives and Preamble, pending completion of that provision	Art. 93.2
What law governs the Constitution?	The laws of the Republic of Uganda	Art. 88A.1

What is the dispute resolution sequence for an unresolved dispute?	First, internal Council resolution under Art. 92 and Art. 7.2.3; second, UNCITRAL mediation if unresolved within 60 days; third, UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Kampala if still unresolved	Art. 88A.2.1-88A.2.3
In what language are Article 88A.2 proceedings conducted?	English	Art. 88A.3

3. Log of interpretations and corrections

This section is intended to be populated over time. Each entry should record the date of the Council meeting or Legal Officer advice, the Article interpreted or corrected, a short description of the question raised, the outcome, and whether the entry reflects a Council interpretation under Article 92.1 or Legal Officer advice under Article 92.3 pending ratification. No entries have yet been recorded in this Annexure.

3.1 Recommended first entry

4. Guided interpretation

4.1 The Agenda requirement is a default, not an absolute bar

Article 90.1 requires a proposed constitutional change to be placed on the agenda in advance, but Article 90.2 provides an escape valve: an unlisted change may still be considered if Council votes unanimously to do so, provided it is ratified again at the next

meeting to remain effective (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 90.1-90.2). This two-step structure, unanimous consideration followed by ordinary ratification, means an urgent amendment is possible without amending the agenda rule itself, but only at the cost of unanimity, a materially higher bar than even the Expanded Majority otherwise required under Article 89.1.

4.2 Interpretation and amendment are procedurally distinct

Resolving a dispute about what an existing provision means requires only an Ordinary Majority (Art. 92.1), while changing what the provision says requires an Expanded Majority in most cases (Art. 89.1). This gap creates an incentive, in a genuinely contested case, to characterise a proposed change as an interpretation rather than an amendment. The safeguard against that risk is Article 92.3 itself, which confines the Legal Officer's interim advice to correcting manifest cross-reference or drafting errors, not to resolving substantive policy disagreements, and requires even that limited advice to be reported to Council for ratification.

4.3 The savings provisions protect governance continuity, not individual wrongdoing

Article 93.1 and 93.2 both operate to preserve the validity of decisions already taken, whether because of an improperly elected member or a placeholder provision, rather than to excuse the underlying irregularity itself. An improperly elected member's vote is only immunised where it was not decisive to the result (Art. 93.1); where it was decisive, the decision is not saved. Read this way, Article 93 protects the Community's reliance on past decisions, not the individual whose election or appointment was defective.

4.4 Dispute resolution is layered and offshore-seated only as a last resort

Article 88A.2 requires internal Council resolution first, then UNCITRAL mediation, and only then UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Kampala (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 88A.2.1-88A.2.3). A party cannot proceed directly to arbitration without first exhausting the internal and mediation stages, each of which carries its own timeline, an unspecified

period for internal resolution and a 60-day mediation window, before the next stage becomes available.

ANNEXURE 1K: WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING ANNEXURE OF THE PAUDC COUNCIL

1. Purpose and constitutional basis

This Annexure combines the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at Schedule IX and the Mental Health and Duty of Care Framework at Schedule X of the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025), together with the underlying obligations at Article 76.1.14 and 76.1.16, into a single participant-welfare-facing reference. The two Schedules are kept separate in the ratified Constitution, addressing minors and general participant wellbeing respectively, but they share a common audience, being Convenors, Safeguarding Officers and Welfare Officers, and are therefore consolidated here for ease of use. It is descriptive of, and subordinate to, the Constitution: where any inconsistency arises between this Annexure and the ratified text, the Constitution prevails.

2. Consolidated welfare and safeguarding requirements

Requirement	Detail	Constitutional basis
Governing principle	Every Edition observes, and the Host and Convenor give effect to, the child protection and safeguarding legislation of the host country, in addition to Schedule IX itself	Sched. IX, para. 1; Art. 76.1.14
Identification of	The Host's registration system identifies all participants who will be under 18 at the time of	Sched. IX, para. 2

minors	the Edition	
Parental or guardian consent	Written parental or guardian consent is a condition of registration for every participant under 18	Sched. IX, para. 3
Safeguarding Officer	A named Safeguarding Officer is designated within the Local Organising Committee, with specific responsibility for the welfare of minor participants, including receiving and escalating concerns	Sched. IX, para. 4; Art. 73.4.4.7
Accommodation	Separate or appropriately supervised accommodation is arranged for minor participants, so far as reasonably practicable	Sched. IX, para. 5
Mandatory reporting	The Host and Convenor comply with the host country's mandatory reporting obligations, or, where none directly apply, report credible concerns to the appropriate local authority	Sched. IX, para. 6
Continental baseline	Before each Edition, the Safeguarding Officer, with the Legal Officer, confirms minimum supervision ratios, a private reporting channel for minors, and a documented escalation pathway	Sched. IX, para. 7

First aid	At least one certified first-aider on site at all Championships venues and accommodation	Sched. X, para. 2; Art. 76.1.16
Welfare Officer	At least one Welfare Officer designated per Championships, with specific responsibility for participant welfare concerns, including psychological or emotional concerns	Sched. X, para. 3; Art. 73.4.4.8
Participant Welfare Guide	Distributed at registration; identifies the Welfare Officer, local emergency medical services, and available mental health support resources	Sched. X, para. 4
Emergency escalation	An emergency mental health escalation protocol is maintained, coordinated with the Welfare Officer, the Safeguarding Officer (for minors), and local emergency services	Sched. X, para. 5
Interaction with iron-person rules	Where a participant invokes Article 52.9 for equity-related or wellbeing reasons, the Welfare Officer is notified, with the participant's consent, to ensure continuity of support	Sched. X, para. 6

3. Guided interpretation

3.1 The host country's law is a floor, not a substitute

Schedule IX, paragraph 1 requires the Championships to observe the host country's own child protection legislation in addition to the specific obligations in the Schedule

itself, not instead of them. Where host country law is silent or offers weaker protection than Schedule IX, the Schedule's own requirements, minor identification, written consent, a named Safeguarding Officer, and supervised accommodation, still apply in full (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. IX, paras. 1-5).

3.2 Mandatory reporting has a fallback

Where host country legislation does not itself impose mandatory reporting obligations applicable to the Championships, the Host and Convenor must nonetheless report credible safeguarding concerns to the appropriate local child protection authority (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. IX, para. 6). This closes what would otherwise be a gap in jurisdictions with weaker statutory reporting frameworks.

3.3 The continental baseline check is the Safeguarding Officer's own responsibility, jointly with the Legal Officer

Because the Championships rotates across jurisdictions with differing child protection frameworks, Schedule IX, paragraph 7 places an affirmative, pre-Edition confirmation duty on the Safeguarding Officer, in consultation with the Legal Officer, to check three specific minimum standards: supervision ratios, a private reporting channel for minors, and a documented escalation pathway. This is a standing duty independent of whatever the host country's own law happens to require, and should be treated as a checklist item ahead of every Edition rather than a one-off assessment made only when a concern arises.

3.4 Welfare support for adults runs on a parallel, consent-based track

Unlike the child protection framework, which is triggered automatically by a participant's age, the general Welfare Officer's mental health escalation support under Schedule X is consent-based: where a participant invokes the iron-person rule under Article 52.9 for equity or wellbeing reasons, the Welfare Officer is notified only with that participant's consent (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Sched. X, para. 6). A Welfare Officer should not

treat the safeguarding framework's mandatory-reporting posture as a template for adult participant welfare matters, which are instead designed around participant autonomy.

3.5 Both Schedules are amendable at the same, lower threshold

Both Schedule IX and Schedule X are named among the technical policy Schedules amendable by Ordinary Majority rather than Expanded Majority (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 89.1; Sched. IX, para. 8; Sched. X, para. 7). This places welfare and safeguarding policy among the more readily updatable parts of the Constitution, consistent with the likelihood that host country legal requirements and welfare best practice will change faster than the Constitution's core governance structure.

ANNEXURE 1L: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF COUNCIL FEES

between

THE COUNCIL OF THE PAN-AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES DEBATING COUNCIL

("the Council")

and

**[NAME OF HOST INSTITUTION], acting through its Convenor and Local
Organising Committee**

("the Host")

A. Recitals

A. The Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debating Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025) establishes a mandatory Council Fee of USD 20 per registered institutional judge and speaker at each Edition of the Championships, as a source of funds for the Council (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85.1.1).

B. The Convenor is responsible, in liaison with the Finance Director, for ensuring that Council Fees collected at an Edition are remitted to the Council Account before the end of that Edition (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 32.1.7; 76.1.10; 85A.5).

C. The Host's registration system must be advertised at least one month before registration opens and must state the registration fee for each speaker or adjudicator (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 76.1.4).

D. The Council and the Host wish to record their shared understanding of how the Council Fee is to be collected, held, reconciled, remitted and reported for the Edition to which this Memorandum applies, so that institutions are not required to make a separate payment for the Council Fee in addition to the tournament registration fee.

E. This Memorandum implements, and does not amend, vary or derogate from, the Constitution. Where any inconsistency arises between this Memorandum and the Constitution, the Constitution prevails.

1. Definitions

1.1. "Council Fee" means the mandatory fee of USD 20 per registered institutional judge and speaker referred to in Article 85.1.1 of the Constitution.

1.2. "Registration Fee" means the tournament registration fee referred to in Article 76.1.4 of the Constitution, set by the Host for the Edition.

1.3. "Combined Fee" means the single payment collected from a participant or institution comprising the Registration Fee and the Council Fee together.

1.4. "Edition" means the Edition of the Championships to which this Memorandum applies, as identified in the signature block below.

1.5. "Council Account" means the account referred to in Article 85A.1 of the Constitution.

1.6. "Remittance Date" means the date by which Council Fees collected at the Edition must be remitted to the Council Account, being no later than the end of the Edition, in accordance with Article 85A.5.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum records the operational arrangements by which the Host will collect the Council Fee jointly with the Registration Fee, hold it pending remittance, reconcile it, remit it to the Council Account, and report on it, for the Edition.

3. Term

This Memorandum takes effect on ratification of the Host's bid by Council under Article 74.5 and remains in effect until the Council Fees for the Edition have been fully remitted and reconciled in accordance with clauses 6 and 7 below, whichever is later.

4. Collection

The Host agrees to collect the Council Fee jointly with the Registration Fee, applying the following clauses:

Clause	Obligation	Constitutional basis
4.1	State the Council Fee of USD 20 per registered institutional judge and speaker as its own identified line item within the single registration payment collected from each participant	Art. 76.1.4; 85.1.1
4.2	Not require, request, or accept a separate payment or invoice for the Council Fee where the combined registration and Council Fee payment can be collected in	Recommended practice; Art. 85.1.1

	one transaction	
4.3	Where the Host's registration system genuinely cannot itemise the Council Fee within a combined transaction, collect it instead as a single lump sum per institution, calculated as USD 20 multiplied by that institution's confirmed delegation size, with a true-up adjustment if the delegation size changes before the Edition	Fallback; Art. 85.1.1

5. Holding and reconciliation

Pending remittance, the Host agrees to hold and reconcile Council Fees collected as follows:

Clause	Obligation	Constitutional basis
5.1	Maintain a running reconciliation ledger of Council Fees collected, separate in record though not necessarily in bank account from registration fee revenue	Art. 85A.5

5.2	Provide the Finance Director with a fee reconciliation statement, listing the number of registered institutional judges and speakers and the total Council Fees collected, no later than 14 days before the end of the Edition	Art. 32.1.7; 76.1.10
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6. Remittance

The Host agrees to remit Council Fees collected as follows:

Clause	Obligation	Constitutional basis
6.1	Remit the full amount of Council Fees collected to the Council Account before the end of the Edition of the Championships	Art. 85A.5; 76.1.10; 32.1.7
6.2	Remit in United States Dollars, save where a local currency payment is justified under the Currency and Exchange Policy	Art. 85A.4; 85C
6.3	Accompany the remittance with the reconciliation statement referred to at clause 5.2, for matching against the Council's own registration records	Art. 85B (audit basis)

7. Reporting and audit

Clause	Obligation	Constitutional basis
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7.1	Retain the reconciliation records referred to at clause 5.2 for not less than the retention period applicable to the Council's own financial records, and make them available to the external auditor appointed under Article 85B and to any host-readiness Auditors appointed under Article 80	Art. 85B; Art. 80.1
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8. Currency

The Council Fee is denominated in United States Dollars (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85A.4). Where a participant or institution is subject to a legal restriction on United States Dollar transfer, payment may be made in local currency, applying the exchange rate methodology published by the Finance Director and approved by the Finance and Audit Sub-committee, and subject to written confirmation from the paying institution's finance office of the applicable restriction (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 85C.1-85C.3).

9. Non-remittance

Where the Host fails to remit Council Fees collected by the Remittance Date, the Finance Director shall raise the matter with the Host in writing in the first instance. Continued or material non-compliance may be addressed by Council under its general powers to sanction a Host that fails to comply with the terms of its bid, or, in a sufficiently serious case, to remove hosting rights (PAUDC Constitution, 2025: Art. 6.1.2; 7.2.1). Nothing in this clause limits the Host's own liability for Council Fees actually collected but not remitted.

10. Relationship to the Constitution

This Memorandum is subordinate to, and does not amend, vary, or derogate from, the Constitution. Where any inconsistency arises between this Memorandum and the

Constitution, the Constitution prevails, and either party may refer the inconsistency to Council for interpretation under Article 92.1.

11. Governing law and dispute resolution

This Memorandum is governed by the laws of the Republic of Uganda. Any dispute arising from or in connection with this Memorandum shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure at Article 88A.2 of the Constitution, namely internal resolution by Council, followed by mediation under the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules if unresolved within 60 days, followed by arbitration seated in Kampala, Uganda under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules if still unresolved.

12. Notices

Any notice under this Memorandum shall be given in writing to the Finance Director, on behalf of the Council, and to the Convenor, on behalf of the Host, at the contact details maintained by the Secretariat under Article 40.1.

Signatures

This Memorandum is signed for the Edition identified below.

Edition: _____

For the Council:

Chairperson and President of Council

For and on behalf of the PAUDC Council

Date: _____

Finance Director

For and on behalf of the PAUDC Council

Date: _____

For the Host:

Convenor

For and on behalf of [Name of Host Institution]

Date: _____

SCHEDULE 2B:

PAUDC COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES

1. Purpose.

This Schedule sets out the procedure for the scheduling, convening and administration of meetings of Council, being Preliminary Meetings, Main Meetings and Special Meetings, and is to be read together with the Standard Rules of Order at Schedule 2A.

2. Types of Meetings.

Council shall meet as

(a) A Preliminary Meeting, held on the second day of an Edition of the Championships in accordance with Article 12.1.4.1.1;

(b) A Main Meeting, held on the second-last day of an Edition of the Championships in accordance with Article 12.1.4.1.2; and

(c) A Special Meeting, convened otherwise than under Article 12.1.4.1, including under Article 6.5.3, Article 46A.3 or Article 82.2.

3. Annual Schedule.

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Speaker, shall publish the confirmed dates of the Preliminary and Main Meetings for an Edition of the Championships to all Council members no later than the publication of that Edition's schedule of proceedings.

4. Requisitioning a Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting, other than one automatically required under Article 6.5.3 or Article 46A.3, may be convened by

(a) The Speaker, of their own initiative;

(b) The Council Executive, by resolution; or

(c) Not fewer than one-third of National Delegates, by written requisition addressed to the Secretary stating the business proposed.

5. Timing of Special Meetings.

Where a specific timeline for convening a Special Meeting is prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution, including the 48-hour period under Article 6.5.3, that timeline prevails. In any other case, a Special Meeting requisitioned under paragraph 4 shall be convened within twenty-one (21) days of the requisition being received by the Secretary.

6. Notice of Meetings.

Not less than fourteen (14) days' written notice, together with the draft agenda, shall be given of a Preliminary or Main Meeting. Not less than seventy-two (72) hours' written notice shall be given of a Special Meeting, save that the presiding officer may direct shorter notice where the urgency of the business requires, consistent with Article 12.1.4.2.

7. Agenda.

The Secretary, assisted by the Deputy Secretary under Article 29.1.2, shall compile the draft agenda from reports of the Executive and Council committees and from items submitted by members not later than seven (7) days before the meeting. The Speaker shall settle the final agenda, and may admit an urgent item after that deadline on their own authority or on the Ordinary Majority vote of members present.

8. Circulation of Supporting Documents.

Reports and other documents supporting an agenda item shall, so far as reasonably possible, be circulated to members together with the agenda, and in any event not later than three (3) days before the meeting.

9. Venue and Remote Participation.

Preliminary and Main Meetings shall be held physically at the venue of the relevant Edition of the Championships, save for members participating remotely under Article 9. A Special Meeting may be convened wholly virtually where the Speaker determines that physical convening is impracticable in the circumstances.

10. Quorum and Adjournment for Want of Quorum.

Quorum shall be established in accordance with Article 6.4 by a roll call taken at the commencement of the meeting. Where quorum is not achieved within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date, time and place to be fixed by the presiding officer, of which not less than seventy-two (72) hours' notice shall be given.

11. Postponement and Cancellation.

The Speaker may, for good cause, postpone or cancel a scheduled meeting, giving such notice to members as is reasonably practicable and recording the reasons for the postponement or cancellation in the minutes of the next meeting held.

12. Minutes.

The Deputy Secretary shall record and publish minutes of every meeting to Council in accordance with Article 29.1.1, and shall circulate draft minutes to members within fourteen (14) days of the meeting. Minutes shall be confirmed, with any corrections, at the commencement of the next meeting under paragraph 3 of Schedule 2A, and shall thereafter be published to the community in accordance with Article 30.1.3.

13. Priority of Specific Provisions.

Nothing in this Schedule derogates from a more specific procedure prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution for a particular category of meeting, including Article 6.5.3, Article 46A.3 and Article 46A.4, which shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.

14. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council.

ANNEXURE 2A: PAUDC STANDING RULES OF ORDER

1. STATUS OF THIS ANNEXURE

This Annexure is adopted as the Standing Rules of Order of the Council, referred to in the Constitution as the “*Standing Orders*” and defined at Article 96.1.40 of the Constitution as referring to the Standard Rules of Order at Schedule 2A and the Council Meeting Procedures at Schedule 2B of the Constitution. This Annexure restates and elaborates those Schedules as a single, free-standing document for the practical use of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, National Delegates and other Council members in the conduct of meetings.

This Annexure is not part of the body of the Constitution and does not itself amend the Constitution. It is subordinate to, and must be read together with, the Constitution and, in particular, Schedule 2A, Schedule 2B and Schedule VI of the Constitution. Where any provision of this Annexure is inconsistent with the Constitution, the Constitution prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

This Annexure may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council, in the same manner as Schedule 2A and Schedule 2B, in accordance with Article 89.1 of the Constitution. A table of cross-references to the relevant Articles and Schedules of the Constitution appears at the end of this Annexure.

2. PREAMBLE

This Annexure may be cited as the *“PAUDC Standing Rules of Order.”*

These Rules govern the conduct of every Preliminary Meeting and Main Meeting of Council convened under Article 12.1.4.1 of the Constitution, and every Special Meeting convened under Article 6.5.3, Article 46A.3, Article 82.2, or otherwise, of the Constitution.

These Rules supplement, and do not derogate from, the Constitution. A reference in these Rules to “the Constitution” is a reference to the Constitution of the Pan-African Universities Debate Council, as amended from time to time, and a reference to a “Schedule” is a reference to a Schedule of the Constitution.

Words and expressions defined in Article 96.1 of the Constitution, including “Ordinary Majority,” “Expanded Majority,” “Preliminary Meeting,” “Main Meeting” and “Special Meeting,” bear the same meaning in these Rules unless the context indicates otherwise.

3. THE PRESIDING OFFICER

Every meeting of Council shall be presided over by the Speaker or, in the Speaker's absence or incapacity, the Deputy Speaker, or a member of Council to whom authority has been delegated in writing in accordance with Article 6.5.1 of the Constitution.

Where neither the Speaker nor the Deputy Speaker is able to preside, Rule 5 gives way to the procedure at Article 6.5.2 to Article 6.5.6 of the Constitution for the election of a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker, which takes absolute priority over all other business of Council.

The presiding officer shall open and close the meeting, maintain order, recognise members wishing to speak, put questions to a vote, and rule on all points of order, points of privilege and points of information, subject to appeal under Rule 27.

The presiding officer shall not take part in debate on a substantive motion, save to state facts necessary for the guidance of Council. The presiding officer's own vote, if entitled to one as a member of Council, is subject to the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI of the Constitution, including its treatment of tied votes.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

4.1. Standard Agenda.

Unless Council otherwise resolves by Ordinary Majority, the business of a meeting shall be taken in the following order:

- (a)** confirmation of quorum and attendance;
- (b)** adoption of the agenda;
- (c)** confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;
- (d)** matters arising from those minutes;
- (e)** reports of the Executive and Council officers;
- (f)** substantive items of business as set out in the agenda;
- (g)** motions;
- (h)** any other business;
- (i)** confirmation of the date of the next meeting; and
- (j)** adjournment.

4.2. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda, compiled and circulated in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 2B of the Constitution, shall be adopted, with or without amendment, as the first substantive act of business.

4.3. Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting, circulated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Schedule 2B of the Constitution, shall be confirmed, corrected if necessary, and signed by the presiding officer.

5. RULES OF DEBATE

5.1. Recognition.

5.1.1. No member may address the Council unless first recognised by the presiding officer.

5.1.2. Members shall be recognised in the order in which they indicate a wish to speak, save that the mover of a motion has a right of reply immediately before that motion is put to a vote.

5.2.3. An intervention on a substantive motion shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the presiding officer directs otherwise to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of business.

5.2.4. No member may speak a second time on the same motion until every other member wishing to speak has been heard once.

5.2.5. Debate shall be confined to the motion before Council. The presiding officer may direct a member who strays from the question to resume their seat.

6. MOTIONS.

6.1. Motions before Council are classified as

- (a)** Main motions, which propose a substantive decision;
- (b)** Subsidiary motions, comprising a motion to amend, a motion to postpone, a motion to refer, and a motion to close debate ("call the question"); and
- (c)** Privileged and incidental motions, comprising a point of order, a point of privilege, a point of information, and a motion to adjourn.

6.2. The following table sets out, in descending order of precedence, whether each category of motion is debatable or amendable, and the vote required to pass it. A motion higher in the table may be moved while a motion lower in the table is pending; the reverse is not permitted.

Motion	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Required
Point of order / privilege	No	No	Ruling of the presiding officer, subject to appeal (Rule 27)
Motion to adjourn	No	No	Ordinary Majority
Motion to close debate (“call the question”)	No	No	Ordinary Majority, or Expanded Majority where the underlying main motion itself requires an Expanded Majority
Motion to postpone	Limited	Yes	Ordinary Majority
Motion to refer	Limited	Yes	Ordinary Majority
Motion to amend	Yes	Yes (by sub-amendment)	Ordinary Majority

Main motion	Yes	Yes	Ordinary Majority or Expanded Majority, as prescribed by the Article of the Constitution under which the motion is brought
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6.3. An amendment must be moved and seconded, must not have the effect of negating the main motion, and shall be voted on before the main motion, which is then put as amended if the amendment is carried, or in its original form if it is not.

6.4. A motion may be withdrawn by its mover at any time before a vote is taken, with the consent of the seconder.

7. POINTS OF ORDER, PRIVILEGE AND INFORMATION.

7.1. A point of order may be raised where a member believes these Rules or the Constitution have been breached. It may interrupt a speaker and shall be ruled on by the presiding officer immediately.

7.2. A point of privilege may be raised where the rights, safety or dignity of a member are affected. It may interrupt a speaker and shall be ruled on by the presiding officer immediately.

7.3. A point of information is a request to the presiding officer for clarification of procedure. It does not interrupt a speaker save with that speaker's consent.

8. VOTING.

8.1. Motions are decided in accordance with the Voting Procedures Schedule at Schedule VI of the Constitution. Voting is ordinarily by voice or show of hands, save that the presiding officer shall order a roll call vote at the request of any member, or on their own initiative.

8.2. The result of every vote, being the number of votes for, against, and the number of abstentions, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule VI of the Constitution.

8.3. Whether a motion requires an Ordinary Majority or an Expanded Majority to pass is determined by the provision of the Constitution under which the motion is brought, and not by these Rules.

9. APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE.

9.1. A ruling of the presiding officer on a question of procedure may be appealed by any member immediately after the ruling is given. The question “shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained” shall then be put to Council and decided by Ordinary Majority, without debate.

9.2. All members shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct at Schedule III of the Constitution.

9.3. The presiding officer may call a member to order, issue a formal warning, or, for repeated or serious disruption, exclude a member from the remainder of the meeting, subject to that member's right to have the matter referred to the Oversight Director for review.

10. APPLICATION TO SPECIAL MEETINGS.

10.1. These Rules apply to Special Meetings convened under Article 6.5.3, Article 46A.3, Article 82.2, or otherwise, of the Constitution, save that the presiding officer may, with the agreement of Council by Ordinary Majority, abridge any time period prescribed in these Rules where the urgency of the business so requires, and save further that a more specific procedure prescribed by Article 6.5.3 or Article 46A.3 to 46A.4 of the Constitution, or by Schedule 2B, prevails over these Rules to the extent of any inconsistency.

11. AMENDMENT.

11.1. This Annexure may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council, in accordance with Article 89.1 of the Constitution.

12. TABLE OF CROSS-REFERENCES TO THE CONSTITUTION

12.1. This table is provided for ease of reference only and does not form an operative part of these Rules. In the event of any discrepancy between this table and the text of the Constitution, the text of the Constitution prevails.

Rule(s)	Subject	Constitution Reference
3, 4	Relationship to the Constitution; definitions	Article 89.1; Article 96.1
5, 6	Presiding officer; vacancy in the presiding office	Article 6.5.1 – 6.5.6
9, 10, 11	Order of business; agenda; minutes	Schedule 2B, paragraphs 3, 7 and 12
17 – 20	Motions and amendments	Schedule 2A, paragraphs 5 and 6
24 – 26	Voting	Schedule VI (Voting Procedures Schedule)
28, 29	Decorum and discipline	Schedule III (Code of Conduct)
30	Application to Special Meetings	Article 6.5.3; Article 46A.3 – 46A.4; Article 82.2; Schedule 2B, paragraphs 4 and 5

31	Amendment of these Rules	Article 89.1
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SCHEDULE 2C: PAUDC MEETING SCHEDULING MECHANICS

1. Purpose.

This Schedule sets out mechanical and administrative rules supporting the scheduling of meetings of Council under the Council Meeting Procedures at Schedule 2B, and is to be read together with the Standard Rules of Order at Schedule 2A and with Schedule 2B.

2. Time Zone.

Unless a notice of meeting expressly states otherwise, every time specified in it is a reference to South African Standard Time (SAST). The Secretariat should, as a courtesy, include the local equivalent time for delegates attending from other time zones, but the time stated by reference to SAST is determinative.

3. Language of Notice.

Notices, agendas and supporting documents shall be issued in English. Where reasonably practicable, and upon a delegate's request made in sufficient time, the Secretariat shall arrange for translation or interpretation.

4. Method of Service.

Notice of a meeting is validly given by transmission to the email address most recently provided by a National Delegate to the Secretary, or by publication on the Website maintained under Article 40.1.14, or both. Notice is deemed received twenty-four (24) hours after transmission or publication, whichever occurs first, in the absence of proof to the contrary.

5. Defective or Short Notice.

A defect in the mechanics of notice prescribed by this Schedule does not, of itself, invalidate a meeting or a decision taken at it, where the defect is waived by the unanimous consent of the members present, or is ratified by Ordinary Majority at that meeting or at the next meeting held.

6. Confirmation of Attendance and Apologies.

A National Delegate should confirm their attendance, or lodge an apology, with the Secretary not less than forty-eight (48) hours before a scheduled meeting, to assist the Secretariat in planning for quorum. Failure to do so does not affect a Delegate's right to attend, speak or vote.

7. Meetings of the Executive and of Committees.

The mechanics prescribed by this Schedule apply, with the changes required by the context, to meetings of the Executive established under Article 22, the Equity Committee established under Article 68, and any Specialized Subcommittee established under Article 10, save that not less than seven (7) days' notice shall be given of such a meeting, unless the officer presiding directs a shorter period where urgency requires.

8. Regard to Academic Calendars.

In fixing the date of a meeting, the Secretariat shall have regard, so far as reasonably practicable, to the examination periods of the universities represented on Council, with a view to minimizing conflict for National Delegates.

9. Repeated Failure of Quorum.

Where a meeting reconvened under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2B again fails to achieve quorum, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting without a fixed date. Any business that cannot reasonably await the next scheduled meeting shall be referred to the Executive for an interim decision, which shall be reported to, and is subject to ratification by, Council at its next meeting.

10. Record and Numbering of Meetings.

The Secretariat shall assign a sequential number, by category, to every Preliminary Meeting, Main Meeting and Special Meeting, and shall maintain a register of meetings held.

11. Accessibility.

The Secretariat and the presiding officer shall make reasonable accommodation for a National Delegate with a disability, including in respect of the format of meeting materials and the provision of interpretation, so far as reasonably practicable.

12. Virtual Attendance.

Login credentials for a meeting convened wholly or partly by virtual means shall be issued by the Secretariat only to a National Delegate or a remotely participating delegate approved under Article 9. Attendance by approved virtual means counts toward quorum under Article 6.4, and toward a vote under Schedule VI, in the same manner as physical attendance.

13. Priority of Specific Provisions.

Nothing in this Schedule derogates from a more specific procedure prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution, including Schedule 2B, which prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

14. Amendment.

This Schedule may be amended by Ordinary Majority of Council.

REFERENCE

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