



**African Water and
Sanitation Association**

**Association Africaine de
l'Eau et de l'Assainissement**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MEMBER OF THE STRATEGIC COUNCIL OF AfWASA



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Applications**





AfWASA is seeking nominations to elect 25 members of the New Strategic Council to be put in place as part of its structural reforms.

Indeed since 2019, the African Water Association (AfWA), which became the African Water and Sanitation Association (AfWASA) in February 2023, has embarked on a profound process of reforming its governance and management structures in order to increase its efficiency as part of its mandate to build the capacities of actors in the sector in Africa.

It is in this sense that its Scientific and Technical Council, has been transformed into a Strategic and Technical Council (STC) with new objectives and mandate in order to better integrate these aspects of its development on a pan-African scale which include:

- 1 The enhancement of Membership,
- 2 The implementation of capacity building programs taking into account the specificities of each region/country,

- 3 The best sharing of knowledge, including through the publication of manuals/professional technical sheets and scientific articles in the sector,
- 4 The diversification of partnerships and financial resources of the organization.

The Strategic Council

The new Strategic and Technological Council now comprises two distinct entities: the Strategic Council (SC) on the one hand, and the Specialist Groups on the other. It is expected that this Strategic Council will be coordinated by a committee of 25 members which will therefore replace the previous board of the former Scientific and Technical Council (STC).

It is therefore to set up this important new body, the **new Strategic Council (SC)** that this call for applications, for the very first leaders of the new SC, is launched among the members of AfWASA. The mandate of this first team will be for the period 2023–2025.



SCOPE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STRATEGIC COUNCIL

- 1 Provide advice to the Executive Board on the strategic topics of the Association at the request of the latter,
- 2 Support the implementation of AfWASA strategic plan,
- 3 Provide the appropriate orientation advice to the Executive Office for the achievement of its objectives,
- 4 Stimulate, approve, the creation of Specialists Groups and promote their activities as well as specific working groups that could be set up,
- 5 Approve the activities of Specialist Groups or any other working group created within AfWASA,
- 6 Dissolve the Specialist Groups or any other working group if the objectives set are not achieved,
- 7 Coordinate the activities of existing professional networks,
- 8 Encourage and identify task forces.



CONSTITUTION OF THE STRATEGIC COUNCIL

The Strategic Council will be headed by a chairman appointed by the Executive Board, on the basis of the definition of a very specific profile and criteria, and may include up to twenty-five members, including a balanced distribution of representation from the 5 regions of the continent, and a balanced gender representation. All categories of AfWASA members will be represented: Regular, Affiliate or individual members, the network of women and young water and sanitation professionals.

The Strategic will also be open to the Technical and Financial Partners of AfWASA as observers during the sessions of the STC.

Method of Designation

To be a member of the SC, candidates belonging to an AfWASA member organisation must obtain written authorisation from the head of their companies (this does not apply to individual member segments).

Duration of Mandate

The mandate of the members of the SC is two years renewable once and in alignment with AfWASA Congresses period. A partial renewal system could be defined to guarantee continuity and efficiency in the operation of successive STCs.

Representations

Membership categories and corresponding quotas are as follows:

- 10 Water Company Representatives, 2 per region
- 05 representatives of sanitation companies and/or local authorities (1 per region)
- 02 representatives of universities and research institutes
- 02 Representatives of manufacturers/industrialists
- 01 representative of regulators
- 01 representative of Service Providers
- 01 representative of NGOs
- 01 Representative of individual members
- 01 Representative of the Women African Professional network for Water and Sanitation
- 01 representative of the Young Water Professional network

That is a total workforce of twenty-five (25) members to constitute the SC. The EB's EGHR committee will ensure an optimal balance of M/F gender and Fr/Engl language. in the selection of candidate members.



REQUIREMENTS

To be a Member of the Strategic Council you must:

- 1 Be a member of AfWASA, either individually or through its member company and be officially approved by the latter.
- 2 Belong to one of the categories of members mentioned above and be up to date with its yearly contribution.
- 3 Have a member number.
- 4 Complete the online application on the following link: <https://meetings.afwasa.org/candidature-cst>

The Executive Board, through its EGHR sub-committee, will analyze the requests received and finalize the list of SC members, ensuring the distribution, as mentioned above. A voting procedure may be implemented by the Executive Board (EB), within the categories or within the regions, if several candidates are declared for the proposed number of seats. The candidate who collects the most votes will be selected to represent the category or region in the SC. In the course of this mechanism, the EB will take care as best as possible of a balance of the gender m/f and of the English/French language. Once the list has been finalized by the Management Committee, the President of the Strategic Council will be appointed by the Executive Board.



To submit your application, please fill in the online form at the following address, by June 14, 2023.

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