AfDB - CSO COMMITTEE

Selection Process of the CSO Members in the AfDB-CSO Committee

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MANDATE AND ROLE OF THE AFDB-CSO COMMITTEE

- The mandate of the AfDB-CSO Committee is to advise the Bank on forging stronger relations and partnerships with the CSO community, and to help to hold the Bank accountable for the implementation of the refreshed Civil Society Engagement Framework and related Action Plan.

- The committee will consist of a **maximum of 20 members**. Half of the Committee members shall represent civil society organizations, and the other half shall be from the Bank. The term of each committee will be for a period of **2 years**.

- AfDB members on the committee shall include the following: the Chair of the Committee should be an AfDB Vice-President selected by AfDB Senior Management. The Director of the Gender, Women and Civil Society Department, responsible for the Bank’s engagement with Civil Society will be a member, and the Manager of the Civil Society and Community Engagement Division (AHGC2) will serve as the Secretariat and convener of the Committee.

- Other members of the AfDB-CSO Committee from the Bank will include the Chief of Staff Office, the Office of the Secretary General, the Compliance Review and Mediation Unit, the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Department, the Communication and External Relations Department, and a representative from each of the Hi5 complexes.
SELECTION CRITERIA OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS IN THE AFDB-CSO COMMITTEE

- The AfDB-CSO Committee must compose of two (2) CSO representatives each from: Southern Africa, West Africa, and East Africa; and one (1) CSO representative each from: North Africa and Central Africa – operating in more than one African country and in the furtherance of one or two of AfDB’s High 5 priorities.

- In addition, the representatives of the civil society organizations in the AfDB-CSO committee must:
  
  - Be the leader of or hold a senior position in a CSO;
  - Come from a CSO, which is already visible, and has the capability, experience and interest to serve as a representative of a broad CSO constituency;
  - Come from a CSO, which is officially recognized and duly registered in at least one regional member country;
  - Come from a CSO, which is able to show evidence of structured good governance and accountability practices through audit reports;
  - Come from a CSO, which has a track record of gender equity in its operational work;
  - Commit to undertake the role objectively on behalf of all CSOs, constituencies and sub regions and not seek to use the position solely in the interests of their own organization or working group although they will bring the experience of, and consult with, members of their sub-regions and constituencies;
  - The Committee composition will reflect a balance between the genders and at least two members representing the youth constituency.
PROCESS OF SECTION OF CSOs

CSOs are selected on a selection process administered by AfDB and Civil Society through an Advisory Committee.

- **Advisory Committee**: AHGC2 will put together an Advisory Committee composed of AHGC staff and the previous AfDB-CSO committee members. CSOs in the Advisory Committee cannot become members of the new AfDB-CSO Committee.

- **Call for EOI and Technical Proposals**: A call for expression of interest (EOI) to become a CSO representative in the AfDB-CSO Committee, will be announced on the Bank’s website and an e-mail announcement will also be sent to all the registered civil society organizations in the AfDB-CSO database. The announcement will include information on the application process, the criteria, terms of reference and the deadlines. Candidates have to submit the CV of their CSO representative, and a technical proposal to explain their approach to their role in the Committee.

- **Evaluation and Selection**: The Advisory Committee members will review and select the CSO representatives per sub-region, based on the AfDB-CSO Committee criteria and technical proposals submitted. AHGC2 will notify CSO candidates of selection decision and request confirmation of acceptance.
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