Date: 1 July 2019

Honourable Governor,

Subject: UPCOMING ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK DURING THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

I have the honour to inform you that the African Development Bank (the "Bank"), in accordance with its Rules and Regulations, will hold the election for the Office of President of the Bank, on 28 May 2020, during the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bank, scheduled to take place in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, from 25 to 29 May 2020.

As you may recall, Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure Governing the Election of the President of the Bank, as amended, (which Rules of Procedure are attached hereto for ease of reference) requires that the Bank hold the election of the President during the Annual Meeting closest to the end of the term of office of the serving President. The current President of the Bank was elected by the Board of Governors on 28 May 2015, to serve his first term in office, which commenced on 1 September 2015. Members of the Board of Governors also may recall that, in accordance with the requirements of Article 36 of the Agreement establishing the Bank (the "Bank Agreement"), a person elected President of the Bank may only serve for two successive terms of five (5) years each.

By Resolution B/BG/2019/12, adopted by the Board of Governors on 12 June 2019, and subsequent follow-up action by Management, as authorized by the Board of Governors, the following are the timetable and procedure fixed for the election of the Office of President:

Timetable

1. Invitation from the Secretary General of the Bank to all Governors for the submission of candidatures – 1 July 2019.

2. Closing date and time for the receipt of candidatures – 31 January 2020 no later than 5:00 p.m., Abidjan, local time.


4. Reminder to all candidates to submit a written statement of their vision of the Bank in both English and French, the two working languages of the Bank - 21 February 2020.

5. Submission of a written statement of the candidate on his/her vision for the Bank - 20 March 2020, no later than 5:00 p.m., Abidjan, local time.


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Procedure

1. Each candidate for the Office of President of the Bank shall have the profile prescribed in Article 36 of the Bank Agreement, specifically, that he/she shall be a national of a regional member state and shall be a person of the highest competence in matters pertaining to the activities, management and administration of the Bank.

2. Candidatures for the Office of President of the Bank shall be deposited by the Governor for the regional member State of which the candidate is a national with the Secretary General of the Bank, for transmittal to the Steering Committee of the Board of Governors. The candidature shall be presented by way of a letter from the Governor or by means of the attached Nomination Form duly completed and addressed to the Secretary General. The nomination shall be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate.

3. Candidatures shall be seconded by one or more Governor(s) of regional member State(s). Such secondment may be given by telefax or electronic mail, addressed to the Secretary General of the Bank, and confirmed by sending a letter or the duly completed Form for Seconding a Nomination, to the Secretary General.

4. The list of candidates shall be transmitted to members of the Board of Governors on 21 February 2020, after verification by the Steering Committee of the Board of Governors, to ensure conformity with the criteria for eligibility set forth in Article 36 of the Bank Agreement and the conditions of candidature set forth under the Election Rules.

For ease of reference and your convenience, please find attached hereto the following:

- Article 36 of the Agreement Establishing the African Development Bank, concerning the election of the President;

- The Rules of Procedure Governing the Election of the President of the Bank, as amended; and

- Each of the forms for the Nomination and the Seconding of a Nomination for the Office of President of the Bank.

Honourable Governor, in the light of the foregoing information, you are hereby provided notification of the opportunity to nominate a national of your country for the Office of President of the Bank or second the nomination made by another Governor. Such nomination, or secondment nomination, should be received by the Secretary General not later than 5:00 p.m., Abidjan local time, on 31 January 2020. Kindly send your correspondence to the address or telefax number provided herein on the letter-head.

Please accept, Honourable Governor, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Vincent O. NMEHIHELLE
Secretary General

Attach: