## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## UAPS 2024 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. **BACKGROUND**

In line with the constitution of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) to hold elections every four years, the election of the next Council will take place during the Union’s General Assembly at the 9th African Population Conference (APC) to be held in Lilongwe from 20th to24th May 2024.

To provide aspiring candidates adequate time to present themselves and their manifestos as well as provide adequate time for UAPS members to familiarize themselves with candidates, the UAPS Council and the Nominating Committee seek to open the nomination process ahead of the 9th APC. Candidate information will be posted on the UAPS website and other social media platforms. Beginning the process earlier represents a stark difference from previous elections where the nomination process and voting have occurred in person and during APC, sometimes resulting in a rushed process.

## OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2024 ELECTIONS

* 1. The Vice President (Francophone)

*As per Article 9 of the UAPS Constitution, “the President and the Vice-President shall not be of the same linguistic community”, thus the next Vice-President should be a Francophone as the incoming president is Anglophone.*

* 1. The Secretary General
	2. The Treasurer
	3. The Representative for Central Africa
	4. The Representative of West Africa
	5. The representative of East Africa
	6. The Representative of Southern Africa
	7. The representative of North Africa

Details about the responsibilities of the Council members, as defined in the constitution, are reproduced below. The full constitution is available on the UAPS website and by email request.

## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

To be officially nominated for election for any position in UAPS Council, the candidate must fulfill the following:

* 1. Must have been a member of UAPS for at least 2 consecutive years at the time of his/her nomination.
	2. Must be nominated by a minimum of five (5) fully paid-up members of UAPS from different countries.
	3. Must have strong interest and passion in contributing to enhancing the effectiveness of UAPS and be prepared to commit ample time to fulfill the designated responsibilities for the position he/she is vying for.
	4. Must be a renowned expert to peers in his/her area of specialization in the population and development field.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates should apply online via the [UAPS Nomination Form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nominationform2024) and send all Affirmation forms via email to the UAPS Secretariat (uaps@uaps-uepa.org) with the **Subject Heading** “Nomination for 2024 Council Elections – Seeking Candidacy for [specific position]”.

The online application requests the following information:

* 1. Full name
	2. Institution and Position
	3. Email address
	4. Phone Number (including country code)
	5. Years as UAPS paid-up member
	6. Position for which he/she is applying
	7. Brief biography (maximum 300 words) including a passport-size photo
	8. Brief motivation for the application, stating what the applicant wishes to accomplish during their 4-year tenure, if elected (maximum 300 words).
	9. List of five UAPS members who will provide endorsement for the candidate.

UAPS members endorsing candidates should use the Nominating/Affirmation Form, to provide the following information:

1. Name of UAPS member
2. Country of residence
3. Country of Origin
4. Brief endorsement of the candidate’s expertise and readiness for the position they are seeking (Maximum 200 words).
5. Signature

**Candidates who fail to include all the required information will be disqualified.**

1. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 29th February 2024.**

## REVIEW OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Applications will be reviewed by the Nomination Committee, which has been appointed by the UAPS Council and will be chaired by the immediate Past President of UAPS, as provided for in the constitution. The Committee will verify that each candidate meets the required qualifications and has provided all the application information. It will take the ultimate responsibility for determining the final list of candidates to be listed on the ballot paper for elections, and function as the returning officers during the actual elections to be held during the forthcoming General Assembly.

The 2024 **Nominating Committee** consists of the following individuals:

1. Prof. Samuel Codjoe (Chair) -   scodjoe@yahoo.com
2. Mr. Teke Johnson Takwa (Nominating Committee Representative for Central Africa) - tekejt2021@gmail.com
3. Dr. Moussa Bougma (Nominating Committee Representative for West Africa) – mbougma@issp.bf
4. Dr. Bernard Onyango (Nominating Committee Representative for East Africa) - bernard.onyango@afidep.org
5. Dr. Diego Iturralde (Nominating Committee Representative for Southern Africa) - diegoi@statssa.gov.za
6. Ms. Chaimae Drioui (Nominating Committee Representative for North Africa) - cdrioui@insea.ac.ma

# **Article 11 (UAPS Constitution)**

Powers and obligations of Council Members

**President shall:**

1. Preside over all meetings of the Council and the General Assembly
2. Be responsible for the Union. He/she is assisted by other Council members and the Secretariat
3. Act on behalf of Council in signing legal documents and contracts (e.g., contract for the Executive Director) or in case of emergency when decisions need to be made quickly
4. Ensure that Council, Bureau and General Assembly meetings take place as required by the Constitution or agreed upon by the Council
5. Support the Secretariat to mobilize resources for the Union
6. Delegate duties to any member of Council as he/she deems necessary
7. Work closely with the Executive Director to ensure that activities of the Union are implemented according to approved work plans and budgets.

## Vice-President shall:

1. Deputize for the President in his or her absence
2. Be the chair of the African Population Conference and other scientific activities of the Union.
3. Undertake any other duties or activities delegated to him/her by the President and/or the Council

## Secretary-General shall:

1. Be the custodian of minutes of the General Assembly, Council and other official meetings;
2. Communicate with members on issues relating to the Union or oversee such communications from the Secretariat;
3. Assist the President to implement decisions of the Council and the General Assembly;
4. Prepare reports on the activities of the Union in collaboration with the Secretariat**;**
5. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly.

## Treasurer shall:

1. Supervise the accounts and finances of the Union
2. Prepare and present financial reports of the Union to the General Assembly
3. In collaboration with the Executive Director, in exceptional cases be signatory to cheques in the absence of the responsible program officers.
4. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly

## Regional Representatives shall:

1. Promote activities of the Union within the regions they represent;
2. Mobilize members in their respective regions and update them of development in the Union.
3. Collect membership dues in their regions, when the need arises, and forward the amounts to Headquarters.
4. Create, maintain and update regularly a database of members within their regions;
5. Facilitate networking and collaboration among members and with national and regional population associations within their regions;
6. Identify and register new members subject to the ratification of the Council;
7. Represent UAPS in national and regional population activities in their regions.
8. Ensure communication and co-ordination of activities of the Union within their regions.
9. Report all regional population activities to Council;
10. Undertake any other duties or activities that will be assigned by the President, Council and/or the General Assembly.