NOTICE OF RECRUITMENT FOR A REGIONAL GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Extension of the deadline for applications

Appointment of a Regional Goodwill Ambassador

for the independence of African Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs)

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Deadline for applications: 1st March 2027

1. Background and rationale

Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) play an essential role in strengthening government accountability, through the promotion of transparency and integrity in public management. Their independence is the foundation of an objective and effective control over the use of public funds, and a prerequisite for conducting audits in accordance with INTOSAI's international standards (ISSAIs).

African SAIs face constraints relating in particular to the adequacy of the legal framework, access to information, and financial and administrative autonomy. In response to these challenges, AFROSAI has made this matter a priority of its 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, whose specific objective provides that "the independence of African SAIs — as the cornerstone of SAIs' credibility and, consequently, of improved good governance and citizens' well-being — is strengthened."

Within this framework, and in order to provide the Organization with an influential voice to champion this cause, a concept note on the appointment of a Regional Goodwill Ambassador for the independence of African SAIs was approved at the 59th meeting of the Governing Board, held in February 2024 in Yaoundé (Cameroon). The Ambassador's vocation will be to place the issue of SAI independence durably on the agenda of African policies, in particular before the African Union and the Pan-African Parliament, with a view to mobilizing the support needed to raise awareness among the continent's highest leaders.

2. Mission and role of the Ambassador

Chosen from among the continent's eminent personalities, the Regional Goodwill Ambassador voluntarily places his or her reputation, experience and skills at the service of advocacy for strengthening the independence of African SAIs. The Ambassador embodies a high-level

continental voice, tasked with promoting this fundamental principle, which enables SAIs to hold governments accountable for the use of public resources.

In carrying out this mission, the Ambassador conveys the voice of African SAIs to continental institutions — foremost among them **the African Union and the Pan-African Parliament** — as well as to national parliaments and governments, sub-regional organizations, civil society, academia and the media. The Ambassador works to place SAI independence on the continent's political agenda, in line with the good-governance and accountability objectives of the African Union's Agenda 2063.

3. Main responsibilities

- Actively and voluntarily promote the independence of African SAIs;
- Raise awareness among stakeholders — parliaments, governments, the African Union, the Pan-African Parliament, sub-regional organizations, civil society, academia and the media — of the importance of safeguarding and strengthening this independence;
- Place the issue of SAI independence on the agenda of continental policies and mobilize the support of Africa's highest leaders;
- Collaborate regularly with AFROSAI's Working Group on the Independence of SAIs and the Executive Directorate to develop a programme of activities and organize dedicated meetings;
- Report on his or her activities to AFROSAI's governance bodies, through the Working Group and the Technical and Institutional Capacity Building Committee (IT-CBC);
- Exercise discretion, consult the Executive Directorate, and refrain from any conduct or activity likely to discredit AFROSAI or incompatible with the principles of the mandate.

4. Expected impact

The appointment of the Ambassador aims to generate a tangible and lasting impact:

- Strengthen the credibility, autonomy and protection of African SAIs, for the benefit of better governance and transparent, accountable management of public finances;
- Durably place the independence of SAIs on the continental political agenda, in particular before the African Union and the Pan-African Parliament;
- Mobilize the commitment of parliaments, governments, and technical and financial partners in favour of this independence;
- Consolidate the rule of law and democracy, and support the achievement of the

Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063;

- Ultimately strengthen African citizens' trust in the management of public funds.

5. Required profile

Candidates for the position of Regional Goodwill Ambassador must meet the following criteria:

- be an influential figure of regional stature, having preferably served as Head of a SAI, well known to the public and to the target parties, and endowed with proven communication skills;
- demonstrate recognized integrity and credibility;
- show a lasting commitment in connection with the envisaged mission, notably through public statements and other actions;
- express a sincere willingness to associate his or her image and reputation with the promotion of the independence of African SAIs, and undertake to devote time and effort to it.

6. Composition of the application file

- A cover letter setting out the candidate's interest in the position and detailing his or her strategy for promoting the principles of the independence of African SAIs to stakeholders, in particular parliaments and governments;
- A detailed curriculum vitæ presenting the candidate's professional experience and achievements.

7. Appointement process

Following the publication of this notice and the collection of applications, AFROSAI member SAIs will be invited to propose a candidate from among the shortlisted personalities. A proposal for appointment — specifying the Ambassador's general responsibilities, the term of the mandate and, where applicable, the source of funding for the activities — will be submitted to the Technical and Institutional Capacity Building Committee (IT-CBC) for review.

The appointment of the selected Ambassador is made by the Governing Board of AFROSAI. It is then formalized through a fixed-term memorandum of understanding, signed between the President of AFROSAI and the Regional Goodwill Ambassador.

8. Application submission arrangements

Application files must be sent electronically to **mohammed.bastaoui@afrosai.org** or **contact-afrosai@afrosai.org**, no later than 30th September 2026. For any further information: **mohammed.bastaoui@afrosai.org**.

Done at Rabat, 8 July 2026

The Executive Directorate of AFROSAI