

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

The position of Vice President at the African Academy of Sciences is an elective position within the Academy. Position holders are elected by the AAS Fellows within their respective regions in accordance with the AAS Election Rules and Regulations and serve for a term of three years renewable once.

The role of regional Vice Presidents falls under three broad categories:

1. As Fellows of the Academy

1.1 Constitutional obligations of Members of the Academy such as

- Participating in nomination and election of candidates for the Fellowship and Affiliates programme (Clause 6.4, 6.5 and 11.2.3)
- Notifying the Secretariat in writing of any change of contacts (Clause 6.10)
- Paying the joining and annual fees (Clause 6.11)
- Attending and carrying out the General Assembly function (Clause 11 and 13)
- participating in nomination and election of the Governing Council elected members (Clause 11.2.4 and 11.2.5)

1.2 Participating in AAS activities

1.3 Encouraging Fellows in their region to actively participate in the various review committees of the AAS

2. As Representative of the Academy in their respective regions

2.1 Promoting visibility of the AAS within the region

2.2 Coordinating regional activities among the Fellows and Affiliates

2.3 Promote AAS programmes in their region with the intention of attracting suitable and diverse scientists to AAS Fellowships, Affiliates Scheme and science programmes

2.4 Promoting participation of Fellows in the AAS scientific working groups

3. As a Representative of the region in the Governing Council

Vice Presidents join the Governing Council as Council members, taking on the constitutional, collective responsibility of the Governing Council as the policy organ of the AAS with clear Terms of Reference. As members of the Governing Council, Vice Presidents are expected to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements and to

implement good governance principles in carrying out objectives of the Academy. Vice Presidents also have a fiduciary duty as outlined in the Role of the Governing Council.

Each Vice President is required to

- 3.1 Update the Governing Council regarding their annual plan during its annual planning session which takes place towards the end of the preceding year; and
- 3.2 Give reports regarding how they are carrying out their plans in subsequent Governing Council meetings.

Secretariat Support

Each year, the Secretariat sets aside funds for regional activities. Each Vice President is required to come up with an annual plan for their regional activities and a budget in line with the Academy's overall strategy in the prescribed format. This information should be attached to a funds request and sent to the Secretariat for processing. The regional activities must also ensure visibility of the AAS in the region as well as the engagement of the Fellows and Affiliates in that region.

The Vice President is charged with the responsibility of timely accounting for the funds as they give their reports on the activities.