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# MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

**Member Invitation and Admission Documents 2026 to 2027**

*Prepared exclusively for invited chief executive officers, managing directors, executive chairpersons and qualifying board chairpersons across Africa and the African diaspora.*

***Connecting African CEOs to markets, capital, knowledge and influence***

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## How to Use This Package

This package explains the Council's purpose, membership standards, benefits, and fee and admission process. Invited chief executives and qualifying board chairpersons should return the completed forms to the Membership Secretariat. Membership is personal, non-transferable and becomes effective after approval and payment.

## Member Invitation and Admission Documents 2026 to 2027

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**Membership is subject to eligibility review and formal approval by the African CEO Council.**

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# About the African CEO Council

The African CEO Council is a pan-African, non-partisan, individual membership organisation dedicated to connecting Africa's chief executives and qualifying board chairpersons to markets, capital, knowledge and influence. It creates a credible environment for executive engagement, business collaboration, policy dialogue, investment promotion, leadership development and responsible enterprise growth.

Members participate in their personal leadership capacity while bringing experience from private companies, listed corporations, family businesses, financial institutions, professional firms, public enterprises, associations, investment organisations and development institutions. Corporate membership is provided separately through the African Business Sustainability Council.

### Vision

To become a trusted and respected pan-African community of chief executives driving enterprise growth, responsible leadership, regional integration and Africa's global competitiveness.

### Mission

To unite, empower and represent African chief executives by promoting business excellence, policy advocacy, strategic partnerships, investment, innovation, executive development and ethical corporate leadership for the prosperity of Africa.

### Goal

To strengthen Africa's private sector by connecting credible chief executives to the relationships, intelligence, capital, markets and institutional influence required to build competitive and sustainable enterprises.

### The Member Value Proposition

| Outcome | What Membership Provides |
|---|---|
| Access | Connections to chief executives, investors, governments, institutions and strategic partners. |
| Intelligence | Relevant information on markets, industries, regulation, investment opportunities and emerging business trends. |
| Influence | A credible collective voice through policy dialogue, consultations and private-sector advocacy. |
| Capability | Executive education, board development, mentoring, peer learning and leadership resources. |
| Opportunity | Commercial partnerships, access to capital, new markets, procurement opportunities and cross-border relationships. |

# Strategic Priorities

1. **Intra-African Trade and Market Access**

Helping African companies enter new markets, build regional partnerships, strengthen supply chains and benefit from continental trade integration.

2. **Access to Capital for Growth Companies**

Connecting credible enterprises with banks, development finance institutions, private equity, venture capital, institutional investors and strategic partners.

3. **CEO, Board and Governance Capability**

Strengthening leadership effectiveness, board performance, governance, accountability, succession planning and enterprise resilience.

4. **Digital Transformation and Responsible AI**

Supporting executives to adopt digital technologies and artificial intelligence responsibly, securely and strategically.

5. **Sustainability and ESG Leadership**

Helping companies integrate sustainability, responsible business conduct and measurable environmental, social and governance priorities into strategy and operations.

## Principal Platforms

| Platform | Purpose |
|---|---|
| African CEO Roundtable | Confidential dialogue among CEOs, policymakers, investors and institutional leaders. |
| African CEO Leadership Institute | Executive education and leadership development for CEOs, founders and senior executives. |
| African Board Leadership Forum | Professional development and peer engagement for board chairs and directors. |
| African Business Sustainability Council | Corporate participation in sustainability, ESG leadership and responsible business practices. |
| African CEO Outlook and African CEO Journal | Research, executive perspectives, market intelligence and thought leadership. |
| Country CEO Roundtables | National platforms for business dialogue, partnerships and policy engagement. |

## Why Join the African CEO Council

- Build trusted relationships with CEOs, board leaders, investors and institutional decision-makers across Africa.
- Participate in members-only executive roundtables, briefings and peer-learning sessions.
- Contribute to business-policy dialogue and collective advocacy on issues affecting African enterprises.
- Identify cross-border trade, investment, partnership and market-entry opportunities.
- Access executive education, board-development programmes and leadership resources.
- Participate in sector and strategic-priority working groups.
- Receive selected research, market intelligence, policy updates and executive publications.
- Increase appropriate institutional visibility through member profiles, interviews and Council platforms.
- Connect with development institutions, governments, business associations and international partners.
- Support responsible leadership, sustainable enterprise growth and Africa's economic integration.

## Membership Eligibility

Membership is selective and subject to review. Applicants should demonstrate credible leadership, professional standing and alignment with the Council's mission and values.

- Serving chief executive officers, managing directors, directors-general, presidents or equivalent officers who hold ultimate executive responsibility for an organisation.

- Executive chairpersons who carry active enterprise-leadership responsibility.
- Board chairpersons with substantial governance responsibility and a demonstrated record of organisational leadership.
- Founders only where they also serve as chief executive officer, managing director or executive chairperson.
- Chief executives of companies, public enterprises, professional bodies, business associations, investment organisations and development institutions, admitted in their individual capacity.
- African diaspora chief executives and non-African chief executives with substantial operations, investment or strategic interests in Africa.

Deputy chief executives, functional executives, directors and other senior managers are not eligible unless they currently hold the organisation's chief executive or qualifying board-chair role.

### Grounds for Deferral or Refusal

- Material misrepresentation in the admission documents.
- Unresolved evidence of fraud, corruption, serious regulatory misconduct or unethical business practice.
- Use of the Council's name primarily for political campaigning, improper influence or personal misrepresentation.
- Conduct likely to damage the Council's credibility, independence or non-partisan standing.
- Failure to meet the eligibility requirements or provide reasonable verification information.

## Membership and Annual Fee

African CEO Council membership is a single, individual category for eligible chief executives and qualifying board chairpersons. Membership fees are payable annually and may be reviewed by the Council.

| Membership | Annual Fee | Representation | Scope |
|---|---|---|---|
| CEO Member | US$2,500 | One named eligible individual | Personal, non-transferable participation with access to all core member benefits. |

Founding-period incentive: Members admitted and fully paid by 15 December 2026 may receive membership through 31 December 2027 without an additional 2027 renewal fee, subject to confirmation in the official admission letter.

### Corporate Participation

Companies and institutions do not join the African CEO Council as members. Corporations seeking organisation-level participation in sustainability and responsible-business programmes may engage through the African Business Sustainability Council. Sponsorships and strategic partnerships are governed by separate agreements and do not confer African CEO Council membership.

## Membership Benefits

| Benefit | CEO Member Access |
|---|---|
| Council membership and digital insignia | Included |
| Confidential members-only directory access | Included |
| CEO roundtables and executive briefings | One personal member seat |
| Strategic-priority working groups | Eligible to participate |

| Benefit | CEO Member Access |
|---|---|
| Event and executive-training discounts | Included where offered |
| Executive profile on appropriate Council channels | Subject to consent and policy |
| Publication and thought-leadership opportunities | Eligible, subject to editorial review |
| Introductions and partnership facilitation | Available where relevant |
| Peer networking across African markets | Included |

## Admissions and Approval Process

1. **Invitation or nomination.** A prospective member receives an invitation or is nominated by a recognised member, partner or Council representative.
2. **Submission.** The invitee returns the Membership Acceptance Form, executive and organisation profile and required declaration.
3. **Verification.** The Membership Secretariat verifies identity, position, organisation and basic eligibility information.
4. **Review.** The appropriate Council authority reviews the application and may request clarification or supporting documents.
5. **Decision.** The applicant receives an admission, deferral or non-admission decision. The Council is not required to disclose confidential review deliberations.
6. **Payment.** An approved applicant receives an official invoice and pays the applicable fee to the Council's designated account.
7. **Activation.** Membership begins when approval and payment are complete. The member receives confirmation, onboarding information and access credentials where applicable.

### Indicative Processing Time

Complete applications should ordinarily be reviewed within 5 to 10 business days. Complex eligibility or compliance matters may require additional time.

### Membership Term

Membership is normally valid for 12 months from the effective date or for the period stated in the admission letter. Renewal is subject to continued eligibility, payment and compliance with Council standards.

## Member Responsibilities and Standards

- Act with integrity, professionalism, respect and good faith.
- Provide accurate membership and organisational information.
- Respect confidentiality in private roundtables and member discussions.
- Avoid conduct that misrepresents the Council or implies unauthorised endorsement.
- Disclose material conflicts of interest when participating in Council decisions or programmes.
- Respect applicable anti-bribery, anti-corruption, competition, sanctions and data-protection requirements.
- Use the membership insignia only while membership remains active and in accordance with Council guidance.
- Pay fees and approved charges when due.
- Support an inclusive, non-discriminatory and non-partisan member environment.
- Notify the Council of changes in role, organisation or contact details.

## Founding Member Recognition

The Founding CEO Member designation recognises eligible individuals admitted during the Council's initial membership-building period. It is an honorary historical designation and does not create ownership, voting, board, employment or governance rights unless expressly provided in the Council's governing documents.

Subject to consent and Council policy, Founding Members may receive:

- Recognition in the inaugural membership register.
- A Founding Member certificate and digital insignia.
- Priority invitations to the inaugural members' briefing and selected launch programmes.
- Early participation in working groups and programme consultations.
- Recognition on appropriate Council channels and input into the initial programme agenda.

## Member Onboarding and Engagement

After activation, the Membership Secretariat will guide the member through the following steps:

| Stage | Action |
|---|---|
| Welcome | Issue admission confirmation, certificate and membership information. |
| Profile | Confirm executive biography, current organisation, leadership role and contact preferences. |
| Orientation | Provide a briefing on programmes, standards, working groups and member services. |
| Priorities | Identify the member's markets, sectors, capital needs, policy interests and partnership objectives. |
| Engagement | Introduce suitable roundtables, committees, publications and leadership programmes. |
| Review | Conduct periodic engagement reviews and confirm renewal priorities. |

### Indicative Annual Engagement Calendar

| Quarter | Member Engagement |
|---|---|
| Quarter 1 | CEO outlook briefing, working-group orientation and membership priorities. |
| Quarter 2 | Trade, capital and investment dialogue; leadership-development programme. |
| Quarter 3 | Country or sector roundtables; publication contributions and partnership meetings. |
| Quarter 4 | Annual members' meeting, policy priorities, year-end review and renewal planning. |

# Membership Acceptance Form

Please complete this form and return it to the Membership Secretariat. Attach additional pages where necessary.

**Full name:** _____

**Professional title:** _____

**Organisation:** _____

**Sector or industry:** _____

**Country of primary operation:** _____

**Business address:** _____

**Email address:** _____

**Telephone number:** _____

**Website:** _____

### Requested Membership Category

☐ CEO Member

### Invitation Details

**Invited or nominated by:** _____

**Date invitation received:** _____

**Primary reason for joining the Council:** _____

**Priority countries or markets of interest:** _____

**Priority sectors or partnership interests:** _____

## Executive and Organisation Profile Form

Organisation information is collected only to verify the applicant's current leadership role and provide professional context. The organisation does not become a member.

**Registered organisation name:** _____

**Trading name if different:** _____

**Country and year of incorporation:** _____

**Registration number:** _____

**Head office address:** _____

**Website:** _____ **Primary institutional email:** _____

**Number of employees approximately:** _____

**Principal business activities:** _____

**Countries of operation:** _____

**Annual revenue band optional:** _____

**Applicant's appointment date in current role:** _____

**Public source confirming current role:** _____

### Engagement Interests

- ☐ Intra-African trade and market access
- ☐ Capital and investment
- ☐ CEO and board development
- ☐ Digital transformation and responsible AI
- ☐ Sustainability and ESG leadership
- ☐ Policy advocacy
- ☐ Research and publications
- ☐ Country CEO roundtables
- ☐ Strategic partnership or sponsorship

## Applicant Declaration and Undertaking

By signing below, I confirm that:

- ☐ The information supplied in this package is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I am submitting this application personally and understand that membership attaches to me as an individual.
- ☐ I understand that membership is subject to review, approval and payment.
- ☐ I will comply with the Council's Code of Conduct, governing policies and lawful membership requirements.
- ☐ I will protect confidential information received through private Council activities.
- ☐ I will disclose material conflicts of interest relevant to Council engagements.
- ☐ I will not use the Council's name, logo or membership status to imply an endorsement that has not been authorised.
- ☐ I consent to reasonable verification of the information provided for membership-admission purposes.
- ☐ I understand that the Council may suspend or terminate membership for serious misconduct, material misrepresentation, non-payment or substantial breach of Council standards, subject to applicable procedures.

**Name of applicant or authorised signatory:** _____

**Title:** _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

### Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Please disclose any position, ownership interest, public appointment, political office, commercial relationship or other circumstance that could reasonably create a conflict in relation to the Council's activities. Disclosure does not automatically prevent admission.

**Disclosure:** _____

**Proposed management or mitigation:** _____

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# Payment Renewal and Administration

## Official Invoice

Payment should be made only after the applicant receives a formal admission confirmation and official invoice from the African CEO Council. The invoice will state the approved membership category, amount, currency, payment deadline and authorised banking or payment instructions.

## Payment Controls

- Do not remit funds to a personal account.
- Confirm any changed payment instruction directly with the Membership Secretariat through the contact information published on the Council's official website.
- Quote the invoice number and organisation name on every payment.
- Send proof of payment to the address stated on the invoice.
- Membership is activated after cleared payment and final administrative confirmation.

## Renewal

Members will ordinarily receive a renewal notice before expiry. Renewal depends on continued eligibility, payment of the applicable fee and compliance with Council standards. Benefits may be suspended after expiry or during unresolved non-payment.

## Refunds and Transfers

Membership fees are generally non-refundable after activation. Membership is personal and may not be sold, assigned, transferred to another person or passed automatically to a successor. A member who changes role must notify the Council; continued eligibility will be reviewed.

## Privacy

Membership information will be handled in accordance with the Council's published Privacy Policy. Member contact details and the members-only directory will not be made public without an appropriate basis or consent.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is membership open to everyone?**

No. Membership is selective and subject to eligibility review and formal approval.

**Must a member be the CEO of a large corporation?**

No. Organisation size is not the determining factor. The applicant must, however, be the serving CEO, managing director, equivalent chief executive, executive chairperson or a qualifying board chairperson.

**Can a company join instead of an individual?**

No. African CEO Council membership is strictly individual. Companies may participate through the African Business Sustainability Council or through separate programme, sponsorship and strategic-partnership arrangements.

**Can a senior executive who is not the CEO join?**

No. Deputies, functional executives, directors and senior managers are not eligible unless they hold the organisation's chief executive or qualifying board-chair role.

**Can membership be transferred to a successor?**

No. Membership is personal and non-transferable. A successor must apply and qualify independently.

**Does membership guarantee contracts, financing or government access?**

No. The Council creates relationships, information and engagement opportunities, but it does not guarantee commercial transactions, investment, procurement awards or official decisions.

**Can members advertise their products through the Council?**

Advertising, sponsorship and publication opportunities are governed by separate commercial arrangements. Membership does not automatically include unrestricted promotion.

**Is the Council politically affiliated?**

No. The Council is non-partisan. It may engage governments, regulators and public institutions on matters relevant to enterprise development and economic policy.

**Are member discussions confidential?**

Private roundtables and designated sessions may operate under specific confidentiality rules. Members must respect those requirements.

**Can membership be suspended or terminated?**

Yes. Serious misconduct, material misrepresentation, non-payment or significant breach of Council standards may result in suspension or termination under applicable procedures.

**When does membership begin?**

Membership begins on the effective date stated in the admission confirmation after approval and payment.

**How are membership enquiries submitted?**

Prospective members may use the official website contact form or email info@africanceocouncil.org.

## Membership Contact Information

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