APNODE
African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation
Réseau des Parlementaires africains pour l’évaluation du développement
The African Parliamentarians’ Network on Development Evaluation (APNODE) is a network of African parliamentarians and development partners committed to improving the use of evaluation for oversight and decision-making.

APNODE was launched in March 2014 at the 7th African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon. It was initiated by African parliamentarians based on their recognition of the important function of evaluation in national decision-making and the crucial role of parliamentarians in ensuring that evaluation evidence is used for strengthening decision-making, with a view to greater development effectiveness and inclusive growth. The first Annual General Meeting of the Network hosted by the African Development Bank at its headquarters in Abidjan on 23 July 2015 adopted the Constitution of APNODE.

**APNODE: WHAT IS IT?**

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**VISION**

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**OBJECTIVES**

- Raise awareness and promote knowledge amongst parliamentarians and within national parliaments about the importance of using evidence generated by evaluation for oversight, policy-making and national decision-making.

- Enhance the capacity of individual parliamentarians to demand solid evaluation evidence and make use of it in parliamentary duties.

- Encourage parliamentarians to work towards the institutionalization of evaluation to inform evidence-based decision-making and policy-making.

- Share experiences across countries in Africa and beyond and examine the potential for international cooperation in this area.

- Support parliaments in ensuring that evaluations at country level are responsive to concerns of gender equality, vulnerable groups, and equitable development results.

- Assist parliamentarians in contributing to the development of a culture of evaluation and evidence-based decision-making at all levels of government and by other stakeholders in development.

- Work to bridge the gap between evaluators (as providers of impartial evidence) and parliamentarians (as users of evaluation evidence).
**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
The AGM is the Annual General Meeting of all the members in good standing (i.e., fulfilling their duties and obligations and adhering to the Code of Conduct). It may also include non-voting members of APNODE as deemed necessary. The AGM is APNODE’s highest decision-making body and considers certain items of business each year.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
APNODE is led by an Executive Committee, which is elected every two (2) years during an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee is composed of 11 parliamentarian members of APNODE and 3 development partners.

The Executive Committee is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day activities of APNODE and giving direction to the Secretariat. It meets on regular basis either virtually or physically.

**THE SECRETARIAT**
The Secretariat is the administrative and operational arm of the APNODE and conducts the day-to-day operations on behalf of the Executive Committee. It undertakes all duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Executive Committee and/or the Annual General Meeting.

In line with its mandate to promote an evaluation culture in the Bank’s Regional Member Countries and as part of its evaluation capacity development initiatives, Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) of the African Development Bank agreed to host the temporary APNODE Secretariat until the establishment of its first Secretariat.

**ACTIVITIES**
The activities of APNODE are in accordance with objectives of the Network. Some activities include advocacy, networking, capacity development, outreach and resource mobilization.

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**NATIONAL CHAPTERS**
Individual country or regional Chapters of APNODE can be opened and operated in individual or in groups of member countries, the establishment of which may be approved by the APNODE Annual General Meeting.

**The Executive Committee**
The elected Executive Committee is composed as follows and will serve a term of 2 years as of 2015 AGM:

**Chairperson:**
Sen. Roger Mbassa Ndine (Cameroon)

**Vice-Chairperson:**
Hon. Dr. Susan Musyoka (Kenya)

**Treasurer:**
Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (Tanzania)

**Other elected members:**
Hon. Evelyn Mpagi-Kaabule (Uganda)
Hon. Girma Seifu Maru (Ethiopia)
Hon. Kojo Appiah-Kubi (Ghana)
Hon. Assou Jean–Marie Apezouke (Togo)
Sen. André Richard Moussounda Mikala (Gabon)
Hon. Loula Mint Zerrouch (Mauritania)
Hon. Imbassou Ouattara Abbas (Côte d’Ivoire)
Hon. David Chapfika (Zimbabwe)

**Representatives from partner organizations:**
African Development Bank
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
Membership is open to current and former Parliamentarians from Africa and other regions, civil society organizations, private sector organizations, research institutions, national and regional evaluation associations, African national Parliaments, development partners and other individuals and organizations demonstrating a keen interest in the network.

There are five (5) categories of APNODE membership, as defined in the constitution:

- Founding members
- Full members
- Associate members
- Affiliate members
- Partners

The network membership is gradually growing with current membership including parliamentarians from Benin, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Somalia, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
PARTNERS OF APNODE

APNODE is supported by partners including the African Development Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results, United development porgramme (UNDP), UNICEF, and UN Women.

APNODE: HOW TO JOIN?

Individuals and organizations wishing to apply for membership shall fill in a membership form, which is available on the APNODE webpage (http://idev.afdb.org/apnode) or can be provided by the Secretariat upon request, and return it to the Secretariat for further processing.

Applications shall be reviewed by the Secretariat and the Executive Committee as applicable.

Approval of applications for Partner status is subject to review and decision by the AGM of APNODE.

After receiving the tentative approval of membership from the Secretariat, the applicant will be required to pay the applicable membership fees.