



The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie
is organizing its
19th Quadrennial General Assembly

Under the High Patronage of His
Excellency Mr. Bassirou Diomaye Diakhar
FAYE, President of the Republic of Senegal



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Importance of the GA for AUF members

Held every four (4) years, the General Assembly (GA) is the supreme body of the AUF.

It brings together all AUF member institutions to define the AUF's general policy and main guidelines. It is also responsible for approving the activity report for the previous period, electing the AUF President, and renewing the composition of its Board of Directors (CA).

Full members have a deliberative vote, and associate members have an advisory vote.

The GA is one of the few academic forums in the world that brings together representatives from more than 1,000 higher education and research institutions from more than 120 countries. It is a unique opportunity for networking, exchanges, and sharing best practices.

Participation in the General Assembly is reserved for the highest authority of an AUF member institution, whether full or associate member.

Registration details for the 19th AUF General Assembly

- Date: **November 3-5, 2025**
- Location: **Dakar, Senegal, Grand Théâtre**
- Registration for the GA:
 - 1- Who must register? **The highest authorities of AUF member institutions.**
 - 2- Is it mandatory? **Yes, registration must be completed online on the secure digital platform (AGATHE).**
 - 3- How do I get the individual registration link? **Registration links are sent by email to the highest authorities of AUF members at the email address provided to the AUF.**
 - 4- When does registration open? **Registration is open from September 2 to October 31, 2025 (midnight UTC/GMT+0).**
 - 5- Can I participate remotely? **Yes, on the AGATHE platform.**
 - 6- Is there a delegation system? **Yes, if the highest authority is unable to attend, she may formally delegate one of the managers of her institution to be her official representative.**

Roles of the PHA*at the 19th AUF General Assembly

PHA: *plus haute autorité*
(Highest authority)

Statutory (full member with voting rights):

- a) Participate in votes (terms of office Nov. 2025–Oct. 2029): that of the AUF Presidency (universal suffrage across all regions) and those of the seats on the Board of Directors for representatives of your region;
- b) Participate in the approval of the 2021–2025 activity reports: the review of AUF actions, the summary of the work of the bodies, and the financial report;
- c) Participate in the validation of the new 2025–2029 strategy of the world's leading university network, of which you are a member;
- d) Vote on amendments to your organization's statutes, as proposed by the AUF Board of Directors;

Voluntary (all AUF members):

- e) Participate in panels (by invitation) organized alongside the General Assembly as part of World Scientific Francophonie Week;
- f) Participate in debates during plenary sessions and exchanges between conference attendees (www.auf.org/membres/);
- g) Enjoy exceptional networking opportunities with several hundred presidents, rectors, and directors-general of universities, research centers, and scholarly associations from five continents, not to mention ministers and senior officials responsible for higher education in the French-speaking world.

Eligibility & Application Procedures

Election of the President and members of the Board of Directors

Eligibility

To be eligible, candidates must be a PHA (Highest Authority) from an AUF member institution: Rector, President, or Director of an institution, or a professor in higher education or researcher of equivalent rank, appointed by the Highest Authority, and active in the AUF member institution with up-to-date membership fees¹.

They must also be registered with the General Assembly as the Highest Authority of their institution.

Application

All applications (for the Presidency and membership) must be sent to the General Assembly Secretariat at the following address: AUF-AG-candidatures@auf.org.

The application file must include a letter of motivation, a curriculum vitae, and a description of the candidate's vision for scientific Francophonie.

The same person may not run for both the Presidency and the Board of Directors at the same General Assembly.

Important dates!

Submission. All applications must be submitted thirty (30) days before the opening of the General Assembly, i.e. no later than October 4, 2025.

Validation. The admissibility of the application is validated by the outgoing Board of Directors (the Board verifies that the Highest Authority candidate is registered with the General Assembly and meets the eligibility criteria). The list of validated applications and the complete application files will be communicated by the AUF to the full members of the AUF no later than October 8, 2025.

¹ A member institution is considered to be up to date with its dues if it has no arrears of three (3) years or more, including the year 2024.

Eligibility & Voting Procedures

Voting Rights

A full member who has been a member for at least four (4) years (i.e., since at least 2021) and is up to date with their dues has one vote.

Only the Highest Authority of the full member may exercise their voting rights. Proxy voting is not permitted.

Election of the President

The President is elected by universal suffrage of full members with voting rights. Each full member will vote for one candidate.

The President is elected by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

Election of Board Members

Each full member with voting rights, through their Highest Authority, shall vote for one or more candidates from their region only.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by a relative majority of the votes cast.

Elections for the 18 seats are held on a regional basis, divided according to the ten regions of the AUF and in proportion to the number of incumbents per region, according to the following distribution:

- AUF – Southern Africa and Indian Ocean: **1**
- AUF – Central Africa and Great Lakes: **3**
- AUF – North Africa: **2**
- AUF – West Africa: **3**
- AUF – Americas: **1**
- AUF – Asia-Pacific: **1**
- AUF – Caribbean: **1**
- AUF – Central and Eastern Europe: **1**
- AUF – Western Europe: **4**
- AUF – Middle East: **1**

Voting process (Presidency and membership)

Each full member with voting rights will have a unique secure link that their Highest Authority can use to vote. Elections are conducted online only on the same platform used for GA registration (AGATHE).

Each registered Highest Authority will be registered and will have access to two virtual voting rooms: one for the Presidency and another for the seat(s) on the Board of Directors of the AUF region to which the full member with voting rights belongs.

Contacts

- 1) For any questions regarding the [statutory procedure](#) for the 2025 AUF General Assembly, please contact: direction-juridique@auf.org .
- 2) For any other questions, please contact the AUF Regional Directorate to which your institution is attached. Attached are the email addresses of the AUF Regional Directorates:

<u>AG2025-DRAAOI@auf.org</u>	Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (DRAAOI)
<u>AG2025-DRACGL@auf.org</u>	Central Africa and Great Lakes (DRACGL)
<u>AG2025-DRAN@auf.org</u>	North Africa (DRAN)
<u>AG2025-DRAO@auf.org</u>	West Africa (DRAO)
<u>AG2025-DRA@auf.org</u>	Americas (DRA)
<u>AG2025-DRAP@auf.org</u>	Asia-Pacific (APRO)
<u>AG2025-DRC@auf.org</u>	Caribbean (DRC)
<u>AG2025-DRECO@auf.org</u>	Central and Eastern Europe (DRECO)
<u>AG2025-DREO@auf.org</u>	Western Europe (WREO)
<u>AG2025-DRMO@auf.org</u>	Middle East (DRMO)