

## AUF QUADRENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Official notice to member institutions

Dear colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to the 19th General Assembly (GA) of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie from November 3 to 5, 2025, in Dakar, Senegal.

As the head of an AUF member institution, you are cordially invited to participate in **the statutory sessions of the GA** on behalf of your institution:

- You will be asked to participate in the votes (for the terms of office from November 2025 to October 2029): that of the AUF Presidency (universal suffrage across all regions) and those for the seats on the Board of Directors representing your region.
- You will participate in the approval of the 2021–2025 activity reports: the review of AUF actions, the summary of the work of the governing bodies, and the financial report.
- You will participate in the validation of the new 2025–2029 strategy of the world's leading university network, of which you are a member.
- Finally, you will vote on the amendments to your organization's statutes proposed by the AUF Board of Directors.

In addition, the GA coincides with the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of **World Scientific Francophonie Week (SMFS)**, the AUF's major annual event.

As every year, several priority themes for scientific and academic Francophonie will be addressed in high-level panels. For example: French-language scientific publishing, entrepreneurship at university, student mobility in the French-speaking world, scientific Francophonie in Africa, etc. (See *attached program*)

We would be honored to request your active participation in one of these panels, depending on your availability and areas of interest.

This double invitation is enhanced by the **High Patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Bassirou Diomaye Diakharr Faye**, as well as by his exceptional participation in the official opening of the event on November 3, 2025.

We also expect the in-person participation of 25 to 30 **ministers in charge of higher education and research** in the French-speaking world.

We look **forward** to welcoming you to this major double event of the AUF (AG / SMFS) and send you our best regards.

President of the AUF  
Prof. **Sorin Cimpeanu**

AUF Rector  
Prof. **Slim Khalbous**

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### Procedural Annex

#### In-person VS. remote participation;

The GA will take place in Dakar, mainly in person, however, it will be possible to follow the statutory sessions of the GA remotely via a secure platform dedicated to the 2025 GA. This same platform will facilitate online voting. Presentations and discussions taking place during the GA will be recorded and accessible at any time during the GA, and elections (for the Presidency and seats on the Board of Directors) will be open over two days to allow you to express your opinion regardless of your time zone.

#### Digital registration is mandatory.

As the head of an AUF member institution, you will soon receive two links: (1) for statutory registration for the November 2025 GA to confirm your participation in this important event (including voting, if applicable) and (2) to register your in-person participation in Dakar with information about the organization of your stay, participation fees, and reimbursement rules.

When you register on the event website, you will also have the opportunity to choose to participate in one or more SMFS thematic panels, subject to availability.

#### Representation by proxy;

We remind you that if you are unable to attend, you may appoint a representative from your institution to represent you, provided that you officially delegate your participation to them: either (1) for statutory online registration; or (2) for registration of your in-person participation; or for both. Once registration and/or enrollment has been confirmed, the authorized representative will receive an email with information about upcoming events and procedures to follow.

#### Reminder regarding voting eligibility:

All AUF members may participate in the event, but only full AUF members who are up to date with their membership fees are eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

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