

NTA Network Elections 2025

Call for Nominations

8 March 2025

Background

In terms of the NTA Bylaws, the NTA network is governed by an Executive Council. Article VI of the Bylaws states that the Executive Council is to consist of “(a) two individuals from each region (Africa, Asia, Americas, and Europe) elected by the voting members; (b) leaders of important comparative projects appointed by the Executive Council; (c) the Executive Director(s) of the Secretariat; (d) officers of the Secretariat; and (e) founding directors of NTA, Ronald Lee and Andrew Mason”. The beginning of the term for the new Executive Council is to coincide with the 15th Global Meeting of the NTA Network, to be held later this month in Bangkok.

Nominations for the Executive Council are the responsibility of the NTA Nominating Committee. This is a five-person committee, which includes representation from each of the four NTA regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Europe) along with an ‘at large’ member, and is tasked with the responsibility of compiling a slate of candidates for the incoming Executive Council and the incoming Nominating Committee. The incoming Nominating Committee will takeover from the current committee after the meeting in Bangkok, and will be responsible for overseeing the nomination process in 2027.

It is for this reason that the NTA Nominating Committee hereby opens up the nomination process to the general membership of the NTA Network.

The 2025 Nominating Committee

The five members of the 2025 NTA Nominating Committee are:

Africa	Morné Oosthuizen	South Africa
Americas	Pamela Jimenez-Fontana	Costa Rica
Asia-Pacific	Hyun Kyung Kim	South Korea
Europe	Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak	Poland
At-Large	Mun-Sim Lai	Taiwan

Activities of the committee were coordinated by Morné Oosthuizen.

The Proposed Slate of Candidates

The nomination process was administered electronically via a Google Sheet, following an initial meeting of the committee on MS Teams. Once consensus was reached on a nominee for a particular position, the nominee was approached via email to inform them that they had been nominated for a particular position, and requesting that they confirm their availability to stand for election. Nominees were also informed that, should they accept the committee's nomination, they would be ineligible to accept any other nomination. This was to ensure that the open nomination process would not disrupt the proposed slate of candidates by causing a ripple effect of withdrawals and replacements.

Nominees that confirmed their availability were confirmed as part of the slate of candidates. However, where a nominee declined the nomination or failed to respond within a reasonable time, the committee made a new nomination for that position. To facilitate the nomination process, nominations were confirmed for the top three Executive Council positions before moving on to the remaining Executive Council positions, and then to the Nominating Committee.

The slate of candidates presented to the General Membership on 5 March 2025 is listed below:

NTA Nominating Committee

Position	Nominee	Country
Chair	Latif Dramani	Senegal
Vice-Chair	Sang-Hyop Lee	South Korea
Secretary	Gretchen Donehower	United States
Africa	Olanrewaju Olaniyan	Nigeria
Africa	Eugenia Amporfu	Ghana
Americas	Cassio Turra	Brazil
Americas	Pablo Comelatto	Argentina
Asia-Pacific	Michael Abrigo	Philippines
Asia-Pacific	Christopher Gee	Singapore
Europe	Jože Sambt	Slovenia
Europe	Róbert Gál	Hungary

Ronald Lee and Andrew Mason as the founding directors of NTA are automatically members of the Executive Council.

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Region	Nominee	Country
Africa	Moses Muriithi	Kenya
Americas	Iván Mejía Guevara	Mexico
Asia-Pacific	Hyun Kyung Kim	South Korea
Europe	Concepció Patxot	Spain
At-large	Morné Oosthuizen	South Africa

The Open Nomination Process

On 5 March 2025, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates in a brief report to the members of the NTA network via email. The report also detailed the process by which any member of the NTA Network was able to make additional nominations for any of the elected positions.

Specific instructions regarding the open nomination process were as follows:

1. Before submitting a nomination, please confirm that the nominee is willing to stand for the position.
2. Nominations should be sent to Morne.Oosthuizen@uct.ac.za, copying in the nominee.
3. Only voting members of the NTA Network are eligible to be nominated/elected to the Executive Council or Nominating Committee. For ease of reference, we have included the list of voting members as an appendix.
4. Voting members may nominate themselves.
5. Unopposed candidates will be assumed to have been elected unanimously.
6. The NTA Network Bylaws can be found at <http://ntaccounts.org/doc/repository/Bylaws.pdf>. The document includes descriptions of the functions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, as well as of the Nominating Committee.

The closing date for nominations was Saturday 8 March 2025, at 10h00 UTC. This allowed roughly three days to submit nominations.

By the closing date, no additional nominations were received and the Executive Council and Nominating Committee were therefore deemed to have been unanimously elected.

Closing Remarks

The NTA Nominating Committee would like to congratulate the incoming NTA Executive Council and NTA Nominating Committee on their election. We would also like to thank all members of the NTA Network for adhering to the timelines that were often quite tight.

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