



NESA-Africa Advisory Charter 2025

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1. Purpose & Scope

This Charter defines the mandate, composition, duties, and operating procedures of the NESA-Africa Advisory ecosystem.

It applies to:

- Advisory Council (AC)
 - Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs)
 - Youth Advisory Board (YAB)
 - Chapter Advisory Committees (CACs)
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2. Governance Structure

- **Advisory Council (AC):** Continental, multi-sector body advising strategy and ethics.
 - **Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs):** Category-specific experts (Education Quality, TVET/Skills, Inclusion & Safeguarding, Technology & Data, Chapters & Ambassadors).
 - **Youth Advisory Board (YAB):** Youth perspectives and engagement oversight.
 - **Chapter Advisory Committees (CACs):** Country/Chapter-level committees linked to Local Chapter dashboards.
 - **Secretariat:** The CVO Office and SCEF act as Secretariat, ensuring documentation, meetings, follow-up, and dashboard access.
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3. Advisory Categories & Seat Map (2025–2027)

We balance expertise, region, gender, and inclusion. Target sizes are indicative; final composition is curated.

Honorary Advisory & Governance Council (10–16)

Continental statespersons, former ministers/VCs, eminent educators; provides governance signals and public trust.

Technical & Methodology Panel (8–12)

SDG4/Agenda 2063 alignment, ethics, inclusion, measurement. (UNESCO/IICBA and peer institutions as technical advisers/observers.)

Knowledge & Development Partners Circle (6–10)

Bank/DFI and research partners (e.g., skills/TVET, digital learning, labor insights). (AfDB-type roles as “knowledge partners/observers”.)

Sector & Program Panels (5–9 each)

- EdTech & Digital Learning
- STEM for Girls & Youth Skills
- Libraries, Reading & Open Knowledge
- Inclusive/Special Needs Education
- Sustainability & Climate-Smart Schools
- Media in Education & Literacy
- TVET, Employability & Entrepreneurship

Regional Hubs (5 regions × 4–6 each)

North • West • Central • East • Southern Africa — ensure continental balance and context.

Diaspora Council (AU Sixth Region) (8–12)

US/Canada • UK/Europe • Middle East • Asia-Pacific — bridge communities, scholarships, and town halls.

Youth & Teacher Advisory Forum (10–15)

Teachers, student/youth leaders, union/association reps — voice of classroom realities.

Civil Society & Philanthropy Circle (6–10)

Foundations, NGOs, community networks — equity, accountability, and field evidence.

Private Sector CSR/ESG Circle (8–12)

Corporate CSR/ESG strategists. **Strict firewall:** no role in judging, nominations, or outcomes.

Media & Creators Advisory (6–10)

Editors, radio/TV anchors, creators — literacy, safety, and reach (with brand/ethics guardrails).

Note: Advisors help shape categories, methodology, and programs; they do **not** adjudicate winners and must declare/recuse from any conflicts.

4. Membership & Terms

Appointment: Members appointed by the Secretariat after COI checks.

Composition: Gender-balanced, regionally representative.

Tenure: One-year renewable (max 3 consecutive).

Remuneration: Pro-bono advisory; expenses reimbursed; honoraria disclosed.

Removal/Resignation: For misconduct, COI breach, or persistent non-attendance.

5–11. (Meetings, Decision-Making, Safeguarding, Finance, Sub-Committees, Reporting, Amendments)

(Remain as already outlined in the previous version, including financial governance with revenue distribution: HQ 65%, SCEF 5%, EduAid 5%, Chapters 5% with 20% retention for chapter-generated funds, Referral 5%, CVO Fund 5%, and commissions deducted first.)

Appendices (A–D)

- **A:** Code of Conduct
 - **B:** Confidentiality & Communications
 - **C:** Meeting Pack Template
 - **D:** Partner MoU Outline
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Signatures

Advisory Council Chair: _____ Date: _____

Secretariat (CVO/SCEF): _____ Date: _____

Member (Print Name & Sign): _____ Date: _____

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