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- TO:** - AU MS' National Disaster Risk Management/Reduction Institutions  
- DRM/DRR Units, Regional Economic Communities (RECs)  
- AU Agencies  
- International and regional partners

**Subject: Introducing members of Africa Youth Advisory Board on Disaster Risk Reduction (AYAB-DRR)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The African Union Commission (AUC) wishes to introduce members of the African Youth Advisory Board on Disaster Risk Reduction (AYAB-DRR). The Commission would like, also, to kindly request your esteem offices/institutions to render any support they may require to achieve their objectives. The AYAB-DRR is comprised of 15 youth that were selected based on merit while taking into account, age, gender and the diversity of the continent.

The aim of the AYAB-DRR is to strengthen engagement of young people in decision making on Disaster Risk Reduction. This implies that young people will have a say in decisions that affect them given that over 60% of the currently estimated 1.2 billion Africa's population are youth.

The establishment of the AYAB-DRR was called for in the Programme of Action (PoA) for the implementation of the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. The PoA was adopted by the African Union Executive Council (EX.CL/Dec.943 (XXX) in January 2017.

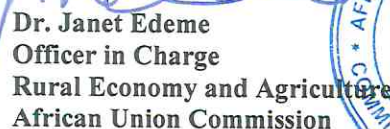
In compliance with the AU Decision, the Board was formed in May 2019 following a call for expression of interest from the qualified candidates. The expression of interest was circulated through online media and Permanent Missions of the African Union Member States in Addis Ababa. A technical committee for the selection was constituted and comprised of the AUC's relevant departments and technical partners.

Consequently, the fifteen (15) members were selected. A temporary executive of the board was elected to put in place standard operating procedures. The Board will meet in March to confirm its executive. The tenure of the inaugural board will last 24 months, effective from 1 March 2020, in line with the TORs. As per the TORs, a new board shall be elected every 24 months.

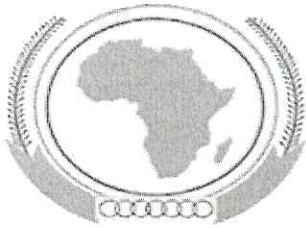
The full list of the AYAB-DRR members is enclosed for further details. Also enclosed are: (i) Note Verbale that was sent to Permanent Missions of the African Union member States and Terms of Reference (TORs) for the AYAB-DRR for your kind attention.

The AU Commission wishes to kindly requests your esteem offices/institutions to accord any assistance the YAB-DRR members may require as they endeavor to advocate for Disaster Risk Reduction and the youth engagement on Disaster Risk Reduction in Africa.

Youth Sincerely,

  
Dr. Janet Edeme  
Officer in Charge  
Rural Economy and Agriculture  
African Union Commission





**AFRICA YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (AYAB)**

**LIST OF MEMBERS**

No	Surname	Given Names	Nationality	Region	Role in the Group
1	Ms. SOUMAYA	ZADDEM	Tunisian	UMA	SECRETARY
2	Mrs. ANDRIANJAKATINA	Aina Sylvania	Madagascar	SADC	MEMBER
3	Mr. Alberto	Francioli Paolo Maria	South African	SADC	MEMBER
4	Mr. Walekhwa	Abel Wilson	Uganda	SADC	COMMUNICATION LEAD
5	Ms. KAYOMBO	Wilbrord Lillian	Tanzania	SADC	MEMBER
6	Ms. MBAIORGA	GRACE SIMON	Nigerian	ECOWAS	TREASURER
7	Ms. KEMEH	Sandra Delali	Ghana	ECOWAS	CHAIRPERSON
8	Mr. BAMBA	Adama	Cote d'Ivoire	ECOWAS	MEMBER
9	Mr. ADMISSE	Constant Rodrigue	CAR	ECCAS	MEMBER
10	Mr. BATAMIO MBEMBA	Clèche	Congo	ECCAS	MEMBER
11	Mr. ESSOLA ETOA	Louis Childéric	Cameroon	ECCAS	MEMBER
12	Mr. GIRUKWISHAKA	SCHADRACK	Burundi	ECCAS	VICE CHAIR
13	Mr. Muriuki	Maryanne Mumbi	Kenyan	IGAD	MEMBER
14	Ms. Bazilika	Joan Lado Tombe	South Sudan	IGAD	MEMBER

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