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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO HOST THE 11TH AfrEA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN 2024

The African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) was founded in 1999 in response to a growing demand for information sharing, advocacy and advanced capacity building in evaluation in Africa. It is an umbrella organization for national monitoring and evaluation associations and networks in Africa, and a resource for individual evaluators in countries where national bodies do not exist. AfrEA works with national networks and interested partners on the continent and worldwide to develop a strong African evaluation community.

As part of the capacity building and knowledge sharing agenda, the AfrEA holds biennial conferences that are hosted by Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) in member countries. Ten (10) International conferences have been successfully held since AfrEA inception: **Nairobi** (Kenya) in 1999 and 2002; **Cape Town** (South Africa) in 2004; **Niamey** (Niger) in 2007; **Cairo** (Egypt) in 2009; **Accra** (Ghana) in 2012; **Yaoundé** (Cameroon) in 2014; **Kampala** (Uganda) in 2017; **Abidjan** (Côte d'Ivoire) in 2019 and more recently the 100% virtual 10th AfrEA conference hosted in **Zimbabwe** by the Zimbabwe Evaluation Association (ZEA) in March 2022.

Given the AfrEA criterion of alternation of conference hosting between French and English speaking countries, the next conference scheduled for 2024 will take place in a **French-speaking country**. The AfrEA invites all Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) members from Francophone countries within Africa, to express their interest in hosting the 11th AfrEA Conference scheduled for 2024 in their countries.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In order to be fair and transparent, AfrEA has defined, below the criteria that will guide the selection process:

- VOPE must be in good standing with dues at AfrEA;
- VOPE's commitment to co-host (includes hosting, active involvement, recruiting volunteers, fundraising, managing the conference together with AfrEA);

- VOPE's experience and systems of managing funds (setting up accounts, ensuring payments, having accounts, hiring auditors);
- Official commitment of the national government of the successful VOPE to host the conference in their country; be involved and supportive at different steps of the conference organization such as co-sponsorship of some of the events; offering conference facilities and/or dinners; providing visas and local transport. A letter of commitment to host by the National Government is a requirement;
- In-country availability and appropriate logistical arrangements to hold the conference (e.g. easy and cost-effective flight connection, easy for delegates from all over Africa and elsewhere to arrive and be hosted, good internet connection, E-banking, etc.);
- Country has never hosted previous AFREA conference;
- Peace and political stability in the country hosting the conference.

VOPEs interested can send their expression of interest to conference2024@afrea.org by **July 31st, 2022**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief of Secretariat, Mr Sîm-Yassah Awilêlo BADJO at simyassah@afrea.org.

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