



AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
ACCOUNTANTS - GENERAL

# Membership & Accession

**TOGETHER FOR EFFECTIVE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Join Africa's leading body championing accountability, transparency, and sound public financial management in Africa. Be part of a network of African PFM leaders.

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## OVERVIEW

Since its establishment in 2023 as a continental body bringing together the Offices of Accountants General from across Africa, the African Association of Accountants General (AAAG) has rapidly grown into Africa's leading platform for advancing public financial management (PFM) reforms.

AAAG emerged from the former Eastern and Southern African Association of Accountants General (ESAAG), initially created in 1995. While ESAAG successfully promoted PFM reforms in Eastern and Southern Africa for over two decades, the growing complexity and interconnectedness of public financial governance across the continent necessitated a broader, more inclusive platform.

In response, ESAAG was restructured in 2023 into AAAG, extending membership to all African countries and creating a unified voice and shared reform agenda for Accountants General across Africa. The process of transitioning to a continental Association was championed by the African Union Commission (AUC). AAAG is now the leading continental body championing accountability, transparency, and sound public financial management on the continent.

As of March 2026, AAAG brings together Offices of Accountants General from 24 countries across the east, west, south, and central Africa (Up from 15 member countries in 2023), with a strong and expanding pipeline of countries across the continent.

## WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Association provides significant benefits to its members. AAAG membership reflects a commitment to effective public financial management, collaboration, continuous learning, digitalisation, and knowledge sharing at national and continental levels. Growing the membership base enhances AAAG's ability to:

- Promote a unified continental voice on public financial management reforms.
- Share practical, actionable solutions;
- Accelerate peer learning and innovation among member countries;
- Mobilise the necessary technical and financial resources to strengthen systems and accelerate reforms.

# AAAG STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & FOCUS

AAAG's work is aligned with:

- African Union Agenda 2063
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Regional and national PFM reform agendas

Strategic Focus Areas (2024 - 2028)

- Effective Accounting and Reporting
- Impact-Driven Capacity Building
- Partnerships and Collaboration
- Institutional Strengthening

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

- **Technical advisory support for priority reforms:** Provide hands-on technical guidance to members on IPSAS adoption, accrual accounting transition, financial reporting reforms, FMIS strengthening, IFMIS integration, digitalisation, and emerging areas such as sustainability reporting.
- **Development of regional reform public goods:** Produce and maintain shared tools, templates, technical guidelines, model frameworks, implementation checklists, maturity assessment tools, and country case studies for use by all members.
- **Peer-to-peer reform exchanges:** Establish communities of practice and structured peer-learning mechanisms where members can exchange experience, troubleshoot implementation challenges, and benchmark reform progress.
- **Capacity Building and Peer Learning:** AAAG will deliver a structured capacity-building programme that combines webinars, technical workshops, annual policy dialogue, and tailored in-country support. The programme will address priority and emerging PFM themes, including IPSAS, accrual reforms, IFMIS integration, FMIS digitalisation, sustainability reporting, audit readiness, internal controls, and public sector financial governance.
- **In-country technical support and tailored training:** Provide demand-driven country-level workshops, diagnostics, and technical missions aligned with specific member needs and reform priorities.
- **Partnerships with recognised training and professional institutions:** Broker access to tailored courses and certification pathways curated by internationally recognised training institutions, professional accountancy organisations, and public finance institutes.
- **Regional knowledge repository:** Create a digital knowledge hub where members can access AAAG tools, guidance notes, webinar recordings, training materials, case studies, reform roadmaps, and policy briefs.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Member Categories & eligibility

### MEMBERS



Membership is open to all member countries of the African Union (AU) through their Offices of Accountants General (or their equivalent). Members demonstrate commitment to advancing sound public financial management, collaboration, peer learning, accountability and transparency to achieve sustainable development.

### OBSERVERS



Observers include development organisation, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African based grouping supportive of governance, financial management, accountability and transparency, or a similar entity that is supportive of the aspirations of the Association and is accepted by the General Assembly to become an Observer.

## What Members Gain

### 1. Access to Technical Expertise and learning opportunities

- Hands-on support in IPSAS adoption and accrual accounting transition
- Guidance and technical support on financial management information systems (FMIS) and digitalisation
- Access to reform tools, templates, technical guidelines, and frameworks
- Monthly Technical Webinars (free participation): Covering IPSAS, IFMIS integration, accrual reforms, Sustainability, and more.
- Quarterly Technical Workshops and Trainings: Sessions organized on contemporary and crosscutting matters in PFM.
- Annual AAAG Conferences: High-level gatherings that facilitate knowledge exchange, regional benchmarking, and exposure to global best practices.
- In-Country Technical Workshops and Trainings: Tailored sessions based on specific country needs.
- Access to learning opportunities and tailored courses curated by internationally-recognised training institutions and institutes

## 2. Practical Tools and Frameworks

- Accounting Guidelines and Manuals developed by practitioners and experts for implementation in the public sector.
- Model Accounting Policies and Procedures adaptable to national contexts.
- Institutional Capacity Building Framework (ICBF) aligned to the PEFA framework.
- Gap Analysis and Roadmaps to identify reform entry points and address capacity constraints.

## 3. Strategic Knowledge Platforms

- Access to AAAG's Centre of Excellence and digital Knowledge Hub housing tools, templates, case studies, and reform insights.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning: Facilitated engagements among Accountants General to share reform experiences, innovations, and lessons learned.
- Exposure to regional and global best practices

## 4. Strategic Positioning, Influence and access to funding opportunities

- Contribution to shaping continental PFM policy and standards
- Increased visibility and access to development partners and financiers
- Increased Opportunities for donor-supported reform programmes

## 5. Decision Making

All Members:

- Participate in the General Assembly
- May serve on AAAG governance and decision-making structures, including the Executive Committees and other Committees
- Contribute to shaping the strategic direction of the Association
- Influence and drive PFM reforms on the continent



# PROCESS OF ACCESSION

AAAG follows a structured but flexible accession process, adapted from international best practice.

## STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS



# OUR MEMBER COUNTRIES

## CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon, Chad and Congo (Brazzaville)

## EASTERN AFRICA

Kenya, Mauritius, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

## WESTERN AFRICA

Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia





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