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PROPOSED BUREAU OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Agenda item No. 03

1. Subject	2. References/paragraphs
Proposed Bureau of the Sustainable Development Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision No. 02/PAPU/AC/XLIII/2025 establishing the PAPU Sustainable Development Task Force;• Adopted Terms of Reference of the Sustainable Development Task Force.
3. Decision expected <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consider the document and make any comments or proposals;▪ Instal the Bureau of the Sustainable Development Task Force.	

I. INTRODUCTION

The **Decision No. 02/PAPU/AC/XLIII/2025**, passed by the PAPU Administrative Council, meeting during its 43rd Ordinary Session in Arusha (Tanzania), established the Sustainable Development Task Force (SDTF) and directed the General Secretariat to implement this Decision.

Accordingly, The General Secretariat issued **Circular No. 056/CL/PAPU/GS/PRLA/H** of 2nd October 2025, inviting Member States to formally express their interest in serving on the Task Force. The General Secretariat's appeal elicited keen interest among Member States, resulting in the nomination of 15 delegates representing nine Member States, namely: **Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia.**

The purpose of this document is therefore to form the SDTF Bureau that will steer its activities for it to deliver on its mandate, in accordance with paragraph 8(2) ("Organisation") of the adopted Terms of Reference, which states: ***"The Bureau members shall be installed by the Task Force during its inaugural meeting..."***

II. PROPOSED BUREAU OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

It is worth noting that, under paragraph 8(1) of the approved Terms of Reference: The activities of the Sustainable Development Task Force shall be steered by a Bureau comprising:

- i) One Chairperson;
- ii) One 1st Vice-Chairperson;
- iii) One 2nd Vice-Chairperson;
- iv) Two Rapporteurs.

Based on responses from Member States, and following broad consultations with the concerned States, the PAPU General Secretariat proposes the following Bureau for the SDTF:-

- i) Chairperson: **Gabon**;
- ii) 1st Vice-Chairperson: **Zambia**;
- iii) 2nd Vice-Chairperson: **Democratic Republique of Congo**;
- iv) Rapporteurs: **Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya**.
- v) Secretary: **PAPU General Secretariat**.

The following Member States will therefore be participating fully in the Task Force activities without being in its Bureau: **Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria and Tanzania.**

III. CONCLUSION

Members of the Task Force are therefore requested to:

- Consider the document and make any comments or proposals;
- Instal the Bureau of the Sustainable Development Task Force.