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The standing committees of the Pan African University Council held their meeting for the 2018 Academic Year

17 December 2018: Addis Ababa- the Pan African University Council standing committees held a two-day meeting aiming at reviewing the agenda items and working documents for the upcoming Council Meeting. The meeting discussed exhaustively on the draft strategic plan for the development of the University for the next five years 2020-2024.

Presided over by the Vice-President of PAU Council, Prof. Audrey Nthabiseng Ogude, the meeting which started at 2:00 PM was opened by the President of PAU Council, Prof. Pierre Dominique Nzinzi, who delivered a welcoming address. Elected respectively in January and July 2018, this was the first Council meeting of the newly elected President and vice-President and the first Council meeting organized in 2018. It was attended among others by: Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Director for Human Resources, Science and Technology, representing the Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, members of the two standing Committees of the PAU Council (the Administration, Human Resources and Finance Committee or AHRFC and the Planning, Partnership and Development Committee or PPDC) , Directors of PAU institutes, Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, consultant for the development of the PAU strategic Plan, and Deputy Interim Rector, Prof. Kassa Belay.

Prof. Nzinzi welcomed and thanked the members of the PAU Council for attending the 4th PAU Council Meeting in spite of their busy schedule. According to him, the Council meets at a very critical stage of the life of PAU, the stage of consolidation, which will require the mobilization of more human, material and financial resources as indicated in the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. He further outlined the various issues to be discussed during the meeting and dwelled on the challenges faced by PAU including financial sustainability, diversity and multiculturalism and Implementation of Agenda 2063. He ended by paying tribute to his predecessor and all the people who were at the initial phase of PAU, and opened the meeting.

The Interim Deputy Rector of the Pan African University, Prof. Kassa Belay, made a detailed presentation of the PAU Annual Report including PAU roadmap, selection of students for the 2018-2019 academic year, academic calendar and student's admission report. With regard to PAU roadmap, he made a summary of academic affairs, human resources, administration and finance as well as meetings and events.

Concerning the selection of students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year, he specified that the application process for the 2018-2019 academic year had been underway since April 2018. About the recruitment of long term academic staff, he mentioned that with the guidance of the Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, the Pan African University Rectorate launched two vacancy announcements for the recruitment of long-term academic staff for PAU institutes. The Council will provide its written feedback to the annual report which will be incorporated into the final report. In this perspective, working documents were shared to the council.

A detailed presentation of the draft plan by Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, Consultant for the development of the PAU Strategic Plan was presented. It included the financial sustainability plan, staff structure, human resources requirements salary scale, governance issues etc. His presentation was followed by discussions which continued on the next day.

Two other presentations followed by discussions were made on 18 December 2018 by respectively Prof. Kassa on the proposals for PAU Statutes amendment, and Mr. Gouem Celestin who presented the PAU 2019 Approved Budget and the Development of PAU Council Agenda and working documents. After recommending the way forward and setting the agenda items for the upcoming Council meeting, the meeting was closed at 5:00 PM by the Vice-President and President of PAU Council.

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