



ELECTIONS PROCESS FOR SANORD GOVERNING BODIES

SANORD Council

At the Council Meeting on 17 August 2018, the following member universities were elected as Chair and Vice Chair for the tenure 2019-2020. This was in accordance with the SANORD statute requiring a rotation of the Chair between the southern African and Nordic regions:

- **Chair:** University of Botswana (UB), Professor Yohana Mashalla, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences
- **Vice Chair:** Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Gro Anita Fonnes Flaten, Pro Rector of Research.

Their term of office was due to end on 31 December 2020. The Statutes also require rotation of the Chair between the Nordic and Southern African regions. This means that the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) will take over the Chairperson position and the Vice-Chairperson position would become vacant, and occupied by a Southern African member. However, in accordance with the Statutes, the SANORD Council should have elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the period 2021-2022. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the postponement of the annual conference to 2021, the annual Council meeting (face to face) did not take place.

Therefore, the Board took a joint decision to postpone the Elections until September 2021, meaning that the current Board members, Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson will remain in office until 31 December 2021. It means that the elections would take place during 2021 for the new Board members and Vice-chair to take up office from 1 January 2022-31 December 2023.

SANORD Statute, Art V

The Council

The Council of the Centre consists of the Vice-Chancellors/Principals, or their respective alternates, of those institutions that are members of the Centre

1. The Director of the Centre is in attendance, without voting rights, at meetings of the Council and is responsible for the minutes
2. One-third plus one of the members of the Council constitutes a quorum at meetings of the Council. One-half plus one of the institutions represented constitutes a majority.
3. The Council elects a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is two years.
4. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are to represent different regions (north/south)
5. The Chairpersonship of the Council shall rotate between the two regions.
6. The Council is tasked to:
 - 6.1 appoint the Board and to fill vacancies on the Board;
 - 6.2 establish policy on matters and strategy related to the Centre and its activities;
 - 6.3 approve the annual budget and annual report, including the annual financial statements of the Centre; and
 - 6.4 consider recommendations from the Board.
7. Every three years the Council appoints a Nominations Committee consisting of six (6) members, three (3) from each region, to advise it on the election of Officers/Committees/New membership applications, etc.
8. The Council meets annually, normally in conjunction with the Annual Conference. The Executive Board or at least ten percent of the Council members with at least thirty days' notice can call special Council meetings.

The SANORD Board

Background information

The chart below outlines the structure of the SANORD Board members, Chairs and Vice-chairs of the various member universities who previously served and are currently serving on the Board since 2007 to date. The University (member) must elect a representative (VC, DVC or designated person from these offices) to represent the institution on the Board.

The office term of the Board members are two years, and the current Board members would have ended their term on 31 December 2020. However, due to the extension of the office term it will only end 31 December 2021. In accordance with the SANORD Statutes, the SANORD Council (all the SANORD members) must elect six Board members (three from each region) for the period 2022-2023. The positions will become vacant as of 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2023.

Please note:

All SANORD members (referred to as Council members) are requested to nominate the institutions of their preference (three members from the Nordic region and three from the Southern African region) they wish to serve as Board members for this period. The elected institutions should have strong motivations for their choices based on commitment, expertise and cohesion.

Please bear in mind that current Board members can be re-elected to continue serving for continuity purposes. The due date for casting your votes is **8 September 2021**.

Click the link below to cast your votes.

<https://form.jotform.com/MyUWC/sanord-election-board-member>

<https://form.jotform.com/MyUWC/sanord-election-vice-chairperson>

The SANORD Statute, Article VI

The Board

The management of the affairs of the Centre shall be vested in the Board.

1. The Board consists of:
 - 1.1 The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council
 - 1.2 Six other members of the Council who are designated by the Council for a period of office of two years; and
 - 1.3 The Director of the Centre who is always in attendance but without the right to vote, and who is responsible for the minutes.
2. Members of the Board whose period of office has expired are eligible for re-election.
3. The Council normally designates the members of the Board from the nominations made to the Council by the Nominations Committee.
4. One-half plus one of the voting members of the Board constitutes a quorum at meetings of the Board.
5. The Board appoints the Director of the Centre and such other staff members as may be required to carry out the operations of the Centre.
6. The Board makes recommendations on financial matters to the Council.
7. The annual financial statements and annual report are submitted annually to the Council for approval.

8. The Board is entitled to establish sub-committees and working groups.
9. The Board may meet utilizing teleconference/video conference technology.
10. The Director of the Centre, and/or such other member or members of the Council, as the Board appoints from time to time, may act on behalf of the Board in day-to-day matters (e.g. the signing of agreed contracts and financial documents), provided such acts are reported in writing to the Board at the earliest opportunity.

The digitized system automatically collates the results of the votes and does not allow for any manual intervention. Separate reports will be available for both the Vice Chairperson votes as well as Board Member votes. The SANORD Administrator will have access to the reports without any editing rights, thus ensuring the integrity of the results.

SCO will receive the results and forward it the Coordinator of the Nominations Committee who will prepare a recommendation to the Executive Board members. The newly elected Board members will only be notified once the Council meeting had approved the Executive Board's recommendation at the Council meeting scheduled for 9 September 2021 during the HVL conference.

Please forward all your enquiries to sanordcentraloffice@gmail.com and copy in Maureen Davis (mdavis@uwc.ac.za).

Good luck with casting your votes.

Southern African Region

	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2021
1	University of the Western Cape, SA (Chair)	University of the Western Cape, SA (Vice Chair)	University of the Western Cape, SA (Chair)	University of Malawi (Vice Chair)	University of Malawi (Chair)	University of Botswana (Vice Chair)	University of Botswana (Chair)
2	University of Malawi	Rhodes University, South Africa (SA)	University of Malawi	University of Botswana	University of Botswana	University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	University of Pretoria, SA
3	University of Zambia	University of Malawi	University of Witwatersrand, SA	Cape Pen. University of Technology, SA	Cape Pen. University of Technology, SA	University of Namibia	Eduardo Mondlane Univ. Mozambique
4		University of Zambia	University of Zambia	University of Namibia	University of Namibia	Nat. Univ. Sci. and Tech. Zimbabwe	Nat. Univ. Sci. and Tech. Zimbabwe

Nordic Region

1	University of Bergen, Norway (Vice-Chair)	University of Bergen, Norway (Chair)	University of Bergen, Norway (Vice-Chair)	University of Bergen, Norway (Chair)	Uppsala University, Sweden (Vice Chair)	Uppsala Univ. Sweden (Chair)	Western Norway Univ. Sci. & Tech. (Vice-Chair)
2	Aarhus University, Denmark	Aarhus University, Denmark	Aarhus University, Denmark	Aarhus University Denmark	Aarhus Univ. Denmark	Aarhus Univ. Denmark	Aarhus Univ. Denmark

3	University of Turku, Finland	University of Turku, Finland	University of Jyväskylä, Finland	University of Jyväskylä, Finland	University of Bergen, Norway	Univ. Eastern Finland	Malmö Univ. Denmark
4	Uppsala University, Sweden	Uppsala University, Sweden	Uppsala University, Sweden	Uppsala University, Sweden	University of Eastern, Finland	Western Norway Univ. Sci. & Tech.	Tampere Univ. Finland