

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY COUNTRIES TO HOST THE 9<sup>th</sup> AfrEA  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN 2019**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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.

Eight (8) International conferences have marked the life of the AfrEA since its creation. They were held successively in **Nairobi** (Kenya) in 1999 and 2002 ; **Cap Town** (South Africa ) in 2004; **Niamey** ( Niger ) in 2007 ; **Cairo** (Egypt) in 2009; and **Accra** (Ghana) in 2012 the headquarters of the AfrEA since 2009 ; **Yaoundé** ( Cameroon ) in 2014 and **Kampala** (Uganda). The 9th Conference is being held in a French speaking country in Ivory Coast in Abidjan from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Given the criterion of alternation in terms of language is part of the selection criteria applied by AfrEA; the next conference scheduled for 2021 will take place in an English-speaking country.

AfrEA, invites all member evaluation associations (VOPEs) from English speaking countries, to send their expression of interest to host the 10<sup>th</sup> AfrEA Conference scheduled for 2021 in their countries. The successful applicant will be announced during the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference in Ivory Coast.

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



## II. SELECTION CRITERIA

- VOPE's experience and systems of managing funds (setting up accounts, ensuring payments, having accounts, hiring auditors);
- VOPE must be in good standing with dues at AfrEA;
- VOPE's commitment to co-host (includes active involvement, recruiting volunteers, fund-raising, managing the conference);
- The commitment of VOPE government to be involved at different steps of the conference organization. Previous governments have co-sponsored, offered conference facilities and/or dinners, agreed to assist with visas, local transport, etc.). A letter of support from the country government will be an advantage.
- 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.. );
- Availability of conference organizers and facilitators with international standard level;
- Rotating the conference between Francophone and Anglophone countries and also between regions to host the conference;
- Give preference to countries that have never hosted previous conferences;
- The presence of an AfrEA Board member residing in the host country or region to ease the coordination, including logistically, would be an advantage ;
- Peace and political stability in the country hosting the conference;

VOPEs interested can send their expression of interest to E -mail: [conference@afrea.org](mailto:conference@afrea.org) by March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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