



ECOSOCC
Economic Social & Cultural Council

National ECOSOCC Chapters



WHAT ARE NATIONAL ECOSOCC CHAPTERS?

National ECOSOCC Chapters are branches or local groups of the African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) established within each African Union (AU) member state. ECOSOCC is a platform that enables civil society to contribute to the work of the AU, particularly in areas related to economic, social, and cultural development.

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES



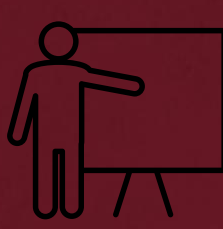
Civil Society Engagement

National Chapters provide a platform for civil society organizations (CSOs) in each member state to actively engage with the AU's processes and activities.



Accountability and Transparency

National Chapters enhance accountability by promoting the dissemination of AU's progress and activities to civil societies in each member state.



Capacity-Building

National Chapters facilitate capacity-building and training of CSOs, enhancing their ability to contribute effectively to the AU's work.



Local Impact

By aligning national priorities with AU aspirations, National Chapters amplify the impact of AU initiatives at the local level.

ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS

Framework Development



The ECOSOCC National Chapters Framework was developed to guide the establishment and functioning of National Chapters.

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Validation and Adoption



The framework underwent validation at the Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC. It was adopted by the AU to guide the work of National Chapters.

BENEFITS

Inclusivity

National Chapters ensure the voices of local communities are heard and integrated into AU policies and programs.

Policy Influence

Through National Chapters, CSOs can influence AU policies in areas like governance, democracy, human rights, and gender equality.

Networking

National Chapters facilitate networking, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices among CSOs.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

CAPACITY WORKSHOPS

National Chapters organize workshops to enhance the knowledge and skills of CSOs on AU-related matters.

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

National Chapters engage in advocacy campaigns and awareness-raising activities to promote AU initiatives at the local level.

PARTNERSHIPS

National Chapters collaborate with AU organs, governments, and other stakeholders to drive positive change.

REPORTING

National Chapters provide periodic reports on their activities, contributing to the AU's overall progress.

IMPACT



**STRENGTHENED
PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN AU
AND CSOS**



**ENHANCED
CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION
IN AU
PROCESSES.**



**IMPROVED
ALIGNMENT OF
NATIONAL
PRIORITIES WITH
AU GOALS.**



**AMPLIFIED
AWARENESS OF
AU INITIATIVES
AT THE
GRASSROOTS
LEVEL.**

NATIONAL ECOSOCC CHAPTERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF AU INITIATIVES DIRECTLY TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES, FOSTERING A STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE, AND IMPACTFUL AFRICAN UNION.

