

Africa

Candidate: Nerina Visser



Nomination Packet, PCR, Africa

Statement of Qualifications and Intention

INTENTION

I hereby declare my intention to run for the position of Presidents Council Representative for the Africa Region for CFA Institute.

QUALIFICATIONS

(Relevant to this role, as recommended)

CFAB charterholder in good standing (membership no. 886223)

Regular member of CFA Society South Africa

Board member of CFA Society South Africa: 2013–2021

- Regular member: 2013–2015
- Vice president: 2015–2017
- President: 2017–2021



Select CFA Institute volunteer experience:

- PCR for MEA region: 2024–2026
- Board of Governors Nominations Committee
- Presidents Council Governance Committee
- Global Events Advisory Group (previously Annual Conference Advisory Group)

[Vision for PCR Term](#)

My vision is to facilitate and support the progress and change required to ensure the sustained relevance and impact of the CFA community in the global finance and investment industry in general, and in the Africa region specifically.

The Africa region is one of the most diverse and geographically dispersed within the global CFA community. This presents with specific challenges to ensure all interests and requirements in the region are adequately presented and addressed, but it also allows for creativity in identifying solutions beyond the traditional developed market approaches. I believe that our strength lies in our diversity—like a well-diversified investment portfolio we present risk mitigation opportunities for CFA Institute.

If my candidature is successful, I intend to continue building on the progress recorded during my first term as PCR for the MEA region. I reiterate what I said two years ago: challenges and opportunities are plentiful, but I will prioritise A-B-C as follows:

Affordability – a key challenge for societies in the Africa region is rooted in the negative impact of relatively weak and volatile currencies, especially to the USD. Creative solutions are required to overcome these challenges, not just for (prospective) candidates, but also for retention of existing members.

Barriers to access – the demographics and geographical location of African societies restrict our ability to participate in global events and continuous learning and professional development opportunities in person. In a post-Covid world, virtual participation goes some way to break down these barriers, allowing local societies to offer in-person versions of global events with local flavour, supported by the Institute.

Collaboration – the effectiveness of the partnership model between the Institute and societies is crucial for joint success. Specific attention is required to improving two-way communication, transparency, engagement, and alignment on purpose and intent.

The PCR reallocation project—in which the MEA region was separated into two regions, Middle East and Africa—was concluded during my first term, and I would relish the opportunity to serve the members of the African societies in a more focused manner in a second term as PCR.



It will be my honour and privilege to serve the global CFA community should I be elected as PCR for the Africa region. I undertake to do so without bias and to devote the necessary time and effort required of me.

Letter of Reference

CFA Society South Africa would like to nominate its former President, Nerina Visser, for the role of CFA Institute Presidents Council Representative for the Africa region.

Over the past two years, Nerina has held the role of Presidents Council Representative for the Middle East and Africa region. She has carried out her duties with dedication, care and foresight. In particular, the successful drive to allocate distinct PCR seats for both the Middle East and Africa was led in large part by her.

Her leadership as a PCR has been evident through the various initiatives she has tabled for the benefit of the Africa region, including the promotion of the country model that exists in Africa. She has thus supported all the Societies in the region.

Nerina is widely respected as a leader within the CFA EMEA region and is deeply admired by those who have worked with her in various platforms. In 2018 she received the EMEA Volunteer of the Year award and in 2021 she won the Lifetime Achievement Award – both of these achievements are a testament to her leadership and commitment to the global charterholder community. At an Institute level, Nerina has been involved in numerous leadership roles. This includes serving on the Society Marketing and Communications Council; the PCR Governance Advisory Council; as well as the Annual Conference Advisory Council.

We are very pleased to nominate Nerina for the Africa PCR position.

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CFA Society South Africa President

Nominator

Nomination submitted by Thato Mashigo, CFA, CAIA.