

# Press release

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## World Physiotherapy member organisations in Africa region elect executive committee members

Member organisations in the World Physiotherapy Africa region have elected the following people to serve on the regional executive committee.

### Election for vice chair

There was one candidate for the position of vice chair. **Alberta Rockson**, member of [Ghana Physiotherapy Association](#), was elected unopposed.

### Election for executive committee member

There were two candidates for one position of executive committee member: **Henry Opondo**, member of [Kenya Society of Physiotherapists](#), and **Nurlign Mengistie Kassa**, member of [Ethiopian Physiotherapists' Association](#). **Henry Opondo** was elected by a majority of the votes.

19 ballots were submitted from 22 member organisations eligible to vote (86.36% voter participation).

Voting began on Thursday 23 May 2024 and closed on Thursday 20 June 2024. The results were announced via email to all member organisations in the Africa region. Alberta and Henry will begin their terms of office on 1 July 2024.

*Note to World Physiotherapy member organisations:* please use this information in your magazine, journal, newsletter or social media channels. It may also be forwarded to your local or national media.

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Physiotherapists are educated over several years, giving them a full knowledge of the body's systems and the skills to treat a wide range of problems. This education is usually university-based, at a level that allows physiotherapists to practise independently. Continuing education ensures that they keep up to date with the latest advances in research and practice. Many physiotherapists are engaged in research themselves.

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