



# Effective Leadership in the Legislature

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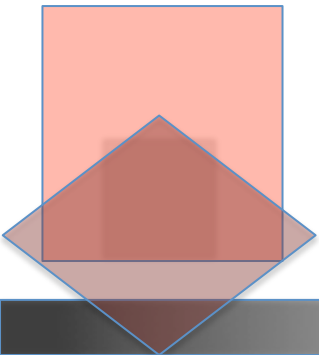
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## What is Leadership?

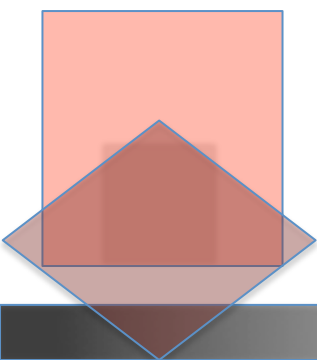
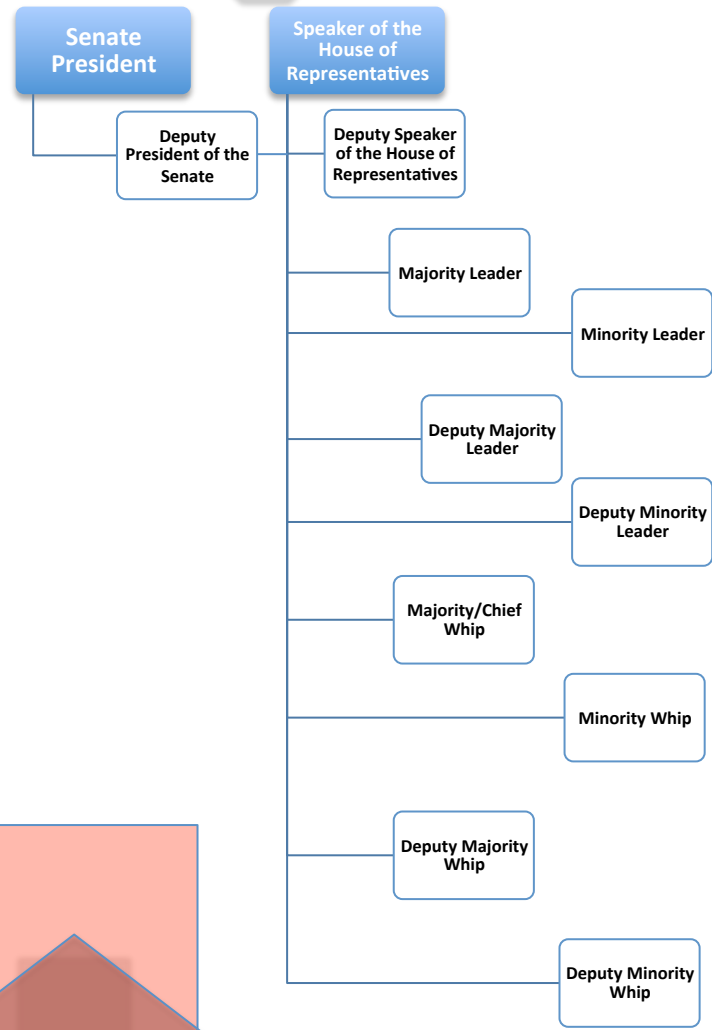
The concept of leadership is the same everywhere, whether it is in the legislature or executive or even in the corporate world.

- Joseph Rost : “Leadership is an influence relationship among leaders and followers who intend real changes that reflect their mutual purposes.”
- Helen S. Astin and Carole Leland : “Leadership is a process by which members of a group are empowered to work together synergistically towards a common goal or vision that will create change, transform institutions, and thus improve the quality of life”.
- Susan Komives, Nance Lucas & Tim MacMahon : “a relational and ethical process of people together attempting to accomplish positive change”.





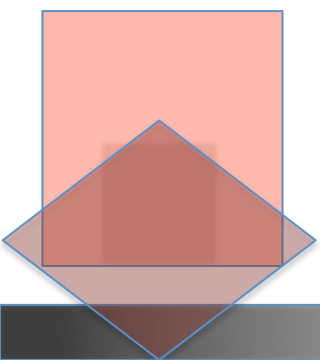
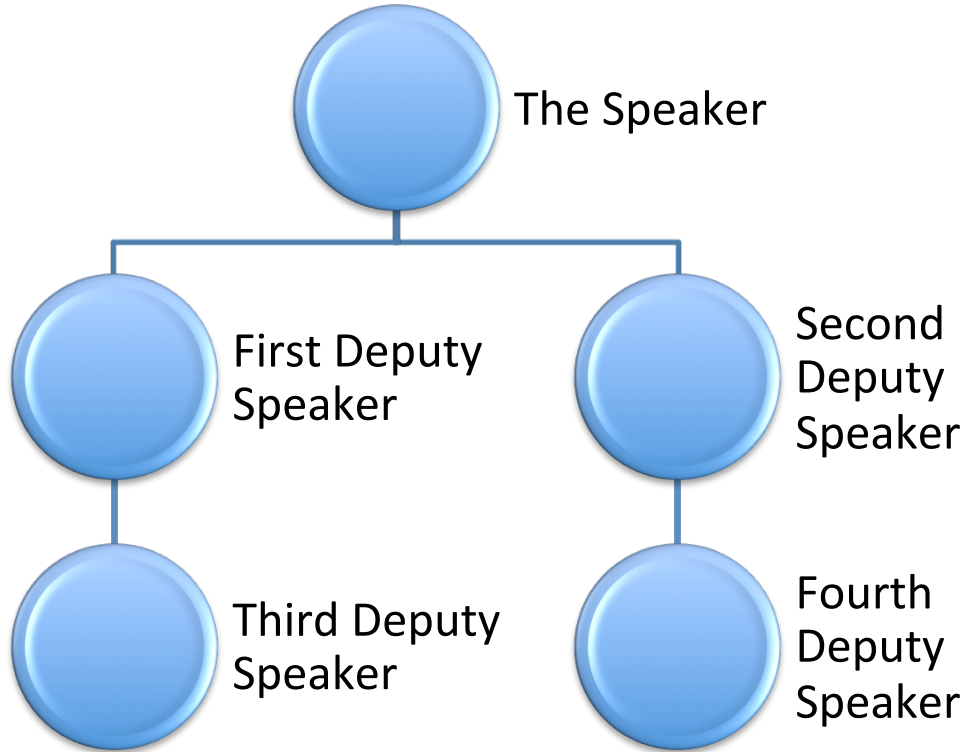
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The Bureau of ECOWAS Parliament consists of





The Committees: The Standing and Ad Hoc Committees are also critical avenues for effective leadership of the legislature. In fact, a legislature is as effective or ineffective as its leadership.

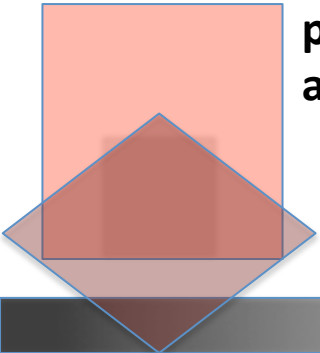
Beyond the leadership of the body of Principal Officers, leadership of Committees, and the high echelon of the management, it is imperative to state that every member of the National Assembly and job supervisor at any level is a leader in his or her own right. What any of them does or fails to do right could affect the workings and reputation of the entire institution.

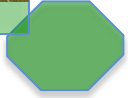


## **Nature of the Political Leadership of the Legislature**

**Leadership in the legislature is a peculiar brand of leadership. This is because unlike in the executive where one person is expected to call the shots, the political leaders in a legislative setting are only but the first among equals.**

**This is so because, in the first place, all legislators are in the parliament on equal mandate. Thus, the presiding officers and the rest of the body of Principal Officers exist primarily to fulfill the need for organisation and orderly conduct of legislative business. Unlike the Cabinet Ministers and other aides like Advisers who are appointed and continue to exist at the pleasure of the president or the governor, the political leader in a parliament derives his or her powers to lead from his or her colleagues and continues to lead at their pleasure.**





**The Representatives**

**The Party**

**National Composition**

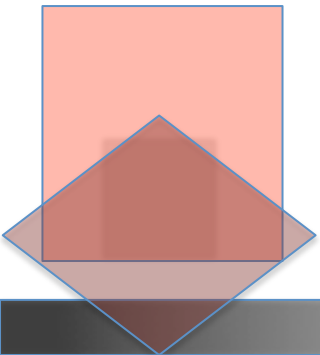
**Laws Establishing the  
Legislature**

**Factors Determining Leadership  
in the Legislature**

**The Constituencies**

**The Press**

**Nature of Executive**





## Qualities for Effective Leadership In The Legislature

**Democratic Leadership is the watch word**

**Patriotism**

**Honesty, Transparency, Integrity**

**Ability to Inspire**

**Confidence**

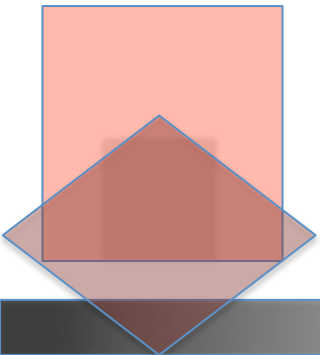
**Healthy Communication**

**Positive Attitude**

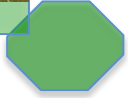
**Thinking Out of the Box**

**Commitment**

**Delegation of Duties**







- In the Legislature, everybody in charge of a task or team is a leader in his or her own right.
- Leadership is a lifelong learning experience
- I commend the organisers for helping to develop Leadership and overall capacity of the National Assembly and ECOWAS Parliament

**Thank You.**

