

### **Executive summary**

The 24th session of the UNWTO General Assembly will elect 17 Member States to the Executive Council for the period 2021-2025.

Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies, including nomination of candidates to represent the Regions on the Executive Council for the period 2021-2025, were held during the following meetings of the UNWTO Commissions: 47th Meeting of the Commission for the Middle East (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 27 May 2021); 66th Meeting of the Commission for Europe (Athens, Greece, 3 June 2021); 66th Meeting of the Commission for the Americas (virtual, 24 June 2021); 64th Meeting of the Commission for Africa (Sal, Cabo Verde, 2 September 2021); 54th Meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and 58th Meeting of the Commission for South Asia (virtual, 14 September 2021).

### **Action by the General Assembly**

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#### **DRAFT RESOLUTION<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the proposals of the Regional Commissions, the Associate Members and the Board of Affiliate Members,

1. *Declares* the following Full Members elected as members of the Executive Council for the period 2021-2025, for the 17 seats to be filled:

Africa:

1. Cabo Verde
2. Morocco
3. Mozambique
4. South Africa
5. Zambia

Americas:

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Dominican Republic

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<sup>1</sup> This is a draft resolution. For the final resolution adopted by the Assembly, please refer to the Resolutions document issued at the end of the session.

Europe:

1. Armenia
2. Croatia
3. Georgia
4. Greece
5. Russian Federation

Middle East:

1. Bahrain
2. United Arab Emirates

South Asia:

1. India
  2. Iran, Islamic Republic of
2. *Recalls* that the Associate Members will be represented by (Associate Member) on the Executive Council until the 26th session of the General Assembly; and
  3. *Takes note* that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Executive Council by (Affiliate Member).

## I. Executive Council: Election of Members

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1. The General Assembly is required to elect, at each of its sessions, one-half of the membership of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes of the Organization, which reads as follows<sup>2</sup>:

*“The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution.”*

2. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

*“The term of elected Members shall be four years. Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years.”*

3. This provision is enlarged upon in rule 55(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, paragraph 4 of which reads:

*“The term of office of the Members of the Council shall begin immediately following their election by the Assembly and shall end on the election of their successors.”*

4. Article 14(1) of the Statutes provides that the total number of the Organization's Full Members determines the number of seats on the Council. In order to achieve, so far as possible, fair and equitable geographical representation, the number of seats per region is calculated on the basis of one seat for every five Members out of the total number of Members in each region.

5. At its 22nd session in Chengdu, China, the General Assembly decided (resolution 697 (XXII)) to amend Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as follows:

*“The Assembly shall elect by secret ballot the Members of the Council in the proportion of one Member of the Council for every five Full Members of the Organization, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution. This proportion shall be applied to the number of Full Members by region (see annex I) in order to determine the number of seats on the Executive Council to be allocated to the corresponding region.”*

6. Consequently, in accordance with the number of Full Members per region at the date of this document, the Council may be composed of 34 members in addition to Spain as a permanent member, during the period between the twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly.
7. The current membership of the Executive Council whose terms of office expire in 2021 is indicated in Annex II.
8. The current membership of the Executive Council until 2023 and the nominated candidates (2021-2025) by the Regional Commissions to the Executive Council to be elected by the General Assembly are indicated in Annex III.
9. Seventeen Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of 1 member for every 5 Full Members per region, as follows:

<b>Africa</b>	5 seats
<b>Americas</b>	3 seats
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>	0 seat
<b>Europe</b>	5 seats
<b>Middle East</b>	2 seats
<b>South Asia</b>	2 seats
<b>TOTAL</b>	17 seats

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<sup>2</sup> The same provision is repeated in rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

10. The 47th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the Middle East, the 66th Meeting of the Commission for Europe and the 66th Meeting for the Americas were held in May and June 2021. The Commission Meeting for Africa and two Commission meetings for East Asia and the Pacific and the Commission for South Asia took place in September 2021
11. The following tables reflect the States which have submitted their candidatures for Executive Council membership (2021-2025) as well as the States that have been nominated by the Regional Commissions for Africa, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia:

**AFRICA** (5 seats to be filled)

<b>Candidatures</b>	<b>Letter of Intent (date)</b>	<b>Nominated Candidatures</b>
<b>Nigeria</b> (new)	24.06.2020	<b>Cabo Verde</b>
<b>Zambia</b> (new)	24.11.2020	<b>Morocco</b>
<b>South Africa</b> (new)	07.12.2020	<b>Mozambique</b>
<b>Morocco</b> (new)	15.02.2021	<b>South Africa</b>
<b>Ghana</b> (new)	12.03.2021	<b>Zambia</b>
<b>Mozambique</b> (new)	26.03.2021	
<b>Cabo Verde</b> (renewal)	07.07.2021	

**AMERICAS** (3 seats to be filled)

<b>Candidatures</b>	<b>Letter of Intent (date)</b>	<b>Nominated Candidatures</b>
<b>Argentina</b> (new)	04.05.2021	<b>Argentina</b>
<b>Jamaica</b> (new)	05.05.2021	<b>Brazil</b>
<b>Dominican Rep.</b> (new)	09.06.2021	<b>Dominican Republic</b>
<b>Brazil</b> (renewal)	07.01.2021	

**EUROPE** (5 seats to be filled)

<b>Candidatures</b>	<b>Letter of Intent (date)</b>	<b>Nominated Candidatures</b>
<b>Uzbekistan</b> (new)	15.09.2020	<b>Armenia</b>
<b>Armenia</b> (new)	01.07.2020	<b>Croatia</b>
<b>Croatia</b> (new)	15.01.2021	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b> (new)	18.03.2021	<b>Greece</b>
<b>Ukraine</b> (new)	23.03.2021	<b>Russian Federation</b>
<b>Georgia</b> (new)	06.04.2021	
<b>Greece</b> (renewal)	24.06.2020	
<b>Russian Federation</b> (renewal)	03.12.2020	

**MIDDLE EAST** (2 seat to be filled)

<b>Candidatures</b>	<b>Letter of Intent (date)</b>	<b>Nominated Candidatures</b>
<b>UAE</b> (new)	16.12.2020	<b>UAE</b>
<b>Iraq</b> (new)	19.05.2021	<b>Bahrain</b>
<b>Egypt</b> (renewal)	15.11.2020	
<b>Bahrain</b> (renewal)	15.12.2020	

**SOUTH ASIA** (2 seats to be filled)

<b>Candidatures</b>	<b>Letter of Intent (date)</b>	<b>Nominated Candidatures</b>
<b>Iran</b> (renewal)	17.06.2021	<b>Iran</b>
<b>India</b> (renewal)	09.07.2021	<b>India</b>

12. It should be recalled that Executive Council decisions 4(XXXIII) and 4(XXXIV) recommend that "...only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council".
13. At its 22nd session, the Assembly took note of the nomination of Flanders as representative of the Associate Members to the Executive Council until the 24th General Assembly session (A/RES/704(XXII)).
14. The Board of Affiliate Members is requested to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council.

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**Annex I: Member States of the UNWTO - 159****CAM 24**

Argentina  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Jamaica  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

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Albania  
Andorra  
Armenia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belarus  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Israel  
Italy  
Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Monaco  
Montenegro

Netherlands  
North Macedonia  
Poland  
Portugal  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Spain  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Switzerland  
Tajikistan  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Ukraine  
Uzbekistan

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Algeria  
Angola  
Benin  
Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Cabo Verde  
Central African Rep.  
Chad  
Congo  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Rep. of the Congo  
Djibouti  
Equatorial  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Sudan  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia

Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Sao Tome and-Principe  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Somalia  
South Africa  
Swaziland  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
United R. of Tanzania  
Union of Comoros  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

**CME 13**

Bahrain  
Egypt  
Iraq  
Jordan  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syrian Arab Republic  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen

**CSA 9**

Afghanistan  
Bangladesh  
Bhutan  
India  
Iran  
Maldives  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Sri Lanka

**CAP 20**

Brunei Darussalam  
Cambodia  
China  
DPR of Korea  
Fiji  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Lao PDR  
Malaysia  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
Palau  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Rep. of Korea  
Samoa  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Vanuatu  
Viet Nam

**Associate Members:**

Aruba  
Flanders  
Hong Kong, China  
Macao, China  
Madeira  
Puerto Rico

**Observers:**

Holy See, Palestine

**Annex II: Member States finishing their terms of office as members of the UNWTO Executive Council in 2021**

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**AFRICA**

Cabo Verde  
Congo  
Namibia  
Seychelles  
Sudan  
Zimbabwe

**AMERICAS**

Brazil  
Chile  
Honduras  
Peru

**EUROPE**

Azerbaijan  
Greece  
Lithuania  
Romania  
Russian Federation

**MIDDLE EAST**

Bahrain  
Egypt

**South Asia**

India  
Iran

**Annex III: Current Membership of the Executive Council until 2023 and the nominated candidates (2021-2025) by the Regional Commissions to the Executive Council to be elected by the General Assembly**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>A F R I C A</b>	Algeria	X	
	Cabo Verde		X
	Côte d'Ivoire	X	
	Kenya	X	
	Morocco		X
	Mozambique		X
	Senegal	X	
	South Africa		X
	Mauritius	X	
	Tunisia	X	
	Zambia		X
<b>A M E R I C A S</b>	Argentina		X
	Brazil		X
	Dominican Republic		X
	Paraguay	X	
	Guatemala	X	
<b>E U R O P E</b>	Armenia		X
	Croatia		X
	France	X	
	Georgia		X
	Greece		X
	Italy		
	Portugal	X	
	Russian Federation		X
	Turkey		
Spain	Permanent Member		
<b>M I D D L E E A S T</b>	Bahrain		X
	Saudi Arabia	X	
	United Arab Emirates		X
<b>E A S T A S I A</b>	China	X	
	Japan	X	
	Republic of Korea	X	
	Thailand	X	
<b>S O U T H A S I A</b>	India		X
	Iran, Islamic Republic of		X