

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

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

¹ 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

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 follows²:

“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:

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

² 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)

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

AMERICAS (3 seats to be filled)

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

EUROPE (5 seats to be filled)

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

MIDDLE EAST (2 seat to be filled)

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

SOUTH ASIA (2 seats to be filled)

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Iran (renewal)	17.06.2021	Iran
India (renewal)	09.07.2021	India

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

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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

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

<i>REGION</i>	<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2025</i>
A F R I C A	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
A M E R I C A S	Argentina		X
	Brazil		X
	Dominican Republic		X
	Paraguay	X	
	Guatemala	X	
E U R O P E	Armenia		X
	Croatia		X
	France	X	
	Georgia		X
	Greece		X
	Italy		
	Portugal	X	
	Russian Federation		X
	Turkey		
Spain	Permanent Member		
M I D D L E E A S T	Bahrain		X
	Saudi Arabia	X	
	United Arab Emirates		X
E A S T A S I A	China	X	
	Japan	X	
	Republic of Korea	X	
	Thailand	X	
S O U T H A S I A	India		X
	Iran, Islamic Republic of		X