



# INTRODUCTION TO ELECTIONS

**An overview of elections in the General Assembly  
and the Economic and Social Council, their rules of  
procedure and the e-deleGATE portal**

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# Overview of today's presentation

We will provide you an introduction of GA and ECOSOC elections in four segments.

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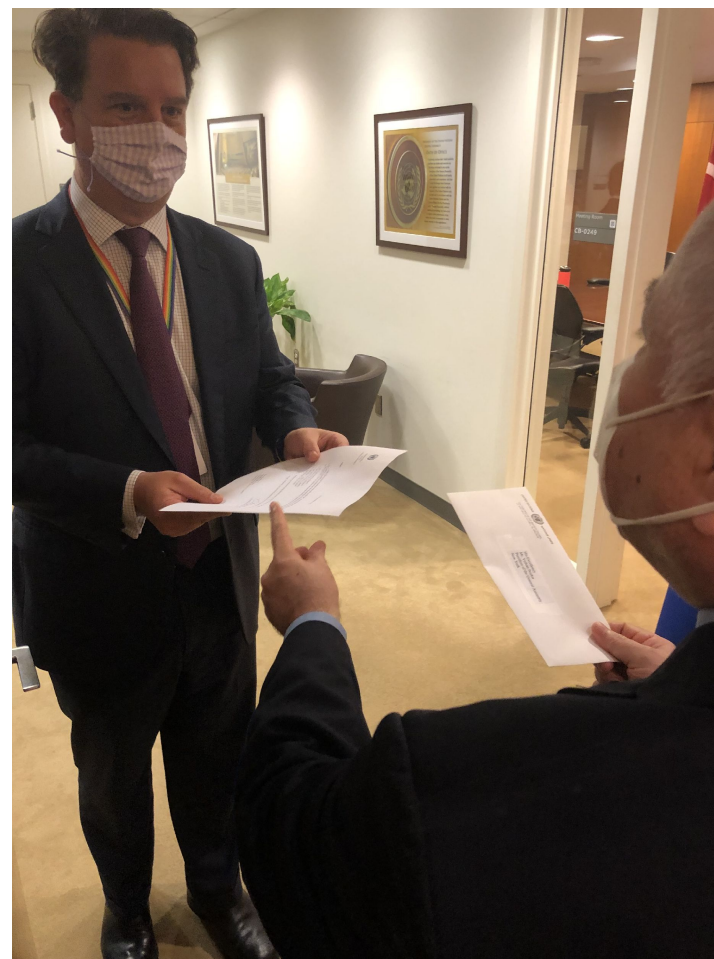
When we refer to a document, such as **A/77/251**, the document is available in the Official Document System.

<http://www.undocs.org/A/77/251>



## Macro perspective on elections at the United Nations

- There are six principal organs of the United Nations: the Assembly, three Councils, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat.
- The General Assembly, the only body composed of all the Members of the Organization, elects some members of the Security Council (SC), also elects all the Members of the ECOSOC, participates in the election of the Judges of the International Court of Justice, and appoints the Secretary-General upon the recommendation of the SC.
- In turn, the General Assembly, the ECOSOC and the SC elect or appoint members of their subsidiary bodies. Certain subsidiary bodies elect or appoint members of yet other bodies.





## Elections and secret ballots

In principle, all elections are held by secret ballot. In practice, the ballot is dispensed with.

- “All elections shall be held by secret ballot.”
- “The practice of dispensing with the secret ballot for elections to subsidiary organs when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled should become standard.”
- Nevertheless, the right remains for a State member of the electing body to request for a secret ballot on a clean slate.





# Different perspectives to keep in view

Each election is different but can be looked at from the following five perspectives.

## Membership

Who are the members of a body: Member States, individuals, or a mix? How long is the term?

## Decision-making

Which decision-making rule applies?  
Simple majority, absolute majority,  
two-thirds majority?

## Presentation

Who can present the candidature:  
Member State, regional group?

## Seats and eligibility

How many seats are available?  
Is there a regional distribution?  
Are retiring members eligible?  
Are certain seats dedicated to certain  
categories of States?

## Endorsement

Are the candidatures endorsed by the  
regional group?



# E-DELEGATE

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## e-deleGATE

- The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has centralized the digital services made available to delegates through the e-deleGATE portal

<https://edelegate.un.int/>

- This password-protected portal contains links to general information (e.g. official documents, the Journal) and houses specific delegate-facing services:
  - **e-Registration:** online registration of delegates participating in meetings
  - **e-Speakers:** inscription on the list of speakers
  - **e-Proposals:** sponsorship and submission of draft resolutions and decisions
  - **e-Candidatures and Elections:** submission of candidatures and endorsement for elections held in GA plenary (starting 78th session) and ECOSOC subsidiary and related bodies
  - **CandiWeb:** information on elections and candidatures





# e-Candidatures and Elections

- E-deleGATE module to replace the email-based process of submitting candidatures and endorsements by Member States and regional groups for most elections
- Submit candidatures directly on the platform for elections and appointments held in the GA plenary (starting at the 78th session) and the subsidiary and related bodies of ECOSOC
- Contains up-to-date lists of candidates and endorsements, as well as information for each election, eventually replacing the Candidature Chart (pdf) circulated via e-deleGATE

e-Candidatures and Elections guide:

[https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guideline\\_e-delegate\\_candidatures\\_and\\_elections\\_module.pdf](https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guideline_e-delegate_candidatures_and_elections_module.pdf)

Candidatures and elections			
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Election for	Term	Election date	Candidates
Commission on Population and Development (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring close of 61st session in 2028)	Fifty-eighth (2024) to Sixty-first (2028)	07/06/2023	BURUNDI (Endorsed)
Commission for Social Development (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring close of 66th session in 2028)	Sixty-third (2024) to Sixty-sixth (2028)		
Commission on the Status of Women (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring close of 72nd session in 2028)	Sixty-ninth (2024) - Seventy-second (2028)	07/06/2023	RWANDA (Endorsed)
Committee for the United Nations Population Award (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring 31 December 2024)	07/06/2023 - 31/12/2024	07/06/2023	
Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring 31 December 2026)	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2026	07/06/2023	BANGLADESH
Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring 31 December 2026)	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2026	07/06/2023	
Committee for Programme and Coordination (Outstanding vacancies for term expiring 31 December 2026)	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2026	07/06/2023	

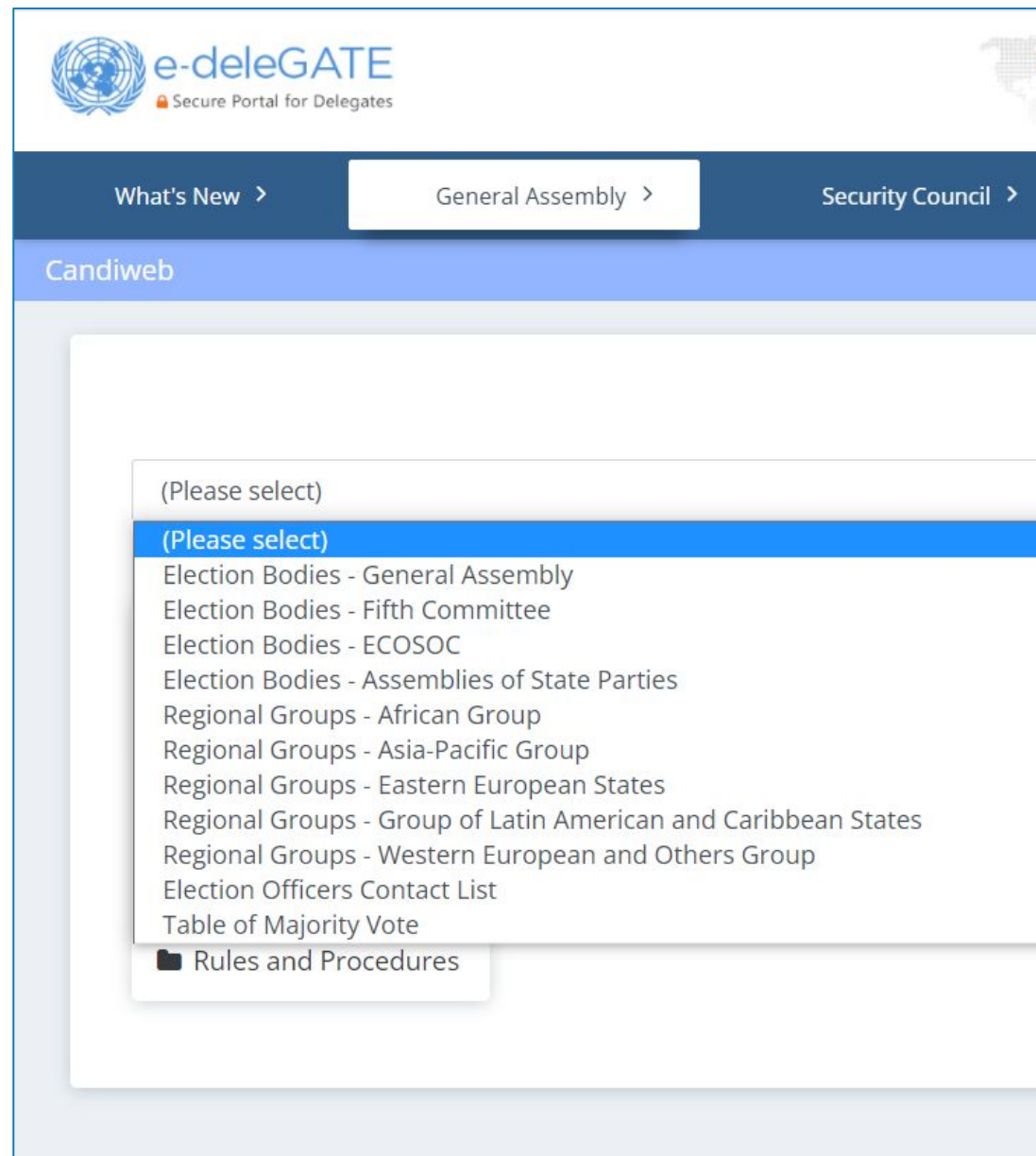
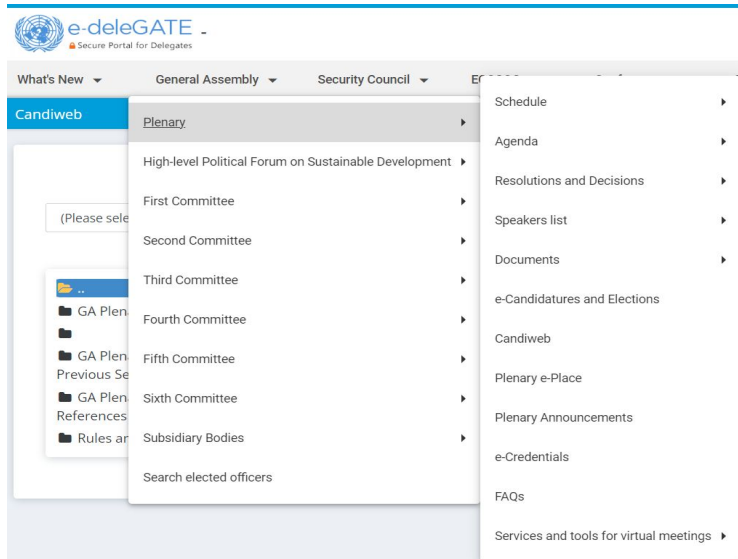
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Body	General Assembly	
Election for	Members of the Human Rights Council	
	For additional information on this election, please refer to the attached information page below.	
	HRC election info sheet.pdf	
Term	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2026	
Election date		
GROUP	SEATS	CANDIDATES
Group of African States	4	CÔTE D'IVOIRE (A/78/79)
Group of Asia-Pacific States	4	CHINA JAPAN (A/78/64)
Group of Eastern European States	2	ALBANIA (A/78/66) BULGARIA (A/78/78)
Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	3	BRAZIL CUBA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PERU (A/78/71)
Group of Western European and other States	2	





# CandiWeb

- e-deleGATE service platform that allows for sharing of information on elections and candidatures of the different bodies





# Candidature Charts

- Contain the latest list of candidates, updated upon submission and/or endorsement of candidature by Member States and regional groups, and other relevant information

Election Bodies - General Assembly

GA Plenary Elections

File	Date
• 230516 77th GA Candidature charts.pdf	16/05/2023

## List of Candidates (77th session)

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Election Bodies - ECOSOC

ECOSOC 2023 session

File ↑	Date
• 2023 Elections for membership to ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and related organs (2).pdf	15/09/2022

### LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**In accordance with paragraph 26 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305, Member States should present candidates no later than COB Thursday, 1 June 2023.**

Eligible Member States may present candidatures to ECOSOC subsidiary and related bodies irrespective of whether they have been endorsed by their regional group.

Candidates should be submitted through the dedicated Candidatures and Elections (C&E) module on the e-deleGATE platform. The C&E module will replace the email-based process of submitting candidatures and endorsements by Member States and regional groups for elections held in ECOSOC.

As part of the transition phase, for elections managed via the new module, submission of candidatures and endorsements through a note verbale via email will continue to be accepted. Notes verbales that are circulated within regional groups only do not constitute a submission of candidature. Non-endorsed candidatures should be submitted directly to the Secretariat by respective Missions. Endorsed candidatures should be submitted directly to the Secretariat by the respective regional group Chairs for the month.

All correspondence should be addressed to the ECOSOC Secretariat/Secretary of ECOSOC, Ms. Emer Herity and sent to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch: [ecosocselections@un.org](mailto:ecosocselections@un.org), [herity@un.org](mailto:herity@un.org) and Ms. Rachel Stein-Holmes, e-mail: [stein-holmes@un.org](mailto:stein-holmes@un.org), Ms. Jori Joergensen, e-mail: [joergensenj@un.org](mailto:joergensenj@un.org), and Ms. Mary Constable, e-mail: [constablem@un.org](mailto:constablem@un.org)

**Yellow highlight** indicates candidatures received since the previous list of candidates (dated 14 April 2023) was circulated.

**Grey highlight** indicates elections to be decided by secret ballot either because the number of candidatures is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled or a request for a secret ballot has been received by the Secretariat.



# Guidelines and references

- Detailed information and guidelines for submission and endorsements of candidatures for elections and appointments of the different bodies

## Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council



### Background

In accordance with Article 23 of the Charter, as amended<sup>32</sup>, the [Security Council](#) consists of five [permanent members](#) (China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America) and 10 [non-permanent members](#) elected by the General Assembly for a **term of two years**. In accordance with [rule 142 of the rules of procedure](#), the **General Assembly elects each year five non-permanent members of the Security Council**<sup>33</sup>. At its eighteenth session, in 1963, the Assembly decided that the non-permanent members of the Council should be elected according to the following pattern (paragraph 3 of General Assembly [resolution 1991 A \(XVIII\)](#)):

- Five from the African and Asia-Pacific States
- One from Eastern European States
- Two from Latin American and Caribbean States
- Two from Western European and other States



**Term of office:** The five non-members of the Council shall serve for a **period of two years**.

**Eligibility note:** A **retiring member** of the Security Council shall **not be eligible** for immediate re-election<sup>34</sup>;



**Voting:** The election shall be held by **secret ballot**. The non-permanent members of the Council are elected by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.



### Submitting candidature for the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council

Candidature(s) should be communicated **directly** by the concerned delegation(s) or, if there is an endorsement, by the Chair of the Regional Group to the Secretariat ([gaab@un.org](mailto:gaab@un.org)) with a copy to the focal points for GA plenary elections at the UN Secretariat<sup>35</sup>, in the form of a Note Verbale (a scanned PDF copy). The submission is accepted **after** the issuance of the **preliminary list of agenda items** in mid-February (A/XX [session number]/50) of the corresponding session, and if possible, **48 hours before** the election is expected to take place (resolution 71/323, para.47).



What is expected from the elected non-permanent members of the SC?

Please visit [the Security Council website](#).

## Guidelines for submission and endorsements of candidatures for appointments that fall under the purview of the Fifth Committee

To officially inform the Secretary-General of the nomination of a candidate, delegations are asked to provide the following documents:

- (1) Note verbale from the nominating mission informing the Secretariat of the nomination of candidate "XX" (name as spelled in passport) of "XX" (country) to serve as a member of "XX" (body/committee), for the period of "XX-XX" (or beginning on "XX").<sup>1</sup>
- (2) An up-to-date curriculum vitae of the candidate – in a word document – to be included in the note by the Secretary-General issued prior to the election.<sup>1</sup>
- (3) If applicable/available: a note verbale from the monthly chair of the relevant regional Group confirming the endorsement of the candidate by the Group (the note verbale should also contain the name of the candidate as spelled in their passport, their nationality and the term of office and the body/committee the candidate is nominated for).

Kindly address the letter or note verbale to Mr. Lionelito Berridge, Secretary of the Administrative and Budgetary (Fifth) Committee ([berridge@un.org](mailto:berridge@un.org), with copy to [fifthcommittee@un.org](mailto:fifthcommittee@un.org), [muellers@un.org](mailto:muellers@un.org) and [vlandria@un.org](mailto:vlandria@un.org)).

It is the practice of the Fifth Committee to set the regular date of elections on the first Friday in November. The deadline for submission of candidatures and endorsements as well as the actual date for appointments and elections during the main part of the seventy-seventh session will be determined at the Fifth Committee's first meeting at that session under the Organization of Work agenda item.

Ad-hoc elections may be transacted at any time during a session as the need arises.





# Election Officers and Secretariat focal points

- Names and contact information of Election Officers and UN Secretariat election focal points
- Changes to Election Officers should be communicated to the Secretariat focal points

File	Date
• 2021-11-19 List of Secretariat election focal points with list of elections and appointments.pdf	19/11/2021
• 2022-03-31 - Contact_List_Election_Officers.xlsx	

Country	Department	Regional Group	Scope	Title	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
124 Lithuania		Eastern Europe		Ms. Kristina			Liutkaitė	(212) 983-
125 Luxembourg		WEOG		Mr. Jose			Quintus	(212) 715-
126 North Macedonia		Eastern Europe		Ms. Katina			Georgieva	212-308-8
127 Madagascar		Africa		Ms. Miangola			Rajaona	(212) 986-
128 Malawi		Africa		Ms. Renata			Chivundu	212-317-8
129 Malawi	ECOSOC and GA Human Rights Treaty Body and 6th Committee	Africa		Mr. Mabvuto			Katemula	212-317-8
130 Malaysia		Asia-Pacific		Ms. Sarah			Ruhama	(212) 986-
131 Maldives		Asia		Mr. Hassan			Adam	(212) 599-
132 Mali		Africa		Mr. Mohamed			Traore	(212) 737-
133 Malta		WEOG		Mr. Adam			Kuymizakis	212-725-2
134 Marshall Islands		Asia-Pacific		Mr. Alfred Capelle				(212) 983-
135 Mauritania		Africa		Mr. El Hadj			Lehbib	(212) 252-
136 Mauritius		Africa		Ms. Vreeshini			Raojee	(212) 949-
137 Mexico		GRULAC		Mr. Christian Tonatiuh			Gonzalez	(212) 752-
138 Micronesia		Asia-Pacific		Mr. Martin			Zvachula	(212) 697-
139 Republic of Moldova		Eastern Europe		Ms. Augustina			Siman	(212) 447-
140 Monaco		WEOG		Ms. Alyson			Sanglogio	(212) 832-
141 Mongolia		Asia-Pacific		Ms. Enkhsetseg		C.	Battsengel	(212) 861-
142 Montenegro		Eastern Europe		Ms. Jelena			Lekovic	(212) 651-
143 Morocco		Africa		Ms. Aahde			Lahmiri	(212) 421-
144 Mozambique		Africa		Mr. Inacio			Virgilio	(212) 544-
145 Myanmar		Asia		Mr. Nyein			Zaw	(212) 744-
146 Namibia		Africa		Ms. Nekweya			Illeka-Amesu	(212) 685-
147 Nauru		Asia-Pacific		Mr. Kane			Amandus	(212) 937-
148 Nepal		Asia-Pacific		Mr. Krishna			Aryal	646-744-6
149 Netherlands		WEOG		Ms. Tessa			Dikker	(646) 519-
150 New Zealand		WEOG		Ms. Alexandra			Hardie	(212) 317-
151 Nicaragua		GRULAC		Ms. Juana			Sandoval	(212) 490-
152 Niger		Africa		Mr. Mahamadou		Soudou Abdoul	Fabd	(212) 422-



## Information from Regional Groups

- The regional group chair of the month may share with the Secretariat their respective chart for posting on CandiWeb
- Information is maintained by the regional groups

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Election Bodies - General Assembly

Election Bodies - Fifth Committee

Election Bodies - ECOSOC

Election Bodies - Assemblies of State Parties

Regional Groups - African Group

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Regional Groups - Eastern European States

Regional Groups - Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

Regional Groups - Western European and Others Group

Election Officers Contact List

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## Access to e-deleGATE

- Access to e-deleGATE is managed by **access administrators** in each permanent mission. They can grant access to various modules of the portal to delegates in their respective missions.
- New delegates should contact their access administrators to request access.
- Technical questions can be directed to [missions-support@un.int](mailto:missions-support@un.int).



# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wannes Lint and Gal Buyanover





# General Assembly elections: what?

## List of elections taking place

In order to see all elections taking place at a certain session, start with the agenda of the General Assembly: **A/77/251**.

**A** reflects the Assembly,  
**77** reflects the session,  
**251** the agenda.

115. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:
  - (a) Election of non-permanent members of the Security Council;
  - (b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice.
116. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
  - (a) Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;
  - (b) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
  - (c) Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission;
  - (d) Election of members of the Human Rights Council;
  - (e) Election of members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;



# General Assembly elections: what?

## Details on a specific election

In order to obtain detail on a specific election, switch to the annotated preliminary list of agenda items: A/77/100 and Add. 1.

77 reflects the session, 100 the annotated preliminary list for that session. Add. 1 is the addendum reflecting further changes.

## (b) Election of members of the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with Article 61 of the Charter, as amended,<sup>5</sup> the Economic and Social Council consists of 54 members elected for a term of three years. Under rule 145 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly shall elect each year 18 members of the Economic and Social Council. At its twenty-sixth session, in 1971, the Assembly decided that the members of the Council should be elected according to the following pattern (resolution 2847 (XXVI)):

- (a) Fourteen members from African States;
- (b) Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (d) Thirteen members from Western European and other States;
- (e) Six members from Eastern European States.

At its seventy-sixth session, the Assembly will need to fill the seats being vacated by the following States: Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, China, Colombia, Congo, Denmark, Gabon, Greece, Latvia, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Thailand.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, the election is held by secret ballot. Under rule 83 of the rules of procedure, the members of the Economic and Social Council are elected by a two-thirds majority.




# General Assembly elections: when?

## When is the election scheduled?

In order to find out when an election is scheduled, visit the schedule of the Assembly.

<https://www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/77schedule.shtml>

76th session	
Date	Topic
Thursday, 31 March 2022 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – Trusteeship Council Chamber	<b>Informal interactive dialogue of the Assembly on commodity markets</b>  [Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated <a href="#">7 March 2022</a> and <a href="#">28 February</a> were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]
Friday, 1 April 2022 10:00 a.m. - General Assembly Hall	<b>65th Plenary meeting</b>  1. Prevention of armed conflict [item 35 (a)]: Note by the Secretary-General (A/76/690)  <i>Debate on the item</i>  2. Groups of countries in special situations: follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [item 23 (a)]: draft resolution (A/76/L.47)  <i>Action on the draft resolution</i>
	<b>Informal briefing by the G20 Co-Sherpa of the Republic of Indonesia</b>  [A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 March 2022, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]



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# General Assembly elections: how?

## How to submit a candidature

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Detailed information is provided on e-deleGATE for each election on how to submit a candidature:

- Can the candidature be communicated directly by the Member State or only through a regional group?
- Does the candidature require an endorsement by the regional group?
- When can the candidature be submitted?
- May additional documentation be submitted in support of a candidature?

Candidatures must be submitted to the Secretariat. Candidatures are not reflected if they are only submitted to the regional group.



### Submitting candidature for the election of members of the ECOSOC

Candidature(s) should be communicated **directly** by the concerned delegation(s) or, if there is an endorsement, by the Chair of the Regional Group to the Secretariat ([gaab@un.org](mailto:gaab@un.org)) with a copy to the focal points for GA plenary elections at the UN Secretariat<sup>28</sup>, in the form of a Note Verbale (a scanned PDF copy). The submission is accepted **after** the issuance of the **preliminary list of agenda items** in mid-February (A/XX [session number]/50) of the corresponding session, and if possible, **48 hours before** the election is expected to take place (resolution [71/323](#), para.47).



# General Assembly elections: who?

## Voters

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- Members of the General Assembly, subject to Article 19:

*A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.*

- Countries in arrears? See the UN website.

<https://www.un.org/en/ga/about/art19.shtml>

## Candidates

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- National capacity
- Personal capacity

- Resolution 71/323:

*47. Further decides that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable.*

*48. Decides that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.*



# General Assembly elections: how?

## Rule 94

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“When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected.

If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of persons or Members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled;

provided that, after the third inconclusive ballot, votes may be cast for any eligible person or Member.

If three such unrestricted ballots are inconclusive, the next three ballots shall be restricted to the candidates who obtained the greatest number of votes in the third of the unrestricted ballots, to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled,

and the following three ballots thereafter shall be unrestricted, and so on until all the places have been filled.





# It's election day in the General Assembly!

Members 193	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
Ballots 192	61	66	71	76	81	96	97	Round 1
	Red	Red	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	
Ballots 160			69	81	82	87		Round 2
			Red	Red	Green	Green		

## Parameters

- Full membership
- Simple majority
  - No regional distribution
  - No clean slate:
    - Three seats
- Seven candidates

### Rule 94

“When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of persons or Members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot to a number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled[.]”





# THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

## **Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

Rachel Stein-Holmes



## ECOSOC elections: what?

- **Functional commissions**
- **Standing committees**
- **Ad hoc bodies**
- **Expert bodies composed of governmental experts**
- **Expert bodies composed of members serving in their personal capacity**
- **Related bodies**

- **Regular vacancies**
- **Outstanding vacancies**

- **Elections**
- **Nominations**
- **Confirmations**
- **Appointments**

**\*The General Assembly elects the members of ECOSOC**

<sup>1.</sup>



# ECOSOC elections: what?

## ECOSOC agenda

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E/2023/1:

- E: Economic and Social Council documentation
- 2023 reflects the session (July-to-July cycle)
- 1: reflects the dedicated Council agenda symbol
- Standard item included annually on “Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments”.

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### 2023 session

25 July 2022–26 July 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

#### Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments.
5. High-level segment on accelerating the recovery from the corona (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for



# ECOSOC elections: what?

## Details on a specific regular elections

In order to obtain detail on a specific election, switch to the addendum to the annotated agenda for the Council dedicated solely to elections: E/2023/100/Add.1.

2023 reflects the session, 100 the annotated agenda Add.1 the addendum number

### 2023 session

25 July 2022–26 July 2023

Agenda item 4

**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

### Annotated agenda for the 2023 session of the Economic and Social Council

#### Addendum

## II. Annotations

### 4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council is to take action with regard to the following bodies:

**Statistical Commission (E/2023/9)**

Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;



# ECOSOC elections: what?

## Details on a specific bodies

In order to obtain detail on a specific bodies, mandates, current members, vacancies review the Secretary-General's notes on elections, issued as E/2023/9 and Addendums.

2023 reflects the session, 9 the Add.1; Add.2; Add.3 .... the addendum number

Honduras (2026), Mexico (2025), Panama (2027), Uruguay (2027)

### Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia (2025), Belgium (2025), Canada\* (2024), Denmark (2025), Israel (2027), Netherlands (2026), Portugal (2026), Türkiye\* (2024), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2025), United States of America (2026)

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### Nine members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Council decisions 1995/320 and 2005/213, the Council will elect nine new members for a four-year term of office beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-eighth session, in 2024, and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2028.

<sup>3</sup> There are two vacancies in this group; one for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session, in 2026, and one for a four-



# ECOSOC elections: what?

## Details on ECOSOC subsidiaries and related bodies

E/2019/INF/3

2019: reflects the session  
INF: reflects its an “information note” issued in English only

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# ECOSOC elections: when?

## When is the election scheduled?

Mandated to hold annual election meetings (A/RES/72/305, as reconfirmed in A/RES/75/290 A)

E/RES/2023/1 'Working arrangements for the 2023 session of the Economic and Social Council'

**RES**: refers to a resolution  
**2023**: reflects the session  
**1**: assigned number to the resolution

26. Dedicated management meetings will also be held to conduct elections to fill regular and outstanding vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and related bodies, normally in the first half and last quarter of the year. In preparing for elections by the Council, Member States should present candidates at least three working days in advance of elections. The provisions of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017 should be followed, as applicable to the Council.

(e) Dedicated management meetings will be held on Wednesday, 5 April 2023, to conduct elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Council and related bodies;





# ECOSOC elections: who?

## Voters

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- Members of the Economic and Social Council (54 States Members of the UN, elected by the General Assembly)
- ECOSOC Rules of Procedure: Rules 68-70

## Candidates

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- National capacity
- Personal capacity
- Mandates on terms and distribution of seats, specific requirements
- Memberships based on equitable geographical distribution



# ECOSOC elections: who?

## Candidates for 5 April 2023 elections

### List of candidates for election

– Currently a transition period with eCandidatures.

- The list of candidatures is regularly updated and circulated through the e-delegate portal and posted in Candiweb.

- Candidates should be submitted through eCandidatures or by official communication to the ECOSOC Secretariat. Notes verbales that are circulated within regional groups only do not constitute a submission of candidature.

	ENDORSED	NON-ENDORSED
<b>COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN:</b> 10 members to be elected (4-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's sixty-ninth session in 2024 and expiring at the close of the Commission's seventy-second session in 2028) [See <a href="#">E/2023/9</a> ]		
<b>AFRICAN STATES</b> (2 members to be elected)	Mali	
<b>ASIA-PACIFIC STATES</b> (2 members to be elected)	1. Bangladesh 2. Sri Lanka	
<b>EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES</b> (1 member to be elected)		1. Romania 2. Russian Federation
<b>LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES</b> (2 members to be elected)		1. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)



# RULES OF PROCEDURE

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## How elections are conducted

- Quorum: the presence of a majority of members
  - Rule 67 of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure
  - Rule 41 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure
- Conduct of elections
  - Rules 92 to 94 of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure
  - Rules 68 to 70 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure
- Elections are Member State led process
- Tellers are there to oversee the overall election process, in particular the counting.



## What is a clean slate?

- Clean Slate
  - Rule 68 of ECOSOC Rules of Procedure
  - Paragraph 16 of Annex V of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure
- For certain elections, even if there is a clean slate, there is still a need to conduct the elections by secret ballot. Examples.
  - Security Council
  - ECOSOC
  - Human Rights Council
- If there is an objection or a request for a vote, even if there is a clean slate, proceed to elections by secret ballot on the slate.



# The telling process

## Members present and voting

*For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.*

- Rule 86 of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure
- Rule 60 of the ECOSOC Rules of Procedure
- NOTE: Invalid ballots and abstentions are not counted as members present and voting and are deducted from total number of ballots cast.

## Invalid ballots

- Examples:
  - More votes than the number of seats
  - Voting only for non-eligible candidates (where write-in is possible)

## Abstentions

- When the ballot is empty
- (Notations will be disregarded.)



## Who gets elected?

- Candidates who obtain the highest number votes and the required majority are elected
  - How do you calculate the required majority?
  - What about a tie vote?
- If only one person or Member is to be elected and no candidate obtains majority in first ballot = second restricted ballot for two candidates with largest number of votes
- If second ballot = tie, President shall decide by drawing lots (Rule 93(GA)/ Rule 69 (ECOSOC))

First round  
(first restricted)

Second round  
(second restricted)

Tie = drawing of lots  
(by President)

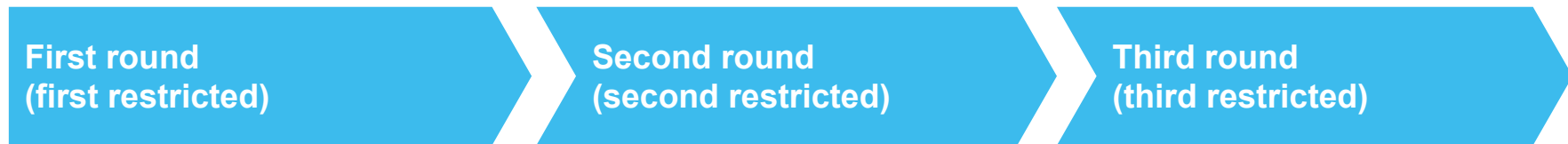
- Special ballot: Occurs when there is a tie in the first ballot among candidates with second largest number of votes, or between three or more candidates obtaining largest number of votes (Rule 69 (ECOSOC))
- Further tie = drawing of lots by President





## Who gets elected (cont.)?

- If vacancies remain after the first round: If 2/3 majority required or, where two/more elective places are to be filled and number of candidates obtaining majority is less than number of persons or members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots



- "After the third inconclusive ballot, votes may be cast for any eligible person or Member".
- If further rounds are required: 3 unrestricted; 3 restricted, then 3 unrestricted (until all seats are filled).



## Elections in the GA

### ECOSOC

(e.g., A/75/PV.73 (by-elections and regular elections) and A/76/PV.52 (by-election))

## International Law Commission

(e.g., A/76/PV.32 )





# Elections in ECOSOC

Only members can vote

Summary Record of Elections in ECOSOC  
see e.g.,: E/2021/SR.6 and SR.7



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