

Agenda Item 4

Election Process of new Executive Board



UN-GGIM-AP

Regional Committee of United Nations
Global Geospatial Information Management
for Asia and the Pacific

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Current UN-GGIM-AP EB since Nov.2018

1. President (Australia)
2. Vice Presidents (China, Japan and Mongolia)
3. Executive Board (Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Tonga)
4. Secretariat: UN ESCAP



Relevant Articles in Statues

Article 10 Executive Board

- The Committee shall elect an Executive Board consisting of: The President, Three Vice Presidents, and Other Members (**up to nine**).
- The term of the Executive Board shall be **three years**. The President, Vice Presidents and Executive Board Members shall be **elected every three years** at the triennial plenary meeting of the Committee. The President and Vice Presidents may be re-elected, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in that office.
- Each Working Group shall, where possible, be chaired by a member of the Executive Board, but if this is not the case then Chairs of Working Groups will be ex-officio members of the Executive Board, and become an addition to the defined Executive Board positions.



Relevant Articles in Statues

Article 11 Functions of Executive Board

- **Plan and coordinate** the Committee work program between plenary sessions of the Committee;
- **Plan and manage** the activities that the Committee undertakes for the UN-GGIM in consultation with the United Nations;
- **Make recommendations** on objectives, activities and work programs to the Committee;
- **Coordinate funding proposals** to aid agencies;
- **Represent the interests** of the Asia and Pacific region in the world's geospatial information management community;
- Take opportunities to **give presentations** to related bodies at conferences and other relevant events;
- **Examine and approve** all the meetings organized or sponsored in the name of the Committee.



Rule of Procedure on election

Rule 19

- All elections shall be held by *secret ballot*, unless *otherwise decided* by the Committee.

Rule 20

- In the case when one person or one delegation is to be elected and no candidate obtained the required majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, which shall be restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the first ballot.

Rule 21

- In the case when a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, a second vote shall be taken. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.



Preparation for election of new EB in Nov. 2021

- The election will be conducted during the 10th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in Indonesia, in November 2021 (via hybrid of virtual format)
- Current EB members may raise their countries' interest in taking up Presidency & Executive Board Membership in next term till Nov. 2024
- *Ad hoc* EB meeting may be organized for preparation of the election three months before plenary meeting of Committee .
- The President of UN-GGIM-AP will circulate an invitation to all member States for wiliness of taking up Presidency & EB membership in next term till Nov. 2024, by end of August 2021
- The election will be conducted by secret ballot during the 10th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in November 2021



Preparation for election of new EB in Nov. 2021

- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, which makes it difficult to conduct the election of a new body by secret ballot (tools and venue) as requested in Rule 19
- However, Rule 19 also says “unless otherwise decided by the Committee”.
- Current EB may recommend the Committee consider extending the term of current EB members, President and VPs by one year on an exception basis and holding the next election in the 11th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2022
- The President may send recommendation to all member States for consideration by end of June 2021 (subject to agreement of the incumbent).



Thank you



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