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| **Agenda item: PL 3** | **Document C23/21-E** |
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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| LIST OF CANDIDATURES FOR CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS | |
| **Purpose**  Via circular letter [CL-23/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-SG-CIR-0002/en), Member States were invited to propose candidatures for the positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the 2023-2026 period.  The annex of this document provides the candidatures received as of 9 June 2023  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited **to appoint** the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the 2023-2026 period/cycle.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  Membership driven.  **Financial implications**  N/A.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  Document [PP-22/55](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0055/en) of the Plenipotentiary Conference; [Summary record of the Extraordinary session of Council-23](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CEXT23-C-0009/en); Letters [CL-22/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-SG-CIR-0038/en), [CL-23/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-SG-CIR-0002/en), [Web page of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for CWGs and EGs for 2022-2026](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/Chairs-Vice-Chairs-2022-2026.aspx). [Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/DEC-011-E.pdf) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and [Council Resolution 1333](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf). | |

**Introduction**

1 On 12 October 2022, Member States received the letter [CL-22/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-SG-CIR-0038/en), inviting them to nominate or confirm candidates for the positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council Working Groups (CWGs) and Expert Groups (EGs) for the 2023-2026 period/cycle, to be appointed at the extraordinary session of the Council-23 on 14 October 2022 (Bucharest, Romania). The creation of new CWGs or EGs was also to be considered.

During this extraordinary session, some councillors suggested that discussion of the item be deferred to the 2023 Council session to give councillors and regional groups more time to consider the list of nominees. The new Council members, in particular, might not have had sufficient time to consult with their capitals, and should have the opportunity to be fully considered for positions. In light of the discussions, it was agreed to postpone the appointment of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of Council working groups and expert groups to the 2023 Council session.

The holding of the cluster of CWGs and EGs in February 2023 was consequently cancelled.

2 On 15 February 2023, in order to carry out consultations ahead of Council-23, a new letter [CL-23/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-SG-CIR-0002/en) was sent to all Member States reinviting them to confirm the candidatures received in October 2022 or to nominate new candidates, in compliance with the Plenipotentiary Conference Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Resolution 1333.

**The list of candidatures received, and regularly updated, is posted for consultation on the following web page:**   
<https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/Chairs-Vice-Chairs-2022-2026.aspx>

3 The list of candidatures received as of 9 June 2023 is provided in [Annex](#annex).

**Action required by the Council**

The Council is invited **to appoint** the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for the 2023-2026 period/cycle.

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ANNEX

**PROPOSED CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS (as of 9 June 2023)**

| Current CWG | Chair | Region | Date of appointment | Vice-Chair (s) | Region | Date of first appointment |
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| **Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues** **(CWG-Internet)** | **Mr David Bedard**  (Canada)  **Mr Mansour AI-Qurashi** (Saudi Arabia) | AMS  ARB  ASP |  | **Dr Ramy Ahmed** (Egypt)  **Ms Emilce Maria Portillo Gonzalez** (Paraguay)  **Mr Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi** (United Arab Emirates)  **Ms Xiao Zhang** (China)  **Mr Kamal Mammadov** (Azerbaijan)  **Mr Nigel Hickson** (United Kingdom) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2019 |
| **Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)** | **Mr Abdelaziz Al Zarooni**  (United Arab Emirates) | ARB | 2018 | **Ms Stella Chubiyo Erebor** (Nigeria)  **Mr Kemie Jones** (Bahamas)  **Ms May Ali Alghatam** (Bahrain)  **Ms Jocelle Batapa Sigue** (Philippines)  **Ms Aysel Hadiyeva** (Azerbaijan)  **Mr Domenico Alfieri** (Italy)  **Mr Abdul Kadir Alper Cetinkaya** (Türkiye) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR**  **EUR** | 2020  2019 |
| **Council Working Group on WSIS&SDGs (CWG-WSIS&DSGs)** | **Ms Cynthia Lesufi** (South Africa)  **Mr Wojciech Berezowski** (Poland) | AFR  EUR |  | **Ms Janet Umutesi** (Rwanda)  **Ms Renata Santoyo** (Brazil)  **Mr Ahmed Saleem** (Iraq)  **Mr Mohammed Jassim AlMehaiza** (Bahrain)  **Ms Mina Seonmin Jun** (Korea (Rep. of))  **Ms Khayala Pashazade** (Azerbaijan)  **Ms Susanna Mattsson** (Sweden) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2020 |
| **Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources** **(CWG-FHR)** | **Ms Vernita Harris** (United States) | AMS | 2020 | **Ms Seynabou Seck Cisse** (Senegal)  **Mr Badreldin Elguaifri** (Sudan (Rep. of)  **Mr Ronaldo Moura** (Brazil)  **Ms Noha Gaafar** (Egypt)  **Mr Muath AlRumayh** (Saudi Arabia)  **Mr Daniel Caruso** (Australia)  **Ms Daria Kaliuga** (Russian Federation)  **Mr Szabolcs Szentleleky** (Hungary)  **Ms Handan Cantekinler** (Türkiye) | **AFR**  **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR**  **EUR** | 2017  2020 |
| **Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages (CWG-Lang)** | ***No nominations*** |  |  | ***[..]***  **Mr Jian Wang**(China)  **Ms Sharon Bosire** (Kenya)  **Ms Yana Brugier** (France)  **Maria Bolshakova** (Russian Federation)  **Ms Blanca Gonzalez** (Spain) | **Arabic**  **Chinese**  **English**  **French**  **Russian**  **Spanish** | 2020  2017 |
| **Expert group on ITRs (EG-ITRs)** | **Ms Shahira Selim** (Egypt) | ARB |  | **Mr Guy-Michel Kouakou** (Côte d’Ivoire)  **Ms Ena Dekanic** (United States)  ***[..]***  **Mr Anand Singh** (India)  **Mr Alexey Borodin** (Russian Federation)  **Mr Vilem Vesely** (Czech Republic) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019 |
| **Expert Group on the Schedule of processing charge - Decision 482**  *(Subject to continuation and update of ToRs of the group by Council 2023)* | **Ms Fenhong Cheng** (China) | ASP |  | **Mr Mostafa Mousa** (Egypt)  ***[..]***  **Mr Abdulrhaman AlNajdi** (Saudi Arabia)  **Mr Meiditomo Sutyarjoko** (Indonesia)  **Mr Nikolay Varlamov** (Russian Federation)  **Mr Cristian Ungureanu** (Romania) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2018[[1]](#footnote-2)  2020 |

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1. Appointed as chair of Expert Group on the Schedule of processing charge - Decision 482. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)