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## **Ninth session**

### **Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme**

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UNESCO House, Paris (Fontenoy Building, Room XI) 9.30

9.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

#### **Item 2 of the provisional agenda**

Election of the Bureau of the IFAP Council

**UNESCO Member States elected to the  
Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme**

(by regional groups and terms of mandate)

	<b>Members States elected from the 37<sup>th</sup> to end of the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference (2013 - 2017)</b>	<b>Members States elected from the 38<sup>th</sup> to end of the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference (2015 - 2019)</b>
Group I	Switzerland Turkey	Israel Netherlands Sweden
Group II	Lithuania Russian Federation Slovakia	
Group III	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Argentina Grenada Peru
Group IV	China	Cambodia Malaysia Philippines Thailand
Group V (a)	Botswana Guinea Senegal	Ethiopia Ghana Zambia
Group V (b)	Bahrain Sudan	Egypt

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**Note**

The Executive Board, by 162 EX/Decision 3.7.2, has modified Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. The Executive Board has decided to increase from 24 to 26 the total number of seats on this Council and recommends to the General Conference that it divide these seats as recommended to it by its Provisional Committee, adding one seat for Group II and one seat for Group IV.

“The term of office of the members of the Council shall begin at the close of the ordinary session of the General Conference at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the second ordinary session of the Conference following it.” (Article 2.3 of the Statutes)

“Notwithstanding the provision of Article 2.3, the term of office of thirteen (13) members designated at the first election shall cease at the end of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected. These members shall be chosen by lot by the President of the General Conference after the first election. Each retiring member shall be replaced by a member belonging to the same regional group” (Article 2.4 of the Statutes)

# Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme **Statutes**

## **Article 1 - Establishment**

An Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme, hereafter called the Council, is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

## **Article 2 - Membership**

1. The Council shall be composed of twenty-six Member States of UNESCO elected by the General Conference taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and appropriate rotation.
2. The persons appointed by Member States as their representatives on the Council shall preferably be specialists in the fields covered by the Information for All Programme.
3. The term of office of members of the Council shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its second subsequent ordinary session.
4. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 3, the term of office of thirteen members designated at the first election shall cease at the end of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected. These members shall be chosen by lot by the President of the General Conference after the first election. Each retiring member shall be replaced by a member belonging to the same regional group.
5. Members of the Council shall be immediately eligible for re-election.
6. The Council may make recommendations to the General Conference concerning its own membership.

## **Article 3 - Sessions**

1. The Council shall normally meet in regular plenary session once every two years. However, the Council may meet in extraordinary session at the request of the Director-General or of the majority of its members.
2. During the first three years of existence of the Information for All Programme, the Council should meet every year.
3. The Council will be entitled to hold virtual meetings.

## **Article 4 - Rules of Procedure and subsidiary bodies**

1. The Council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure including those for virtual meetings.
2. Under its Rules of Procedure, the Council may establish whatever working groups it considers appropriate, provided that the necessary financial resources are available, the Bureau being considered as a subsidiary body of the Council.

## **Article 5 - Functions**

Within the framework of the decisions of the General Conference concerning the Information for All Programme, the Council shall guide its planning and implementation. This shall, in particular, include:

- a) considering proposals on the development and adaptation of the Information for All Programme;
- b) recommending the broad lines of action that the Information for All Programme could take;
- c) reviewing and assessing achievements and defining the basic areas requiring increased international co-operation;
- d) promoting participation of Member States in the Information for All Programme;
- e) supporting all fund raising efforts for the implementation of the Information for All Programme.

## **Article 6 - Bureau**

1. At the beginning of its first session, and subsequently whenever the membership of the Council is modified by the General Conference in accordance with Article 2 above, the Council shall elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen, three other members and a Rapporteur; these shall form the Council's Bureau.
2. The members of the Bureau who are representatives of Member States of UNESCO shall remain in office until a new Bureau has been elected.
3. The Bureau shall discharge such duties as the Council may confer upon it.
4. Meetings of the Bureau may be convened between meetings of the Council at the request of the Council, or of the Director-General of UNESCO or of the majority of the members of the Bureau.

5. The Bureau will be entitled to hold virtual meetings.

#### Article 7 - Observers

1. Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO, which are not members of the Council, may send observers to all meetings of the Council or its working groups, except meetings of the Bureau.
2. Representatives of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system may take part, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Council and its working groups, except meetings of the Bureau.
3. The Council shall lay down the conditions under which other international governmental or non-governmental organizations may be invited to participate in its proceedings without the right to vote. The Council shall also lay down the conditions under which certain particularly well-qualified persons might be consulted on matters within their competence.

#### Article 8 - Secretariat

1. The Secretariat of the Council shall be provided by the Director-General of UNESCO, who shall place at the Council's disposal the staff and other means required for its operation.
2. The Secretariat shall provide the necessary services for the sessions of the Council and meetings of its working groups.
3. The Secretariat shall fix the date of the Council's sessions in accordance with the Bureau's instructions, and shall take the steps required to convene such sessions.
4. The Secretariat shall assemble all suggestions and comments made by Member States of UNESCO and the international organizations concerned, with regard to UNESCO's Information for All Programme as a whole and the formulation of specific projects, and shall prepare them for examination by the Council.

#### Article 9 - Financing

1. The operating costs of the Council and its working groups shall be covered by an appropriation voted for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO.
2. Member States shall bear the expenses of the participation of their representatives in sessions of the Council, its Bureau and working groups with the exception of representatives of Least Developed

Countries (LDCs) whose participation expenses shall be borne by the Council.

3. Voluntary contributions to the Information for All Programme may be accepted and established as trust funds, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, and administered by the Director-General.

#### Article 10 - Reporting

1. The Director-General shall submit to the Council, at each of its sessions, a report on the implementation of the Information for All Programme.
2. The Director General shall submit to the General Conference through the Executive Board, at each of its sessions, a report on the implementation of the programme, particularly as it relates to the activities of other UNESCO programmes and those of other bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and also international non-governmental organizations.
3. The Council shall resubmit through the Executive Board to the General Conference, at each of its sessions, a report on its activities.