

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Additional documents for this item:

Action required at this meeting—the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to:

See draft decision points in the paragraphs below:

8. *Elects* the United States of America as the Chair, Namibia as the Vice-Chair and India as the Rapporteur for the period 1 January to 31 December 2019 and *approves* the composition of the PCB NGO Delegation.

Cost implications for the implementation of the decisions: none

1. In accordance with the Modus Operandi of the Programme Coordinating Board (paragraph 22), the Board is expected to elect from among its members, and States elected as members as of 1 January 2020, a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur.
2. The Modus Operandi foresees the Programme Coordinating Board to elect the current Vice-Chair, United States of America, to the position of Chair for a term starting on 1 January 2020. This meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must also elect a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur for a term of one year starting on 1 January 2020.
3. In doing so, the attention of the Programme Coordinating Board is drawn to paragraph 22 of the Modus Operandi which states that: *“Officers will be elected taking into account a fair geographical distribution.”*
4. Under the provisions of the Modus Operandi, the following Member States will be eligible for election as an officer of the Board on the basis that they will be members starting 1 January 2020:

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| 1. Belarus | 12. Japan |
| 2. Brazil | 13. Kenya |
| 3. Canada | 14. Liberia |
| 4. Chile | 15. Luxembourg |
| 5. China | 16. Namibia |
| 6. Congo | 17. Russian Federation |
| 7. Denmark | 18. Switzerland |
| 8. El Salvador | 19. Thailand |
| 9. France | 20. Tunisia |
| 10. India | 21. United Kingdom |
| 11. Iran (Islamic Republic) | 22. United States of America |

5. In accordance with the Modus Operandi (paragraph 22), a written statement of interest is required to be elected as an officer. The Secretariat has received such a statement of interest from Namibia on 10 September 2019 for the office of Vice-Chair. The Secretariat has also received such a statement of interest from India on 6 December for the office of Rapporteur.
6. In accordance with paragraph 2b of the Annex of ECOSOC Resolution 1995/2:

“(b) The process of identification of the non-governmental organizations that sought to participate in the work of the Board would be determined by the non-governmental organizations themselves. The Board would formally approve the nomination of those organizations;”

7. Summary of NGO election process

The PCB NGO Delegation Communication and Consultation Facility (CCF), together with the Orientation, Accountability and Recruitment (OAR) Working Group of the NGO Delegation, manages the annual process of recruiting incoming Delegates to fill in the slots vacated by outgoing Delegates.

For 2019, there are three vacancies: two from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and one from Europe.

A call for applications for these regions was developed and broadly circulated from 2 September to 30 September 2019. The call was disseminated by CCF through the NGO Delegation's global civil society email list-serve, the website, international key population networks, regional civil society platforms and its social media pages such as Facebook and Twitter. A total of six applications were received from LAC and five applications from Europe.

Applications were assessed for eligibility by the CCF to ensure that all required documents were duly submitted. The NGO Delegates then undertook a shortlisting process through an electronic survey: 14-25 October for LAC and 21-29 October for Europe.

While the shortlisting was underway, OAR and CCF constituted interview panels composed of one Delegate from the region being recruited for, one Delegate from another region and an external civil society representative. The panels submitted their recommendation to the Full Delegation, who then undertook deliberations to decide on the final selection of the Incoming Delegates for 2020-2021. The interviews were conducted on 5-7 November. The Delegation then confirmed the selected Delegates on November 17, 2019.

The delegates are selected according to criteria developed by the NGO delegation, in line with its Terms of Reference, codes of conduct, and taking into account the delegates' commitment and knowledge of HIV/AIDS, capacity and skills to participate in international policy work, among others. Also of paramount consideration in the final selection is the overall balance and parity in the Delegation in terms of sub-regional, gender, age, and key population representation, as well as the skills, competencies and expertise they can contribute.

Accordingly, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to approve the new members of the Programme Coordinating Board NGO delegation for 2020 as follows:

EUROPE

- Eurasian Key Populations Health Network (EKHN) - **Karen Badalyan**

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

- Bolivian Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (REDBOL) – **Gracia Violeta Ross Quiroga**
- The Jamaican Network of Seropositives – **Jumoke Patrick**

8. The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to elect officers for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 and approve the composition of the PCB NGO delegation.

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