



Preparations elections new APPEC Chair and General Secretary

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Introduction

The terms of the APPEC Chair, APPEC Vice Chair and the APPEC General Secretary end at the end of this year.

Chair and Vice Chair

According to the rules set out in the MOU (see below), the current Chair Teresa cannot be renewed and therefore we need to identify a new chair from within the members of the GA. The MOU stipulates that:

“The General Assembly will elect a Chairperson among the Partners of the GA (hereafter “Chairperson of ApPEC”) to serve for two years. Re-election will be possible, but not consecutively. The General Assembly may elect two Deputy Chairpersons among the Partners of the GA to serve on the same terms as the Chairperson. The Chairperson will be “supra partes” and will not have a right to vote. If the Chairperson was representing one of the Partners in the GA, the Partner must choose someone else for its representation in the GA.”

We should also recall that the text above does not mandate that the chair should be a current member of the GA.

General Secretary

Since Job has been in post now for two terms as General Secretary he cannot be renewed and therefore we need to identify a new General Secretary from within the APPEC partners. The MOU stipulates that:

“The General Assembly appoints the General Secretary.” and “The General Secretary shall be responsible vis-à-vis the General Assembly for the efficient management of APPEC, its finances and for ensuring the execution of the decisions of the General Assembly. The preparation and organisation of the meetings of the General Assembly is also among his/her duties. His/her mandate will last for two years, renewable once.”

Procedure and nominations (and deadline!)

1. We propose to install a Search committee to identify a new Chair with **XXX and XXX** (tbd), supported by Job. We hope you can agree with this committee.
2. The Search Committee will invite the members of the General Assembly to indicate if they wish to be considered to be chair, or wish to make any other nominations. The Search Committee will invite the members of the General Assembly also to make nominations for the next General Secretary. We would be grateful for nominations by 20 September at the latest (earlier if possible). A formal invitation will follow by email soon after the GA meeting on June 5.
3. Members of the Search committee will also contact APPEC representatives on the General Assembly, to discuss options.
4. The Search Committee will contact the nominated candidates to check their availability and invite them to submit a one to two page ‘vision statement’ of how they see the role. They will also be invited to give an indication how much time they could spend on the task as APPEC chair or APPEC General Secretary.
5. The intention is to prepare nominations for an election of the new chair and the new General Secretary at the December 2020 GA meeting. The GA will discuss the vision statements of the nominees and will then vote.