

Item 5 – Annex 1

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ELECTORAL PROCESS

Summary and recommendations

Our 7th UCLG World Congress will see the renewal of the Governing Bodies and the Presidency of the World Organization, which will be elected for a three-year term on 10-14 October in Daejeon, South Korea.

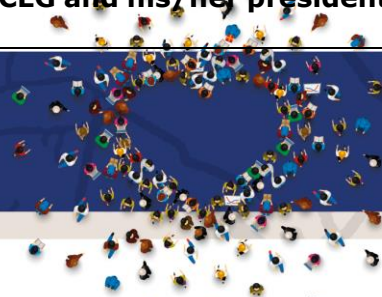
The call for Presidency is a global exercise that is carried out through an open call to all members, which was approved during the World Council in Barcelona. The call was announced in March 2022, and candidatures were to be submitted by 1 August 2022.

Although UCLG is a fierce defender of its democratic system and has always held electoral processes for its leadership, the Organization encourages seeking consensus whenever possible.

The Conduct of Elections, based on the UCLG Constitution, Electoral Process Rules, and Practice of the World Organization, was developed in order to guarantee a sound process. It was adopted by the Executive Bureau held in Montevideo and updated by the Executive Bureau that met in Seville in June 2022. The updated Conduct of Elections was immediately after shared with the membership and published on the UCLGMeets platform.

In order to accommodate the reality of a large number of candidatures for all posts, the Committee on Statutory Affairs has made the proposals summarized as follows:

- The Committee on Statutory Affairs has recommended that **all candidates should discuss possible agreements and propose a ticket (a proposal for a full Presidency) based on negotiations.**
- In the case that voting is needed, **the Committee on Statutory Affairs recommended that voting should take place in two rounds for the post of President only.**
- After the General Assembly appoints the World Council on 13 October 2022, a brief session to formally establish the World Council will be held. During this session, **the first round of voting will be organized for the President of UCLG.**
- After this first round, **the two candidates with the most votes will remain and will be invited to compose their ticket, including five co-presidents** (who can be selected from the list of candidates for the Co-presidency and for the Presidency), **a Treasurer and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality.**
- On 14 October, during the formal session of the World Council, **the second round of voting will be organized to elect the President of UCLG and his/her presidential ticket.**



The General Assembly is invited to:

1. **Take note** of the proposed electoral process.

Recalling the rules

1. **Composition:** As per the UCLG Constitution (art. 58) the Presidency of UCLG comprises the President and up to five Co-Presidents plus the Chair of the Gender Equality Committee.
2. The Presidency is elected by the World Council from among local government members for a renewable term between two ordinary sessions of the General Assembly.
3. At least one of the above office-holders must come from an individual local government member; at least one must come from a national association, and at least one must come from a member of the Metropolitan Section. The President and Co-Presidents act on behalf of the World Organization, not of a specific Section.
4. **Eligibility:** Members of the Presidency shall hold a local electoral mandate; they must also be at the head of a) a local government or b) a national association of local governments.
5. In the case offices described under a) or b) are lost; their function within the Presidency will terminate at the date of the next meeting of the Executive Bureau.
6. The Executive Bureau shall announce the vacancy and holds the responsibility of organizing the process for electing his/her replacement, should the need arise.

State of candidatures

7. In its meeting in The Hague on 22 September, the Committee on Statutory Affairs confirmed that **four candidates (1 female and 3 male candidates) have been received for the post of President**, in alphabetical order by surname:
 - **Mr. Uğur Ibrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya – Individual member
 - **Ms. Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo – Individual member / Metropolis member
 - **Mr. Jang-Woo Lee**, Mayor of Daejeon – Individual member
 - **Mr. Jan Van Zanen**, Mayor of The Hague, President of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) – Local government association
8. The Committee confirmed that **nine candidates (1 female and 8 male candidates) have been received for the post of Co-President**, in alphabetical order by surname:
 - **Mr. Uğur Ibrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya – Individual member
 - **Mr. Johnny Araya**, Mayor of San José – Individual member
 - **Ms. Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo – Individual member / Metropolis member
 - **Mr. Altay Kulginov**, Mayor of Nur-Sultan – Local government association
 - **Mr. Jang-Woo Lee**, Mayor of Daejeon – Individual member
 - **Mr. Li Mingyuan**, Mayor of Xi'an – Individual member

- **Mr. Bekhe Stofile**, Chairperson of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, President of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) – Local government association
 - **Mr. Jan Van Zanen**, Mayor of The Hague, President of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) – Local government association
 - **Mr. Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, President Emeritus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Local government association
9. The Committee confirmed that **two candidates (1 female and 1 male candidates) have been received for the post of Treasurer**, in alphabetical order by surname:
- **Ms. Asmaa Rhalalou**, Mayor of Rabat – Individual member
 - **Mr. Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, President Emeritus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Local government association
10. The Committee confirmed that **two candidates (2 female candidates) have been received for the post of Chairperson of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality**, in alphabetical order by surname:
- **Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, President of Nouakchott Regional Council – Individual member
 - **Ms. Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo - Individual member / Metropolis member
11. The eligibility of all candidatures has been confirmed by the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

Conduct of elections

12. Although UCLG is a fierce defender of its democratic system and has always held electoral processes for its leadership, the organization encourages seeking consensus whenever possible. The very pillars of the organization are built on trust, respect and a willingness to collaborate based on inclusive agreements. In fact, members of the Committee on Statutory Affairs encouraged all candidates to discuss possible agreements and propose a ticket (a proposal for a full Presidency) based on negotiations.
13. Building on the experiences of previous Congresses members and candidates are encouraged to consider that beyond the formal presidency positions there are other possible leadership roles (such as the Policy Councils' membership, special envoys and rapporteurs) that will need to be fulfilled to accompany the ambitious work programme of the World Organization.
14. The Committee on Statutory Affairs recommended to follow the Conduct of Elections and organize voting in two rounds.
- After the General Assembly appoints the World Council on 13 October 2022, a brief session to formally establish the World Council will be held. During this session, **the first round of voting will be organized for the President of UCLG.**
 - After this first round, **the two candidates with the most votes will remain for the second round.**
 - The candidates selected after the first round are then invited to **compose their ticket, including up to five co-presidents** (who can be selected from the list of candidates for the Co-presidency and for the Presidency), **a Treasurer and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality.**

- On 14 October, during the formal session of the World Council, **the second round of voting will be organized to elect the President of UCLG and his/her presidential ticket.**
15. The conduct of elections, updated by the Executive Bureau in Seville, is available in annex 2.