

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Thirty-third Session of the Assembly
UNESCO, 25 June - 3 July 2025

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

The attached tables provide the updated status of candidatures received by the Secretariat according to the closing date and time (**Friday 27 June 2025, 18.00 hours CEST**) for nominations for the elections at the thirty-third session of the IOC Assembly. These candidatures have been examined and accepted by the Nominations Committee, at its 2nd meeting on **1 July 2025**. The elections will take place on Wednesday, 2 July 2025 at 11:45 hours in room XI.

**CANDIDATES BY GROUPINGS OF IOC MEMBER STATES
FOR ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**
(as of 1 July 2025 at 18:00)

Group I (24) (max 10 seats)

Member State		Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Austria			
Belgium	Candidate	X	
Canada	Candidate	X	
Cyprus			
Denmark			
Finland			
France	Candidate	X	
Germany	Candidate	X	
Greece	Candidate	X	
Iceland	Candidate	X	
Ireland			
Israel			
Italy			
Malta			
Monaco			
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)			
Norway			
Portugal	Candidate	X	
Spain	Candidate	X	
Sweden			
Switzerland			
Türkiye	Candidate	X	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Candidate	X	
United States of America	Candidate	X	

* Note that the use of the forms attached as Annexes I through III to Appendix I to the Rules of Procedures (copies attached for convenience) is mandatory for any nomination to be considered by the Nominations Committee.

Group II (14) (max 3 seats)

Member State		Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Albania			
Azerbaijan			
Bulgaria	Candidate	X	
Croatia			
Czech Republic			
Estonia			
Georgia			
Montenegro			
Poland	Candidate	X	
Romania			
Russian Federation	Candidate	X	
Serbia			
Slovenia			
Ukraine	Candidate	X	

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Group III (31) (max 9 seats)

Member State		Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Antigua and Barbuda			
Argentina	Candidate	X	
Bahamas			
Barbados			
Belize			
Brazil	Candidate	X	
Chile	Candidate	X	
Colombia	Candidate	X	
Costa Rica	Candidate	X	
Cuba			
Dominica			
Dominican Republic			
Ecuador	Candidate	X	
El Salvador			
Grenada			
Guatemala			
Guyana			
Haiti			
Honduras	Candidate	X	
Jamaica			
Mexico	Candidate	X	
Nicaragua			
Panama			
Peru	Candidate	X	
Saint-Kitts-and-Nevis			
Saint Lucia			
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			
Suriname			
Trinidad and Tobago			
Uruguay			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)			

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Group IV (35) (max 9 seats)

Member State		Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Afghanistan			
Australia	Candidate	X	
Bangladesh			
China	Candidate	X	
Cook Islands			
Democratic People's Republic of Korea			
Fiji			
India	Candidate	X	
Indonesia	Candidate	X	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			
Japan	Candidate	X	
Kazakhstan			
Kiribati			
Malaysia			
Maldives			
Myanmar			
Nauru			
New Zealand			
Niue			
Pakistan	Candidate	X	
Palau	Candidate	X	
Papua New Guinea			
Philippines			
Republic of Korea	Candidate	X	
Samoa			
Singapore			
Solomon Islands			
Sri Lanka			
Thailand	Candidate	X	
Timor Leste			
Tonga			
Turkmenistan			
Tuvalu			
Vanuatu			
Viet Nam			

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Group V (48) (max 9 seats)

Member State		Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Algeria			
Angola			
Benin			
Cameroon			
Cabo Verde			
Comoros			
Congo			
Côte d'Ivoire	Candidate	X	
Dem. Rep of the Congo			
Djibouti			
Egypt	Candidate	X	
Equatorial Guinea			
Eritrea			
Ethiopia			
Gabon			
Gambia			
Ghana			
Guinea	Candidate	X	
Guinea Bissau			
Iraq			
Jordan			
Kenya	Candidate	X	
Kuwait			
Lebanon			
Liberia			
Libya			
Madagascar			
Mauritania			
Mauritius	Candidate	X	
Morocco	Candidate	X	
Mozambique	Candidate	X	
Namibia			
Nigeria			
Oman	Candidate	X	
Qatar			
Saudi Arabia			
Senegal			
Seychelles			
Sierra Leone			
Somalia			
South Africa	Candidate	X	
Sudan			
Syrian Arab Republic			
Togo			
Tunisia			
United Arab Emirates			
United Republic of Tanzania			
Yemen			

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CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON OF IOC

Member State	Name	Official form received at the Secretariat	
		Yes	No
Japan	Yutaka Michida	X	

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF IOC

Group	Member State	Name	Official form received at the Secretariat	
			Yes	No
I	United States of America	Allison D. Reed	X	
II	Bulgaria	Atanas Palazov	X	
III	Chile	Captain Carlos Zuniga Araya	X	
IV	Republic of Korea	Hansan Park	X	
V	Egypt	Amr Zakaria Hamouda	X	

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ANNEX I

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Biennial Elections For Chairperson

Name of Member State:

Electoral Group¹:

Name of Nominee²:

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of IOC and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Commission.

Signature of the Nominee:

Seconder 1

Seconder 2

Member State of IOC
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Electoral Group ¹
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Name in Capitals ³
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Position
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Signature
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Date sent to IOC Secretariat:..... Date & Time received by IOC Secretariat:.....

¹ See Appendix II to the Rules of Procedure.

² The nominee shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Member State of which he is a national. In so signing, he is declaring the willingness of that Member State to allow him to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him should he be elected.

³ Person authorized to act on behalf of the Member State seconding the Nominee.

ANNEX II

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Biennial Elections for Vice-Chairpersons

Name of Member State:

Electoral Group⁴:

Name of Nominee⁵:

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-Chairperson of IOC and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Commission.

Signature of the Nominee:

Seconder 1

Seconder 2

Member State of IOC
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Electoral Group ^{4, 6}
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Name in Capitals ⁷
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Position
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Signature
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Date sent to IOC Secretariat: Date & Time received by IOC Secretariat:

⁴ See Appendix II to the Rules of Procedure.

⁵ The nominee shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Member State of which he is a national. In so signing, he is declaring the willingness of that Member State to allow him to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him should he be elected.

⁶ The electoral group to which the Seconders belong must be that of the nominee's Member State.

⁷ Person authorized to act on behalf of the Member State seconding the Nominee.

ANNEX III

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Biennial Elections for States Member of the Executive Council

Notes:

- (i) All Member States are eligible for election to the Executive Council, with the exception of those of which the Officers of the Commission are nationals;
- (ii) States member of the Executive Council are eligible for re-election.

Name of Member State:

Electoral Group⁸:

I declare that, if elected, a representative will be designated who will take an active part in the work of the Commission.

Signature of the Proposer

Name in Capitals⁹:

Position:

Date sent to IOC Secretariat: Date & Time received by IOC Secretariat:

⁸ See Appendix II to the Rules of Procedure.

⁹ Person authorized to act on behalf of the Member State being proposed for election.