

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

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ELECTION OF GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Note for the information of members of the Government Electoral College

In conformity with article 7 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, the International Labour Conference (ILC) elects the members of the Governing Body for a three-year term. Elections are carried out by a secret ballot separately by three electoral colleges in accordance with Section G of the Standing Orders of the ILC: the Government Electoral College, the Employers' Electoral College and the Workers' Electoral College.

The **Government Electoral College** consists of two Government delegates from each member State, except those which have lost the right to vote and the 10 member States of chief industrial importance who hold non-elective regular seats (**Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States**).

Article 49 of the Standing Orders of the ILC stipulates that the Government Electoral College elects 18 regular members and 28 deputy members. In accordance with a Conference decision in 1995 (when the number of deputy seats was increased from 18 to 28)¹, the ballot papers for the Government electoral college are drawn up and dealt with in such a manner as to guarantee an overall distribution of regular and deputy seats among the regions, corresponding to that envisaged in the 1986 constitutional amendment.

The following table gives a break-down of the number of seats available by region for the period June 2017 – June 2020:

Regions	Regular seats		Deputy seats	Total elective seats	Total
	Non-elective**	elective			
Africa*	0	6	7	13	13
Americas*	2	5	6	11	13
Asia and the Pacific	3	4	8	12	15
Europe	5	3	7	10	15
Total	10	18	28	46	56

* Africa and the Americas share a “floating” deputy seat attributed in turn for each Governing Body period of office. Since that seat was attributed to the Africa group for the June 2014 – June 2017 period, it will revert to the Americas group for the June 2017 – June 2020 period of office.

** Seats reserved for the Members of chief industrial importance.

¹ [Provisional Record 11, paras. 9 to 18, 82nd Session ILC](#)

Candidatures

In order for the list of candidatures to be distributed ahead of the elections and to allow the Office to prepare the ballot papers and the electronic voting system, candidatures for regular and deputy members must reach the Office (governingbody@ilo.org), through the relevant Regional Coordinator, no later than **Thursday, 8 June 2017 at noon (Geneva time)**. The regional coordinators for the current period 2016 - 2017 are:

Africa:	Mr Poem Mudyawabikwa (Zimbabwe)
Americas:	Mr César Gómez (Panama)
Asia and the Pacific:	Mr Ramin Behzad (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Western Europe:	Mr Luis Melero (Spain)
Eastern Europe:	Mr Florin Tudorie (Romania)

The list of candidate countries (regular and deputy members) for each region will be posted on the Government Electoral College webpage on Friday 9 June 2017.

Vote

The Government Electoral College will meet on **Monday, 12 June 2017 at 17.00** in the Assembly Hall at the Palais des Nations to hold the elections.

The Government Electoral College as a whole will take 2 votes: one for the regular members and one for the deputy members. Within each vote, there will be 4 ballots, one for each region in the following order: Africa, Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe.

For each of the regular and deputy ballots, only the names of the candidatures received by the deadline will be shown.

In accordance with Article 52 of the Standing Orders of the ILC, electoral colleges vote by secret ballot. Each member of the Electoral College (i.e. the two government delegates from each State represented in the Electoral College) is entitled to cast one vote. The vote will take place by means of the electronic voting system.

To be elected, a Government must obtain more than half of the votes cast by the members of the Electoral College present at the meeting.