



United Nations
Climate Change

**Overview of the
UNFCCC Electoral
Process**



The Bureau and Constituted Bodies of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement



COP/CMP/CMA Bureau*¶ 11 Officers	SBSTA Bureau*¶ 2 officers (Vice Chair & Rapporteur)	SBI Bureau*¶ 2 officers (Vice Chair & Rapporteur)	Adaptation Fund Board* 16 members & 16 alternates
Adaptation Committee* 16 members	CTCN Advisory Board* 30 representatives	Consultative Group of Experts* 27 experts	CDM Executive Board 10 members & 10 alternates
Katowice Committee of Experts*¶ 14 members	Least Developed Countries Expert Group* 17 members	LCIPP Facilitative Working Group 14 representatives & 14 alternates	Compliance Committee Enforcement Branch 10 members & 10 alternates
Paris Committee on Capacity-building* 12 members	Standing Committee on Finance* 20 members	Technology Executive* Committee 22 members	Compliance Committee Facilitative Branch 10 members & 10 alternates
WIM Executive Committee* 20 members	Committee referred to in Article 15.2 12 members & 12 alternates	Supervisory body under Article 6.4 12 members & 12 alternates	Advisory Board of the Santiago Network* 12 members

* This body also serves the Paris Agreement.

¶ This body also serves the Kyoto Protocol.





Chair of the Consultations on the UNFCCC Elections



Mr. Pavel Zámyslický (Czech Republic)

Vice President of the COP/CMP/CMA

The Chair of the Consultations is appointed by the President to convene consultations with the Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies during the Climate Change Conferences.

Summaries of these consultations are available on the [UNFCCC Elections page](#).

The [secretariat](#) supports the Chair during those consultations and provides background information and nomination forms to Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies.





Chairs and Coordinators of Regional Groups and UN/UNFCCC constituencies

African States

[Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah \(Ghana\)](#)

Asia-Pacific States

[Mr. Syed Haider Shah \(Pakistan\)](#)

Eastern European States and Annex I EIT constituency

[Mr Elchin H. Allahverdiyev \(Azerbaijan\)](#) [Mr. Pavel Zámyslický \(Czech Republic\)](#)

Latin American and Caribbean States

[H.E. Ernesto Soberón Guzmán \(Cuba\)](#)

Western European and Other States, and Annex I Parties and Annex II Parties constituencies

[Ms. Julia Gardiner \(Australia\)](#) [Ms. Ursula Fuentes-Hutfilter \(Germany\)](#)

Least Developed Countries

[Ambassador Adao Soares Barbosa \(Timor-Leste\)](#)

Small Island Developing States

[H.E. Ilana V. Seid \(Palau\)](#)

Non-Annex I Parties constituency

[H.E. Ambassador Laura Dupuy \(Uruguay\)](#)

Annex I Parties constituency

[Ms. Julia Gardiner \(Australia\)](#) [Ms. Ursula Fuentes-Hutfilter \(Germany\)](#)
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Gender balance goal

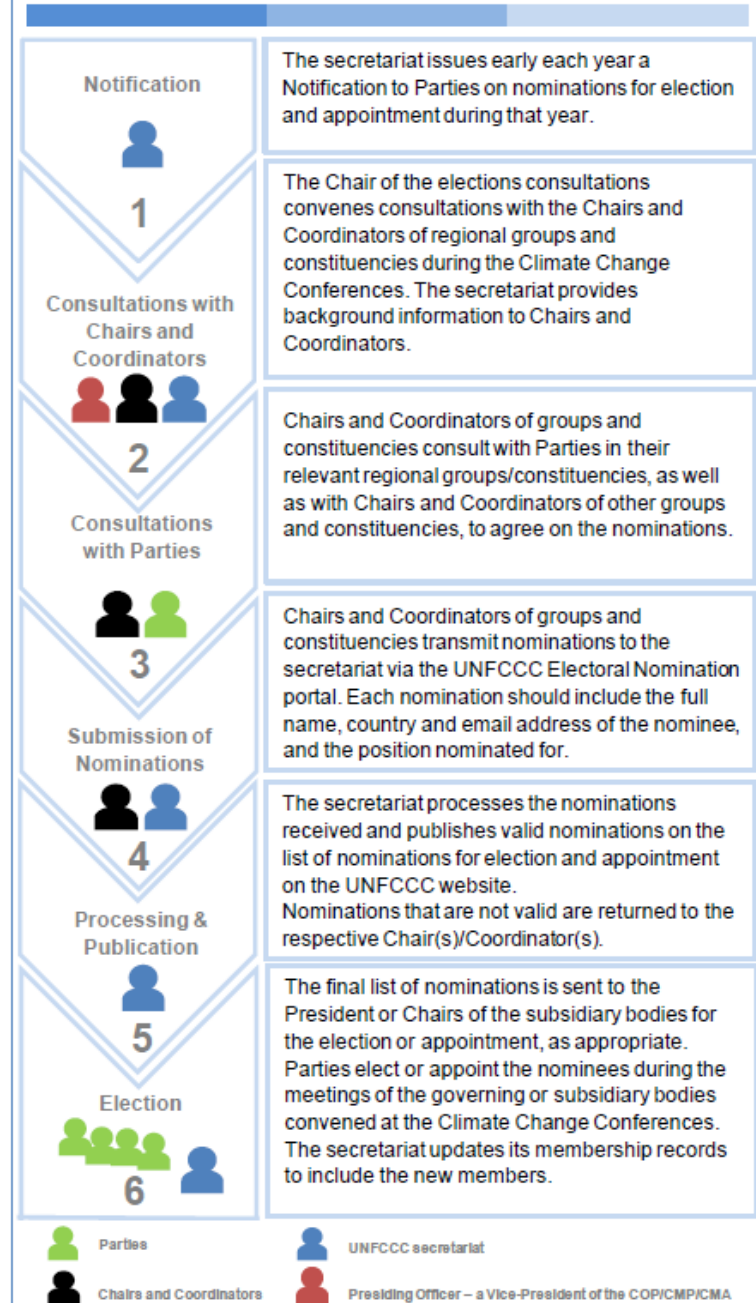
"The meaningful inclusion of women in decision-making increases effectiveness and productivity, brings new perspectives and solutions to the table, unlocks greater resources, and strengthens efforts across all the three pillars of our work." - United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

The COP invited Parties to make additional efforts to achieve the goal of gender balance in UNFCCC bodies (see COP decisions [23/CP.18](#), [3/CP.23](#), and [3/CP.25](#)).

See the current gender composition of bodies [here](#).

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Useful questions and answers



What positions are open for election?

The list of open positions for election and appointment during COP 31 is available on the [UNFCCC Elections page](#).

Am I eligible for election to any of these posts?

The criteria for membership of each body is available on the [UNFCCC Elections page](#).

When and where can I submit my nomination?

As soon as possible. Contact your [National Focal Point](#) to discuss and submit your nomination for election as early as possible.

Should I submit my CV with my nomination?

For nominations to the CDM Executive Board, yes. For all other bodies, please contact your National Focal Point.

What is the deadline to submit nominations for election?

The deadline for nominations for the 2026 elections is **Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 8 p.m., Türkiye Standard Time**.

Where can I get information on the nominations that have been submitted?

The list of nominations received by the secretariat for the 2026 elections will be made available on the [UNFCCC Elections page](#).

Where can I get information on the nominees who were elected?

Information on the members and alternate members elected at the last Climate Change conference is available [here](#).

What if there is no agreement on candidate(s) to be nominated by the time of the election?

If no agreement, the current member remains in office until the nomination is received by the secretariat. For the AFB and CGE, the position(s) remain vacant until the secretariat receives the nomination.

Who transmits the nominations for the election?

Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies transmit in writing the nominations for their respective group or constituency.

When are elections held?

Elections are held at the commencement and close of sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, after the conclusion of the consultations on the nominations.

How can Parties achieve gender balance?

Parties to prioritize the nomination of eligible women for election. Information on gender composition of UNFCCC bodies is available [here](#).





Useful background information

Membership Information

- Current members of all bodies
- Historical membership of all bodies
- Membership rules of all bodies

Regional groups and constituencies

- United Nations Regional Groups
- Small Island Developing States
- Least Developed Countries
- Annex I Parties and Non-Annex I Parties to the Convention

Rules of procedure or terms of reference of UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies

- COP
- AC, CGE, CTCN AB, KCI, LEG, LCIPP FWG
- PCCB, SCF, TEC, WIM Excom
- AFB, CDM EB, KP Compliance Committee
- PAICC, Article 6.4 Supervisory Body, Advisory Board of the Santiago Network

Summaries of Presiding Officer's consultations with Chairs and Coordinators

- 2025 Summaries
- 2024 Summaries
- 2023 Summaries

Rotation agreements concluded by Chairs and Coordinators of groups/constituencies

- COP Rapporteur
- CTCN Advisory Board
- CDM Executive Board
- WIM Executive Committee

Gender Balance Goal

- COP decisions 23/CP.18, 3/CP.23, and 3/CP.25
- Gender composition of all bodies