

**From: The ISC President, on behalf of the Governing Board**

**To: The ISC membership**

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Dear ISC Members,

The Governing Board has just had its annual [in-person meeting in Nairobi, Kenya](#), on 5-6 May, at the kind invitation of our Members the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), the Kenyan Academy of Sciences and the African Academy of Sciences, who hosted us at their premises. It was a very productive meeting and more news about that and other matters will be following shortly.

One of the items of business of the Board meeting was to finalize a proposed composition of the first Nominations and Elections Committee of the ISC. As per the revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure adopted by the ISC on 8 March 2024, the nomination and election process for Governing Board members will be managed by a dedicated 'Nominations and Elections Committee', the composition of which is approved by the membership.

**On behalf of the current ISC Governing Board, I would now like to invite all (voting) ISC Members to approve the proposed composition of the first Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC), which can be accessed at <https://council.science/members/isc-nominations-elections-committee-2024-2028/>.**

The composition of the NEC reflects the spirit of the statutes to be inclusive of the various constituencies of the ISC and to capture the experience and wisdom of those who have served in governance roles, at the ISC and elsewhere. The committee therefore comprises:

- An independent chair proposed by the Governing Board, being an individual who is not representing or active in any ISC Member or its advisory bodies
- 2 Governing Board members not seeking re-election
- 1 nominee from the Fellowship Council
- 3 nominees from Category 1 Members
- 3 nominees from Category 2 Members
- 1 nominee from Category 3 Members

We are honoured that Irina Bokova, former Director-General of UNESCO and ISC Patron, has accepted to chair the committee.

Two outgoing Governing Board members have agreed to serve on the NEC and the Fellowship Council has made a nomination.

The Members of the ISC were invited to make nominations to fill the places attributed to Members' nominees. Sixteen outstanding individuals were nominated: five from Category 1 Members, 10 from Category 2 Members and one from Category 3 Members. Respecting the quota per category of membership, and aiming to be as diverse and inclusive of gender, discipline, career stage, and geography as the set of nominees would permit, the Governing Board has selected seven nominees to complete the committee.

We are now asking the ISC Members to approve this composition of the Nominations and Elections Committee, entrusting to them critically important responsibilities in relation to the governance of the ISC for the next four years. Voting will open on 13 May and close on 21 May. (Only the designated voting delegates will receive the voting link.)

The committee will take up its work immediately following the vote of the Members (assuming it is positive), following a very tight timeline until the election of Governing Board members in mid-December. By early June the committee will have invited two serving vice-presidents and five serving ordinary members of the current Governing Board to extend their term until October 2026, in order to begin the transition to staggered terms of office. By the same date the committee will announce which serving Board members will extend their term and at the same time launch a call for nominations for two vice-presidents, five ordinary members and a president-elect. The full timeline is available on this webpage: <https://council.science/current/news/nominations-isc-nominations-elections-committee/>.

As a reminder, the recently adopted revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure can be found here: <https://council.science/publications/statutes-and-rules-of-procedure/>.

We thank all Members warmly for their contribution to this process.

Best wishes,



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