



Proposed system for elections to the OIE Specialist Commissions

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Importance of Specialist Commissions

- A critical role in OIE mandate of setting international standards and official status recognition
- To perform this role, we need high performing Specialist Commissions:
 - **with the expertise they need** to contribute to the work of the OIE in their mandated functions
 - with the robust and consistent **support from OIE HQ** acting as Secretariat

Why a new election process?

- For the **best and fairest way to select** candidates from all Member Countries
- To align this selection with **6th Strategic Plan objectives**
 - ◆ Scientific excellence
 - ◆ Transparency
 - ◆ Engagement
- To **better evaluate the credentials** of nominated experts against the terms of reference of Specialist Commissions

What improvements will help us?

- **A transparent process** open to all experts endorsed by the Delegate of a Member Country
- **Clear criteria for candidates** that are fully aligned to the needs of the Specialist Commissions
- **Clear timelines for nominations** in the lead up to elections
- **An efficient management process** with sufficient governance oversight by OIE Council

A one year process to nominate candidates and prepare the short-list for elections

This timeline indicates the eventual nomination and selection process that will operate each election cycle if agreed by the World Assembly in 2017. For elections in May 2018 at the 86th General Session, the process starts in July 2017.

July

Call for Experts sent to all OIE Delegates, distributed through Reference Centre network and posted to OIE website, along with application forms and criteria

Nov – Dec

Evaluation of applications by Evaluation Committee against defined criteria

February

OIE Council review and confirm shortlist for elections

May

Elections during the General Session

October

OIE HQ screening of applications for completeness and eligibility

January

Director General endorsement of Evaluation Committee recommendations

March

Candidates confirm availability

List of candidates profiles sent to OIE Delegates

June-July

Form Specialist Commissions for first meetings in September

Process and timeline to agree the new candidate selection procedure with endorsement by OIE Members at the 85th General Session

This timeline indicates the process in the lead up to the 85th General Session in May 2017 during which the World Assembly will consider a resolution to adopt the new candidate selection procedure.

Sept 2016
OIE Council endorses the process in principle

Feb 2017
OIE Council endorses key process elements (see following slide)

May 2017
Consideration of resolution by World Assembly during 85th General Session

May 2018
First election following new process at the 86th General Session

Oct-Dec 2016
OIE HQ develops all the process elements (see following slide)

March 2017
OIE HQ prepares resolution for presentation to 85th General Session

June-July 2017
OIE HQ implements process commencing with the call for nominations

Procedural and supporting documentation to be developed

* * Denotes products that will require approval by Council

Call for experts	HQ screening of applications	Evaluation of applications	Form Specialist Commissions	List of candidates to Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidate selection criteria *• Call for Experts *• Application template	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge applications• Screening procedure for completeness and eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish Evaluation Committee• Membership *• Evaluation Committee Terms of Reference *• Evaluation matrix against selection criteria• Guide to Evaluation process *• Evaluation report• Recommendation including a summary of candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notification to successful candidates with induction pack• Terms of Reference• Dates of meetings• Work program• Conflict of interest• Confidentiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidate Profiles template

Additional information

- No change to basic texts required. The process will fit within the current rules, in particular respecting the authorities established in Chapter 5 Specialist Commissions, Article 50 on voting procedures, and the Internal Rules of the OIE Specialist Commissions.
- No change to the actual election process, with sequential nomination and election of candidates for President, Vice-Presidents (2) and Members drawn from the short-list for each Specialist Commission.
- The Resolution will propose a three term limit to all experts on Specialist Commissions, Working Groups and *ad hoc groups* in accordance with the direction indicated in the OIE 6th Strategic Plan.
- The need for geographically balanced representation (Internal Rules of Specialist Commissions, Article 3) will be accounted for during the development of the election short-lists.
- Experts nominated by Delegates but unsuccessful in the selection process for Specialist Commissions will be retained by OIE in a database and available for selection to Working Groups and *ad hoc groups*, in accordance with the Basic Texts Chapters 10 and 11 and the Internal Rules for such groups.