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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution [557 C \(XVIII\)](#), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council is set out in the annex to the present note. Elections for these vacancies will be conducted by the Council at its management meetings, to be held on 20 April 2021.

2. Under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution [1147 \(XLI\)](#), in 2021 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.



Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2021

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)¹

Five members from African States

Egypt* (2021), Equatorial Guinea* (2021), Madagascar (2023), Sierra Leone (2023), South Africa* (2021)

Four members from Asia-Pacific States

Japan (2024), Kuwait (2023), Republic of Korea (2023), Samoa (2024)

Four members from Eastern European States

Czechia (2023), Georgia (2023), Hungary (2024), Russian Federation* (2021)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2023), Colombia (2024), Mexico (2024), Peru* (2021)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Canada* (2021), Denmark* (2021), Germany (2024), Netherlands* (2021), Switzerland (2024), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2024), United States of America (2023)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

¹ The Council will elect eight new members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2022 and expiring on 31 December 2025.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership for the fifty-fifth session (2021–2022))²

Twelve members from African States³

Botswana (2025), Burkina Faso* (2022), Comoros (2025), Côte d'Ivoire* (2022), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2023), Ethiopia (2025), Libya (2024), Mauritania* (2022), Somalia (2024), Togo (2023), Zambia (2024)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States

Bangladesh* (2022), China* (2022), India (2025), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2023), Japan (2025), Lebanon (2024), Malaysia (2023), Nepal* (2022), Philippines (2025), Turkmenistan (2024), Vanuatu* (2022)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2023), Bulgaria* (2022), Republic of Moldova (2025), Russian Federation* (2022), Ukraine (2024)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States⁴

Argentina* (2022), Colombia* (2022), Costa Rica (2025), Cuba (2025), El Salvador (2023), Haiti* (2022), Jamaica (2023), Mexico (2025)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia (2025), Belgium (2025), Canada (2024), Denmark (2025), Germany* (2022), Israel (2023), Netherlands* (2022), Turkey (2024), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2025), United States of America* (2022)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States (includes one unfilled vacancy);

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

² In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect 16 new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-sixth session, in 2022, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session, in 2026.

³ There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2022 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

⁴ There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session, in 2024 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership for the sixtieth session (2021–2022))

Twelve members from African States

Chad (2023), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2024), Djibouti (2025), Ethiopia (2024), Guinea (2025), Libya (2024), Morocco (2023), Nigeria (2024), Sierra Leone (2023), South Africa (2023), Uganda (2025), Zambia (2025)

Ten members from Asia-Pacific States⁵

Afghanistan (2025), China (2025), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2024), Iraq (2023), Japan (2024), Qatar (2023), Republic of Korea (2024), Tajikistan (2025), Turkmenistan (2025)

Five members from Eastern European States⁶

North Macedonia (2024), Russian Federation (2024), Ukraine (2023)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States⁷

Argentina (2023), Brazil (2025), Colombia (2023), Costa Rica (2025), Cuba (2024), Ecuador (2025), Guatemala (2023), Paraguay (2024)

Ten members from Western European and other States⁸

Austria (2023), Finland (2025), Israel (2023), Portugal (2023), Turkey (2024), United States of America (2024)

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There are no regular vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2021.

⁵ There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2023 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

⁶ There are two vacancies in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-third session, in 2025 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

⁷ There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-second session, in 2024 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

⁸ There are four vacancies in this group, as follows: one for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-second session, in 2024, and three for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-third session, in 2025, all terms beginning on the date of election (see Council decision 2021/201 B).

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership for the sixty-sixth session (2021–2022))⁹

Thirteen members from African States

Algeria* (2022), Comoros* (2022), Congo* (2022), Equatorial Guinea (2023), Ghana* (2022), Kenya* (2022), Morocco (2025), Nigeria (2025), Senegal (2024), Somalia (2024), South Africa (2023), Togo (2023), Zambia (2025)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States

Afghanistan (2025), Bangladesh (2023), India (2025), Iraq* (2022), Japan* (2022), Malaysia (2023), Mongolia (2024), Philippines (2024), Republic of Korea* (2022), Saudi Arabia* (2022), Turkmenistan* (2022)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2023), Belarus (2023), Latvia (2025), Russian Federation (2024)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2025), Brazil (2024), Colombia (2024), Cuba (2023), Dominican Republic (2025), Ecuador* (2022), Haiti* (2022), Mexico (2024), Nicaragua* (2022)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Australia (2023), Austria (2025), Denmark (2024), Germany (2023), Israel (2025), Switzerland (2024), Turkey (2025), United States of America (2023)

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Thirteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States.

⁹ In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect 13 new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's sixty-seventh session, in 2022, and expiring at the close of the Commission's seventieth session, in 2026.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)¹⁰

Eleven members from African States

Algeria* (2021), Angola (2023), Burkina Faso* (2021), Côte d'Ivoire* (2021), Egypt (2023), Kenya (2023), Libya (2023), Morocco (2023), Nigeria (2023), South Africa (2023), Togo* (2021)

Twelve members from Asia-Pacific States¹¹

Afghanistan* (2021), Bahrain (2023), China (2023), India* (2021), Iraq* (2021), Japan (2023), Kazakhstan (2023), Kyrgyzstan* (2021), Nepal (2023), Pakistan (2023), Thailand (2023), Turkmenistan (2023)

Six members from Eastern European States

Croatia* (2021), Czechia* (2021), Hungary (2023), Poland (2023), Russian Federation* (2021), Ukraine (2023)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States¹¹

Brazil* (2021), Chile* (2021), Colombia* (2021), Cuba* (2021), Ecuador (2023), El Salvador (2023), Jamaica (2023), Mexico (2023), Peru (2023), Uruguay (2023)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia* (2021), Austria (2023), Belgium* (2021), Canada* (2021), France* (2021), Germany (2023), Italy (2023), Netherlands (2023), Spain (2023), Sweden (2023), Switzerland* (2021), Turkey (2023), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2023), United States of America (2023)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

¹⁰ The Council will elect 20 new members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2022 and expiring on 31 December 2025.

¹¹ In accordance with Council resolution [1991/49](#), one seat rotates between Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. In 2019, the rotating seat was allocated to Asia-Pacific States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2020, giving Asia-Pacific States 12 seats and Latin American and Caribbean States 10 seats.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)¹²

Twelve members from African States

Algeria* (2021), Angola (2023), Burkina Faso* (2021), Cameroon (2023), Côte d'Ivoire (2023), Eritrea (2023), Eswatini* (2021), Kenya (2023), Mauritius (2023), Morocco (2023), Namibia (2023), Nigeria* (2021)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2023), India* (2021), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2021), Iraq* (2021), Japan (2023), Kuwait* (2021), Republic of Korea (2023), Saudi Arabia (2023), Thailand* (2021)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2023), Belarus* (2021), North Macedonia* (2021), Russian Federation (2023)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil* (2021), Colombia (2023), Cuba* (2021), Ecuador* (2021), El Salvador (2023), Guatemala* (2021), Mexico* (2021), Peru (2023)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2021), France* (2021), Germany (2023), Italy (2023), Turkey* (2021), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2023), United States of America* (2021)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

¹² The Council will elect 20 new members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2022 and expiring on 31 December 2024.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Botswana (2022), Burundi (2024), Cameroon (2024), Egypt (2022), Ethiopia (2022), Gambia (2024), Guinea (2024), Kenya (2022), Liberia (2022), Madagascar (2022), South Africa (2024)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2022), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2022), Japan (2024), Nepal (2022), Oman (2022), Philippines (2024), Saudi Arabia (2024), Thailand (2022), Turkmenistan (2024)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2024), Hungary (2022), Latvia (2022), Romania (2022), Russian Federation (2024)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2024), Cuba (2022), Dominican Republic (2022), Ecuador (2022), Guatemala (2024), Panama (2022), Paraguay (2024), Peru (2024)

Ten members from Western European and other States¹³

Austria (2024), Belgium (2022), Canada (2022), Finland (2024), Portugal (2024), Switzerland (2024), Turkey (2022), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2022), United States of America (2022)

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There are no regular vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2021.

¹³ There is one vacancy in this group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2024 (see Council decision 2021/201 B).