

Process for the Election of the Regional Director for South-East Asia



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Relevant texts

- Article 52 Constitution: the RD is appointed by the Executive Board in agreement with the Regional Committee
- Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia
- Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board
- Resolution [SEA/RC65/R1](#) (2012)
- Resolution [SEA/RC70/R3](#) (2017)

Timeline

- **April-July** Submission and dispatch of proposals
- **August** Web forum
- **30 Oct. – 2 Nov.** Nomination of one candidate by SEAR RC76
- **16-19 Jan. 2024** Appointment of the Regional Director by EB154
- **1 Feb. 2024** Term of new Regional Director begins

Submission and dispatch of proposals

- **Note Verbale of 21 April 2023** – Invitation to submit proposals for the RD position
 - Use of the standard form for CV approved through and contained in Annex 2 to resolution SEA/RC70/R3
 - 3500-word limit
 - Electronic format required
- **4 August 2023 at 18:00 CET** – Deadline for submitting proposals
- **By 18 August 2023** – Dispatch of the proposals received to all SEAR Member States

Website regarding the election

- Accessible at <https://www.who.int/southeastasia/about/governance/regional-director/election-of-regional-director-2023>
- Applicable rules and resolutions concerning the election process
- Note by the Legal Counsel
- Information on all candidates who so request, including their CV as received from Member States, their contact information and links to individual websites (if any)

Web forum

- Opened after the dispatch of proposals
- Managed by the Secretariat
- Password-protected
- Forum for questions & answers
- Open to all SEAR Member States and candidates
- Expected duration: 4 weeks (August 2023)

Code of Conduct

- Adopted by the Regional Committee in 2017 and contained in Annex 1 to resolution SEA/RC70/R3
- A political understanding that is aimed at promoting “an open, fair, equitable and transparent process for the nomination of the Regional Director”
- Sets out general requirements and specific requirements concerning the different steps of the election process

SEAR RC76 (30 Oct.-2 Nov. 2023)

1. **Presentation** to address the candidate's analysis of current public health problems and priorities in SEAR and his/her vision on WHO's mission and role in addressing these issues
 - Oral statement by the candidate (max 20 minutes)
 - Requests for clarifications by Members (max 40 minutes)
 - Other modalities to be determined by the Committee

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2. **Secret ballot vote to nominate one candidate**

- Private meeting
- Simple majority of the Members present and voting
- Adoption of a resolution of nomination that will be transmitted to EB154
- Announcement of the results at a public meeting

EB154 (Jan. 2024)

- Vote by secret ballot to appoint the nominated candidate
 - At a private meeting
 - Simple majority of Members present and voting
 - Adoption of a resolution of appointment
- 1 February 2024: term of new Regional Director begins

Thank you

Questions?

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