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**Election of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians****Election of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians for the two-year period from June 2021 to June 2023****Prepared by the Secretariat***Summary*

In accordance with the *Rules governing the work of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau* (ECE/CES/2019/2), the Conference elects its Bureau for a period of two years. The current term of all members of the Bureau expires at the closing of the 2021 plenary session, on 25 June 2021. Elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will therefore be held at the 2021 plenary session for the two-year period from June 2021 to June 2023.

The present document explains the procedure for the elections of the new Bureau. The elections will be carried out on 25 June 2021 under agenda item 9.



1. The current term of all members of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) expires at the closing of the 2021 plenary session, on 25 June 2021. At the 2021 plenary session, elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will therefore be held for the two-year period from June 2021 to June 2023.
2. In addition to the elected members of the Bureau, representatives of some international organizations active in statistics in the UNECE region participate as permanent observers on the Bureau as stated in section 4, paragraph 13 (c) of the *Rules governing the work of the Conference and its Bureau*, provided in document ECE/CES/2019/2: “Standing invitations are extended to the Director-General of Eurostat, the Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Chairperson of the OECD Committee on Statistics, the Chairperson of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), the Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Statistics Department and the Director of the Development Data Group of the World Bank. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division is invited to participate in Bureau meetings as a representative of the United Nations Secretariat.”
3. The elections of the Bureau are governed by the *Rules governing the work of the Conference and its Bureau*, provided in document ECE/CES/2019/2. The rules were adopted by the Conference in 2007 and updated in 2019.
4. As explained in section 3, paragraph 12 (a) of the Rules, “any member of the Conference is eligible for membership in the Bureau of the Conference”. A member of the Conference is defined in paragraph 3 of the Rules, as “the Head of the statistical service of any member country of the United Nations that participates regularly in the work of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”. It is thus possible for the Head of the statistical service of a country outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region to be a member of the Conference, and to be elected to its Bureau.
5. According to section 3, paragraph 12 (b) of the Rules, “The Bureau is composed of up to 8 members, of whom 6 members should be from the UNECE member countries and the remaining one or two places be reserved for possible candidates from countries in other regions, to ensure reach out, transfer of knowledge and collaboration with other regions”.
6. Further, according to section 3, paragraph 12 (c) of the Rules, “If a Bureau member leaves the Bureau, a new member may be co-opted until the time of the next plenary session, when a new Bureau member is elected.”
7. The previous Bureau elections were held in June 2019. The Conference elected six Heads of national statistical offices from the UNECE region (Armenia, Austria, Canada, Ireland, Finland, and Poland) and two from outside the region (Mexico, representing the ECLAC region, and New Zealand, representing the ESCAP region). Since June 2019, three members of the Bureau left their posts as Chief Statisticians. At the proposal of the Chair and in agreement with the Bureau, two new members were co-opted: Chief Statistician of Serbia and the new Chief Statistician of New Zealand.
8. The Bureau currently consists of the following persons, who were either elected at the 2019 plenary session, or co-opted by the Bureau later to replace the Bureau members who left their post of the Head of office and could no longer serve on the Bureau:
  - Chairperson: Mr. A. Arora (Canada) (Acting Chair since February 2021, replacing Ms. M. Bruun who retired from her post of the Chief Statistician of Finland), second term as Bureau member;
  - Vice-Chairs: Mr. S. Mnatsakanyan (Armenia), third term;
    - Mr. P. Dalton (Ireland), first term;
    - Mr. J. Santaella (Mexico), second term;
    - Mr. M. Sowden (New Zealand), co-opted in February 2020;
    - Mr. D. Rozkrut (Poland), first term;
    - Mr. M. Kovačević (Serbia), co-opted in February 2020.

9. According to section 5, paragraph 14 (d) of the Rules, “Bureau members can be elected to four successive Bureaus. Any previous Bureau member can be re-elected to the Bureau after an interruption of at least two years.”. Therefore, all Vice-Chairs of the current Bureau whose term of office expires in June 2021 are eligible to be re-elected.

10. According to section 6, paragraph 15 (c) of the Rules “A Chairman of the Conference may be re-elected once. Any previous Chairman may be re-elected Chairman after an interruption of at least two years.”.

11. There are no formal nominations for Bureau membership. Section 5, paragraph 14 (a) of the Rules states: “The election of the Bureau by the Conference is carried out on the basis of a proposal by the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session concerned.” There is no previous Chairperson of the Bureau among the members of the Conference. Ms. A. Zigure, Chief Statistician of Latvia, is the most senior previous Vice-Chairperson of the Conference and, therefore, she will make the proposal for the new membership of the Bureau. Paragraph 14a further stipulates that “The proposal should be prepared in such a way that it maximizes the chances of being adopted by consensus”. Ms. Zigure will consult the proposal with all the CES members via an electronic procedure before the plenary session. The outcome of the consultation will be announced by Ms. A. Zigure during the plenary session.

12. Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chairs for a period of two years will be held on Friday, 25 June 2021 under item 9 of the CES plenary session agenda.

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