



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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**Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation:
Implementation Committee**

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Prepared by the Secretariat

At its ninth session, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will consider the composition of its Implementation Committee.

The Implementation Committee consists of nine members with experience and recognized expertise in the fields related to the Convention, including legal and/or scientific and technical expertise. The members of the Committee serve in their personal capacity and objectively. The objectives, structure and functions of the Committee are set out in decision VI/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2).

Based on Decision VI/1, at its sixth session in 2012, the Meeting of the Parties elected five members of the Committee for a full term of office and four members for a half term of office. Subsequently, starting from the seventh session in 2015, the Meeting of the Parties elected for a full term of office new members to replace those whose term has expired or re-elected existing members for a full term.

A full term of office commences at the end of an ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties and runs until the second ordinary session thereafter.

The following five members of the Implementation Committee – Mr. Kari Kinnunen, Mr. Stephen McCaffrey, Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, Mr. Martins Paporinskas and Mr. Pedro Cunha Serra – will continue their current term of office until the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2024.

Ms. Dinara Ziganshina was elected for her first term of office at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2015. Her first term of office runs until the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties. There is a need for substitution or re-election of this member at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Three members of the Committee were elected for half term of office at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2012 and subsequently re-elected for a full term of office at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2015: Mr. Johan Gerrit Lammers, Ms. Anne Schulte-Wülwer-

Leidig and Mr. Attila Tanzi. By the time of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties, these members will have served one and a half terms of office. There is a need for substitution or re-election for half term of office of these members at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

In accordance with Decision VI/1, Committee members shall be elected by the Meeting of the Parties from among candidates nominated by the Parties. To that end, Parties may take into consideration any proposal for candidates made by Signatories or by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) qualified or having an interest in the fields to which the Convention relates.

In the election of the Committee members, consideration shall be given to the geographical distribution of membership and to the diversity of experience and expertise. Parties are encouraged to take into account gender considerations when deciding on the composition of the Committee.

On 26 May 2021, the secretariat circulated to focal points of the Parties a call for nomination of candidates by 7 July 2021 for the four positions in the Committee. Four candidatures were subsequently received. The list of proposed candidates along with the nominating Party is provided in the table below. Delegates can consult nomination letters, individual CVs and, where available, accompanying information of the proposed candidates on the Water Convention website (https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/MOP9_Water_Convention).

	Proposing Party	Proposed Candidate
1.	Uzbekistan	Ms. Dinara Ziganshina
2.	Senegal	Mr. Makane Mbengue
3.	Italy	Mr. Attila Tanzi*
4.	Serbia	Ms. Jovanka Ignjatovic

Note: *The candidate is nominated for a period until the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. for half of a term.