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